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Carclew and BHP Billiton invest in regional artist

Carclew Youth Arts today announced **Brianna Obst** as recipient of the 2013 **BHP Billiton Regional Emerging Artist Mentorship**.

Brianna, 20 of Barmera, will be mentored by independent theatre director Steve Mayhew, who will act as a sounding board and provocateur in her development process.

"My goals for the mentoring relationship are to work closely with Steve to develop my networks, confidence and practical skills to lead projects as a theatre maker and director," said Brianna.

The mentorship will include an intensive one-week creative development process with Steve for a new theatre piece she is developing with co-collaborator and regionally based theatre maker and director, Alysha Herrmann.

Ultimately, Brianna will complete the mentorship with a career plan, identifying pathways and further tertiary study.

"The mentorship has been made possible through the generous support of BHP Billiton," said Tricia Walton, Carclew Chief Executive.

"Both Carclew and BHP Billiton believe in investing in young South Australian artists and encouraging them to pursue opportunities to develop their artform."

"Mentoring is a rewarding experience with both parties enriching their arts practice through the relationship."

"For Brianna, a young, early career artist, forming a close relationship with Steve will create many valuable outcomes and working through a creative project will provide unique inspiration for idea exchange, growth and development."

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