

Media Release

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\$50,000 boost for local arts careers

Carclew Youth Arts today launched its annual Scholarship Program and is looking for four talented local artists to receive a share of \$50,000.

The four scholarships on offer are:

- Ruth Tuck Scholarship for Visual Arts - \$12,500
- Dame Ruby Litchfield Scholarship for Performing Arts - \$12,500
- Colin Thiele Scholarship for Creative Writing - \$12,500
- BHP Billiton Scholarship for Film and New Media - \$12,500

“The Carclew scholarships are all about rewarding outstanding young South Australian artists and providing assistance to further develop their artistic careers,” said Tricia Walton, Carclew’s Chief Executive.

“We have seen so many young artists pursue great opportunities nationally and also internationally as a result of the scholarship program.

“The funding can be used for a wide range of activities – from overseas professional development opportunities to private tuition – as long as they help the artist to progress in their artistic practice.”

South Australia’s up-and-coming film makers and new media artists will again have an opportunity to access the funding, through the BHP Billiton Film and New Media scholarship – the only scholarship of its kind in SA.

Film maker Michael Richards, 25, was this year awarded the inaugural BHP Billiton Film and New Media Scholarship, which he is using to undertake professional development and tuition with established industry professionals throughout 2012.

“The scholarship has provided me with access to invaluable opportunities at such an early stage of my career. I have been able to focus my skill development on two technical aspects of 3D film making and moving camera shots.”

Michael, of Carey Gully, added “So far I have made some valuable and strong industry connections and accessed an incredible amount information and knowledge. I am now looking forward to travelling to Sydney for mentoring and tuition with leading 3D cinematographer Robert Morton.”

Other previous scholarship recipients are also gaining invaluable experience and development opportunities as a result of their scholarship.

Ruth Tuck Scholarship for Visual Arts 2011 recipient, Lara Merrington, is currently working at a Gallery in Buenos Aires after pursuing curatorial development opportunities in Argentina and Columbia. Recipient of the 2012 Ruth Tuck scholarship, Amy Joy Watson, is currently in New York City undertaking a highly sought after artistic residency in the International Studio and Curatorial Program - a residency-based contemporary art institution in Brooklyn.

Scholarship applicants must be 26 years or under and able to show a body of work in their chosen artform.

“These scholarships are designed to assist young people who have already established a strong reputation for their artistic practice,” Tricia said.

Application guidelines and forms are available from www.carclew.com.au or by calling 8267 5111.

Applications close 5pm, July 13, 2012.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

2012 BHP Billiton Film and New Media Scholarship recipient Michael Richards.

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