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ARTS, SCREEN & CULTURE ACROSS NSW TO FLOURISH WITH \$871 MILLION INVESTMENT

Arts, screen and culture are alive and well with the NSW Government delivering an \$871 million total investment in the sector, including a 22 per cent increase in recurrent funding for the 2019-20 NSW Budget.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said following four years of unprecedented investment in cultural endeavours across NSW, the Government is reaffirming its commitment to the sector.

“The NSW Government is creating an arts, screen and culture landscape that is the envy of the nation. These industries play a pivotal role in delivering significant economic and social benefits to our State,” Mr Harwin said.

“This year we are increasing overall Arts and Cultural Development Program (ACDP) funding to \$61 million, including funding for the National Art School.

The Australian Museum will receive \$40 million to continue the delivery of a new touring exhibition hall for the King Tutankhamun exhibition in 2021, as well as education and visitor facilities.

“To drive screen investment from domestic and international producers we are increasing our Made in NSW fund to \$15 million this year and \$55 million over the next four years to attract productions to our State.

“The fund’s \$43 million investment to date has already delivered an estimated \$700 million to the NSW economy - I can’t wait to see what the future holds for production in our State.

“As part of the Sydney Opera House renewal we are also delivering an important investment in ongoing operational security measures,” Mr Harwin said.

Investment in arts, screen and culture in 2019-20 will include:

- Arts and Cultural Development Program (ACDP) in 2019/20, inclusive of National Art School funding: \$61 million
- Made in NSW fund: \$15 million in 2019/20 and \$55 million over the next four years
- Australian Museum operational budget: an increase of \$9.7 million in 2019-20 and \$39 million over the next four years

Ongoing funding for 2019-20 capital projects includes:

- Sydney Modern Project – Art Gallery of NSW: \$103.4 million
- MAAS Powerhouse Precinct Parramatta: \$167.2 million
- Walsh Bay Arts Precinct: \$113.5 million

- Sydney Opera House Renewal Program and security measures: \$76.6 million
- Australian Museum: \$40 million

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