

6 September 2022

Letter of Support Arts Capital - Ainslie + Gorman Arts Centre (A+G)

Dear artsACT Organisation Investment Fund Panel,

Canberra Youth Theatre has a long-standing relationship with Arts Capital who manage and operate Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres (A+G). We welcome the opportunity to support A+G in their application for multi-year funding from ACT Arts Organisation Investment Fund 2023-2026.

As a resident organisation, Canberra Youth Theatre has witnessed first-hand the support and contribution provided to residents by Arts Capital and their willingness to actively engage with the arts community, both the community located at the centres and with the larger ACT arts community.

Since 2020, we have partnered with A+G to deliver our Emerging Artists Program, which includes the Resident Artists, Emerge Company, and Creative Developments programs, and provided opportunities to participate in creative conversations, professional collaboration, learning and project development opportunities and the creation of professional pathways for participating artists.

We are extremely appreciative of the support provided by A+G having received both in kind, financial and marketing support. The recent pandemic provided further testament to the responsiveness of Arts Capital as they assisted with financial support through that difficult period.

A+G has been a major contributing factor to our success, and we are grateful for the support provided over many years. We are hopeful from our initial discussions, that the renovations and renewal project will continue to provide a space that Canberra Youth Theatre can occupy with confidence, to enable our successful collaboration with Arts Capital to grow and deliver creative programs and opportunities to young people and artists within the Canberra Region.

Yours sincerely

Luke Rogers

Artistic Director & CEO