

PRESS RELEASE

NIDA and ARA Group join to boost opportunities in the performing arts



The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) and ARA Group Limited (ARA) have today announced a major partnership to support performing arts education and training in Australia.

The partnership sees ARA defined as Principal Partner for Property Services at Australia's premier institute for performing arts education. The partnership will benefit NIDA students and provide much-needed funds to support their training, while also providing a student identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander with a scholarship during the period of their studies.

Jennifer Bott AO, Chief Executive Officer of NIDA, said: 'We're all excited to welcome ARA to work alongside us in this major partnership. This collaboration enables our students to expand their horizons even further, to experiment and explore within the exceptional educational opportunities offered across all our Bachelor, Masters and Diploma courses. At the same time, we are proud to be able to offer a scholarship to support an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student, which will be particularly crucial if the student needs to relocate to Sydney from regional and remote areas.'

Speaking on behalf of ARA, Edward Federman, Executive Chair and Managing Director, said: 'Ranked in the world's top 10 of performing arts education providers, it is an honour to be a partner of NIDA. ARA hopes that our funds can help to provide great opportunities for NIDA students. This partnership will further boost the world-leading resources NIDA provides to their students with ARA facilities services, including but not limited to electrical, mechanical, building, fire, security, maintenance and cleaning services.'

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ABOUT NIDA

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is Australia's leading institution for education and training in the dramatic arts. Under the guidance of NIDA tutors, and the leadership of the Board of Directors and Academic Board, NIDA has grown to become a world leader, with a highly-regarded educational program of graduate and undergraduate degrees, vocational diplomas, open short courses, school-holiday programs and corporate training.

For 60 years, NIDA graduates, such as Cate Blanchett, Hugo Weaving, Baz Luhrmann, Catherine Martin, Jessica Marais, Kip Williams, Sarah Snook and many, many more, have been recognised for their contribution to the success and vibrancy of the Australian and international arts and entertainment industries. Our actors, designers, writers, directors, and technical and production professionals go on to achieve acclaim on the stage, on screen, and at major cultural events, creating new ways to share stories with audiences around the world.

ABOUT ARA GROUP

The ARA Group provides solutions for any and all challenges faced within your facility or infrastructure. Our seven divisions work together to deliver fully integrated, in-house solutions from beginning to end; from turnkey electrical and security services through to fire protection, building services, energy management, maintenance and cleaning. We also distribute electronic security systems and provide tailor-made door solutions.

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