

MPAC Sound Gallery Commission

2027

Calls for expression of interest

Who we are

Monash University Performing Arts Centres (MPAC) is a unique creative organisation in Australia, where Monash research excellence meets the transformative power of artistic collaboration. A space for community, creativity and discovery, presenting live music, theatre, dance, experiential shows and festivals. Based at Monash University, welcoming to all.

We are a public-facing performing arts centre comprising five venues located at the Clayton and Peninsula campuses. We commission and present works by leading arts practitioners from Australia and around the world. Our audiences includes Monash University students, staff and alumni, diverse communities living in Melbourne's south east, and performing arts lovers from across the country.

We act as a research body within the University, reaching into the extraordinary community of thinkers and experts at Monash and linking them to artists and researchers to create a range of outcomes.

What we believe

At MPAC we believe that we can provide opportunities that empower both artists and experts across fields. By linking them together we can generate new art works, new ways of communicating ideas and new thought paradigms. We will support the new works with our resources, venues, and personnel.



Applications

Our offer to you

Among our resources are our remarkable spaces for creating and playing music. The David Li Sound Gallery introduces artists and audiences to new possibilities through the Meyer Sound Constellation System. This extraordinary system works both as an extremely flexible Active Acoustic Enhancement system for presenting live music, and as a 3D spatial mapping environment for recorded music.

We invite expressions of interest from composers and/or sound designers for music works that will take advantage of the technological capacities of the David Li Sound Gallery. Your concept can do this in any way, can emerge from any music or audio practice, and can be aimed at any audience.

The successful recipient's work will be developed over the course of a year to 18 months with the objective of being presented in the David Li Sound Gallery in a future MPAC program. We encourage musicians, composers, sound designers and sound engineers of all levels of experience to pitch their idea for this commission.

MPAC will provide

- \$15,000 commission fee to develop and present the work
- Production support, including tech and lighting staff
- Venue costs
- Consultation and support to understand the Meyer Sound Constellation system
- Access to the venue to rehearse and prepare the work (times to be negotiated within available resources)

How to apply

Applications will open Monday 2 March 2026 and close on Friday 29 May 2026 at 5pm.

Please provide the following:

- A summary of production requirements and concept (300 words)
- How your work will use the Meyer Sound Constellation and the David Li Sound Gallery. [Please see this link for a more detailed explanation of the system's capabilities.](#)
- Example material e.g. draft script, audio samples, images (no more than 2 pages as pdf, can include links)
- Prior work portfolio. This can include your bio, images, media reviews (no more than 2 pages as pdf, can include links)
- Budget—how will you use the fee? (saved as pdf)
- Technical requirements, artist availability and rehearsal requirements (an estimate is sufficient)

A selection committee made up of MPAC and other Monash staff, with external assessors will meet to consider applications.

Please submit your application using [this form](#) no later than Friday 29 May 2026 before 5pm.

Terms and conditions

- Works must be original
- Works must have their world premiere at MPAC and no further presentations can be announced until after the MPAC performances
- Artists must be available to develop the work in the venue during 2027
- Applicants must declare any current and/or ongoing affiliation with Monash University

Monash University is committed to principles of equity and diversity.

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