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Queen Street Studio (QSS) has successfully secured funds through Tafe NSW to run **ArtStart**, supporting creative projects for and with young people aged 12-24 within the Central Metropolitan Region.

With up to \$3000 in funding up for grabs, the program aims to build skills, resilience and networks by engaging young people in creative projects and process.

Focusing on the Central Metropolitan Region — which includes Marrickville, Leichhardt, Ashfield, Burwood, Canterbury, Strathfield and Canada Bay — **QSS** is inviting expressions of interest from individual artists, groups, organisations and facilitators looking to kickstart new youth initiatives or enrich existing cultural activities.

Projects may include — but are not limited to — writing for film and television, community cultural development, culturally specific projects, workshops, festival events or performances, or projects involving multimedia, drama, dance, physical theatre, visual arts, performance art, circus, design and production.

Successful applicants will need to be available to contribute to an online presentation during the two-week state-wide **ArtStart** Festival in September 2011.

Applications close Monday 11 April and decisions will be advised Friday 6 May.

Head to the website for more information and to download the application form: www.queenstreetstudio.com/artstart

Queen Street Studio is a member-based, non-profit arts organisation established in 2005 as a response to the lack of affordable and appropriate space for artists in Sydney to practice their craft. **QSS** provides free Visual Arts and Performing Arts Residencies, subsidised studio space and professional development workshops across two venues at present; Heffron Hall in Darlinghurst and FraserStudios in Chippendale.

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