



Co-founder and director of Queens Street Studios Sam Chester (back) with artist in residence Todd Fuller. Picture: DANNY AARONS

Get creative for youth arts grants

KICKSTART your next youth project with an ArtStart grant from Queen Street Studios.

The Chippendale artist space was given \$20,000 by TAFE NSW to run ArtStart, supporting creative projects for young people aged 12 to 24.

Queen Street Studios director Sam Chester said it was a great opportunity for young artists and organisations, offering grants between \$500 and \$3000.

"It can be a workshop or a show that's coming up and they need a little bit of money to help out, as long as young people are involved," she said.

The program is geared towards starting new youth initiatives or enriching existing cultural activities.

Projects may include writing for film and

television, community cultural development, culturally-specific projects, workshops, festival events or performances.

They may also involve multimedia, drama, dance, physical theatre, visual arts, performance art, circus, design and production.

"It's for creative projects and it's all about development and mentoring," she said. Artists, groups, organisations and facilitators in the Marrickville, Leichhardt, Ashfield, Burwood, Strathfield, Canada Bay and Canterbury local government areas are encouraged to apply.

Applications close April 11. Applicants will be advised of decisions on May 6.

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