

Outstanding Achievement - New Work (Individual or Group)

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2026 Ruby Awards: Outstanding Achievement - New Work (Individual or Group)

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Guidelines and Eligibility

This award is for an outstanding new arts, cultural or creative work by an individual or group, presented for the first time in South Australia between 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026.

Nominated works and events must have premiered in South Australia between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026.

Nominees must reside or be based in South Australia OR have been a resident or based in South Australia during a period of major professional achievement or development.

Nominations can be made in up to two award categories for a single event or project. Each nomination should address the specific category in which it is being considered.

Please refer to the [Nomination Guidelines](#) and [Nomination Checklist](#) when preparing a submission.

This award is open to work that premiered between 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026 by:

- individual artists and groups

Accessibility

Please prepare the various elements of the application in the format that is easiest for you. You can submit elements of the application in text boxes, by uploading documents, and/or by providing URLs to (written and audiovisual) documents saved online.

To discuss requirements, including access arrangements, contact CreateSA on (08) 8363 8670.

Applicants who are Deaf or identify as a person with disability

Disability-led organisation, Access2Arts, can assist individual applicants in writing an application. For more information, contact hello@access2arts.org.au.

Auslan interpreters

Auslan interpreters can be arranged for meetings and to translate applications which are submitted in Auslan (in digital format).

Culturally and linguistically diverse artists

We can organise interpreters for meetings as well as for the translation of applications.

Deaf and hearing-impaired artists

When contacting us, TTY users should phone 133 677 and then ask for (08) 8363 8670.

Speak to Listen (speech-to-speech relay)

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Speak and Listen users should phone 1300 555 727 and then ask for (08) 8363 8670.

Nominations for 2026 Ruby Awards close on Wednesday 12 August, 2026.

Nominations close at **5pm ACST**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Support material and budget documents will not be accepted after the closing date.

Nominator Contact Details

'Nominator' refers to who is making or submitting the nomination.

Nominator Contact *

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Nominator Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Nominator Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Nomination Detail

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Nominee Contact Details

'Nominee' refers to who is nominated for the award.

Please enter contact details below for the individual/s or organisation responsible for the nominated work.

Nominee Contact *

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Nominee Address *

Address

Nominee Primary Phone Number *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Nominee Primary Email *

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Must be an email address.

Applicant Primary Website *

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Must be a URL.

Name of the work

Please write the name of the work as it should appear publically should the work be shortlisted *

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Must be no more than 250 characters.

To assist us with the ceremony invitation list, please provide the name of the person/s to be presented with the award should this be the winning nomination.

Name/s *

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Organisation

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Project Summary

Describe the work *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

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When did the work take place? *

Nomination Detail

Why does the nominated work deserve this award?

Responses should describe the way in which the new work had a significant positive impact or championed a relevant cause, and address the [assessment criteria](#) – artistic merit, impact and timeliness.

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Response *

Word count:

Must be no more than 1000 words.

Support Material

Upload supporting images or videos below. Please include high-quality visual materials that best represent the nomination to enable the judges to make a full assessment.

High Resolution Image

All nominations must be accompanied by at least one high quality image that best reflects the nomination.

If shortlisted, this image may be used on the night of the ceremony or for other marketing purposes.

Please upload a high-resolution jpg (300dpi) colour photograph, in landscape orientation. *

Attach a file:

Digital Video

Please provide a short 15-20 second video/highlight reel representing the nomination in landscape orientation and mp4 format.

If shortlisted, this video may be used on the night of the ceremony.

Please ensure this file/link is readily accessible to the judges.

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Upload here if you already have one available or provide link below.

Attach a file:

Link to video

Must be a URL.

Password for link if required

If unable to supply a digital video, please provide an additional 4 high-resolution jpg (300dpi) in landscape orientation.

Attach a file:

Other Support Documentation

Please upload files and/or provide links to support your nomination.

Other files and images can also be uploaded.

Other Support Material

Other Support

Attach a file:

Websites and Social Media

Website

Must be a URL.

Facebook

Instagram

LinkedIn

Demographics

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Art Form

Which art form best describes this nomination?

Art Form Area *

☐ Literature

☐ Visual Art, Craft and Design

☐ Performing Arts

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☐ Other

Arts Practice - Performing Arts

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| ☐ Dance | ☐ Music Theatre and Opera | ☐ Comedy | ☐ Cross Art Form |
| ☐ Theatre | ☐ Circus and Physical Theatre | ☐ Community Arts | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Music | | | |

Arts Practice - Visual Arts

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| ☐ Visual Arts | ☐ Digital Art | ☐ Cross Art Form | ☐ Emerging and Experimental Art Forms |
| ☐ Craft | ☐ Community Art | ☐ Moving Image | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Design | | | |

Arts Practice - Literature

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| ☐ Poetry | ☐ Fiction | ☐ Children's | ☐ Cross Art Form |
| ☐ Graphic Novelist | ☐ Non Fiction | ☐ Young Adult | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Community Arts | | | |

Arts Practice - Other

Please specify

Location

Where did the work take place? [tick all that apply] *

- ☐ Metropolitan Adelaide
- ☐ Regional South Australia
- ☐ Interstate
- ☐ International

Metropolitan Adelaide

- ☐ Adelaide: CBD
- ☐ Adelaide: Northern Suburbs
- ☐ Adelaide: Eastern Suburbs
- ☐ Adelaide: Southern Suburbs
- ☐ Adelaide: Western Suburbs

South Australian Regions

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- ☐ Adelaide Hills
- ☐ Barossa Light and Lower North
- ☐ Eyre Western
- ☐ Far North
- ☐ Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island
- ☐ Limestone Coast
- ☐ Murray and Mallee
- ☐ Yorke and Mid North

Interstate Locations

- ☐ Australian Capital Territory
- ☐ New South Wales
- ☐ Northern Territory
- ☐ Queensland
- ☐ South Australia
- ☐ Tasmania
- ☐ Victoria
- ☐ Western Australia

Locations International

The country/countries (other than Australia) in which the proposed project will take place.

Was this work Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander led? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Did this work involve Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people as artists or participants? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Did the work involve initiatives, targeted services or programs intended for the following individuals and/or groups?

People who are d/Deaf and/or Disabled *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

People from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

People living in regional or remote communities *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Youth (Under 26) *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Children and young people aged under 18 years

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

CreateSA Funding

Did this work receive any funding from CreateSA? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Terms and Conditions

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Nominated works must have been presented in South Australia between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026.

Nominees must live or work in South Australia or have lived or worked here during a period of major professional development.

If you have previously been nominated or shortlisted for a Ruby Award, you are welcome to nominate for a 2026 award.

If you have previously won one of the following four awards, you cannot nominate for it again:

- Premier's Award for Lifetime Achievement
- Stevie Gadlabarti Goldsmith Memorial Award
- Geoff Crowhurst Memorial Award
- Frank Ford Memorial Award.

You can nominate the same work in up to two award categories.

Each nomination must explain how the work meets the criteria for that category.

If you are nominating an individual, you must include written confirmation that they agree to being nominated.

By submitting a nomination, you give CreateSA permission to use your application materials to promote the Ruby Awards and South Australia's arts, culture and creative industries. This may include advertising, publicity and displays.

All nominees must be available to participate in promotional activities if requested.

This may include media interviews, photography and filming.

Nominees must be available to attend the awards presentation event on Friday 13 November 2026.

The judging panel's decisions are final.

CreateSA cannot provide feedback to unsuccessful nominations.

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