

Media Release

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New CEO for Community Arts Network

The Board of Community Arts Network (CAN) is excited to announce that it has appointed Jo Metcalf as the organisation's new Chief Executive Officer.

A respected arts industry professional, Jo has more than twenty years experience both in Australia and overseas.

CAN's Chairman George Kingsley said Jo has the skills and determination to drive CAN's future direction.

"Jo is a very principled person who has the local knowledge, national insight and rich international experience to make a significant contribution to CAN's work in building stronger communities through the arts," he said.

"Jo's experience in partnership building, cultural development, social justice and her success in growing creative organisations is an ideal combination as we embark on an ambitious national and international strategy to develop and share CAN's best practice community engagement expertise with a wider audience."

After holding senior arts positions and delivering projects in London, New York, Sydney, South America, Africa and Europe, Jo says she is honoured to be able to return to her home state to take up the leadership role at CAN.

"Having grown up in the Wheatbelt I have watched CAN's brilliant work in the local community and seen the real and lasting impact it has on people's lives. From this foundation I hope that my knowledge of creative practice, diverse international networks and strategic approach will ensure CAN is well-positioned to deliver its proven and unique practices to Australian communities and our new international partners."

Jo Metcalf's experience includes CEO and Artistic Director at Salisbury International Arts Festival, Head of Performing Arts at Roundhouse, London, Head of Art for Amnesty International, Director of International Partnerships & Programs at Circa, Creative Director at the British Council, Creative Producer at Wales Millennium Centre, Contemporary Music Associate and Contemporary Culture Programmer at Perth International Arts Festival. Most recently Jo was Director, National Development at the Australia Council for the Arts.

For more information, interviews or images, please contact Michelle@canwa.com.au



Caption: CAN's new CEO, Jo Metcalf. Photo by Toni Wilkinson

About Community Arts Network (CAN)

CAN is a dynamic organisation working towards positive social change through community arts and cultural development practice.

Since 1985 CAN has been inspiring and mobilising communities to express their unique stories through creativity and the arts.

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