



**Regional Arts Australia National Conference**  
August 26-29 Launceston, Tasmania

## Registrations for Junction 2010, Australia's biggest arts gathering, now open

Registrations are open for **Junction 2010** the seventh Regional Arts Australia national conference to be held in Launceston, Tasmania from 26-29 August 2010.

Julie Boyd, President of Regional Arts Australia says that *"We are incredibly excited that Launceston are hosting this year's conference, following on from our last conference in Alice Springs, which was a smashing success! Regional artists, art workers and volunteers from all over Australia will really get the chance to experience Tasmania's vibrant culture, interspersed with a host of national and international speakers and artists"*.

Angela Driver, General Manager, Junction 2010 says that *"With a maximum capacity of 1000 delegates, we are urging potential delegates to book early to ensure that they don't miss out on what is shaping up to be the largest conference yet!"*.

*Junction 2010* has an action packed program with international key notes including Dr Ernesto Sirolli, Francois Matarasso and Mike White, combined with local speakers Jane Bennett and Marke Pesce from the New Inventors. Delegates also get to choose from forty five sessions covering topics like 'the role of arts in bushfire recovery', an interactive workshop 'dance like a man', 'the top five disruptive technology's' and a hands on stream including indigenous weaving, speed meeting and walking tours.

Other highlights include a breakfast session hosted by Robyn Archer, *PechaKucha* twilight sessions, an open space forum and the conference dinner by celebrity chef Fiona Hoskin.

The *Junction Arts Festival* envelops and intersects the conference program and will feature the best of local and interstate art with more than 44 events of which 38 are free, many participatory and all open to the general public. Each evening *The Junc Room*, the festival club in the city centre, will feature a terrific music program, a selection of eclectic cabaret and short theatre works from across Australia in a boutique circus tent.

Speaking about the festival Artistic Director Ian Pidd says *"Come to the Junction this winter and witness a vibrant Launceston transformed with art designed to interrupt the mundane and inspire the unexpected."*

The complete conference and festival program is available on [www.junction2010.com.au](http://www.junction2010.com.au). So register now and ensure you are a part of the biggest regional arts event in the country.

Early bird discounts are on offer for people who sign up before June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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