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National Dance Forum 2017: Dance in the Digital Domain

Australia's peak dance organisation, Ausdance, will host a two-day forum next month bringing together dance makers, producers and presenters for a highly topical forum focusing on the future of dance within the digital sphere. The National Dance Forum is Australia's key platform for dance artists, providing rich opportunities to discuss, debate and collaborate with some of the most influential artists in the country.

'This year's theme—dance in the digital domain—could not be more relevant', says Ausdance President, Professor Gene Moyle. 'We live in an age where the opportunities to get one's work out there have never been greater, but the challenge of how to take advantage of this new reality is significant. The 2017 National Dance Forum will look at these questions in detail with a series of sessions and workshops that will stimulate and inspire.'

Sessions will cover topics including collaborations in creative technology; the challenges and opportunities of digital distribution; honing the five-minute pitch; and dance education in the digital domain.

This year's program includes addresses from three vital voices in Australian arts. Wesley Enoch, playwright, provocateur and director of the Sydney Festival, will give the keynote address examining dance in a broader cultural context within the Australian arts landscape. Professor David Throsby AO, distinguished academic and renowned arts economist and Sue Healey, acclaimed choreographer, filmmaker and installation artist will also speak.

'We've chosen these speakers for their unique and differing perspectives on Australian art making,' explains Moyle. 'This year's program is a provocative one—certain to really ignite debate in the Australian dance community about our future in this new media landscape. For anyone involved in dance practice in Australia, the Forum has become a vital hub for connecting and exchanging ideas.'

The fourth National Dance Forum will take place from 25–26 September 2017 at the Victorian College of the Arts in Melbourne, Victoria.

For further details, visit the [NDF 2017 page](#) on the Ausdance National website. Follow NDF 2017 on Twitter [@natdanceforum](#), and [Ausdance National Facebook](#).

Tickets can be purchased here: tix.yt/natdanceforum2017

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