



# Annual Report 2021

TUTTI ARTS INC.



# Tutti Arts acknowledges

the Traditional Owners of the place now called South Australia, and all First Peoples living and working on this land. We celebrate the history and contemporary creativity of the world's oldest living culture and pay respect to Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge Kurna, Peramangk and Ngadjuri peoples on whose lands Tutti regularly works.

Tutti Arts is South Australia's multi-arts organisation where learning disabled and neurodiverse artists create visual art, theatre, music, screen, dance and experiment with art and technology. We believe in the creative talents of learning disabled and neurodiverse people!

**Vision:** Taking the work of disabled artists to the world

**Mission:** Making great art and influencing social change

**Values:** Diversity, Innovation, Brilliance, Integrity, Passion

**We imagine.**

**We dream.**

**We think.**

**We do.**

**We are creative.**

## We are Tutti

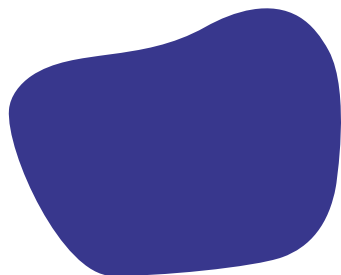
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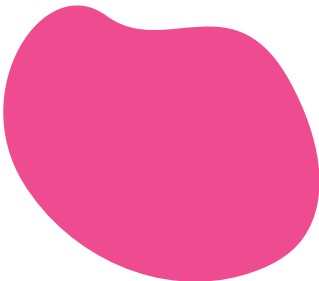
# What we do



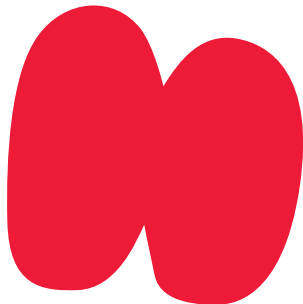
**Dance**  
10 artists  
at Brighton  
Coordinator:  
Juha Vanhakartano



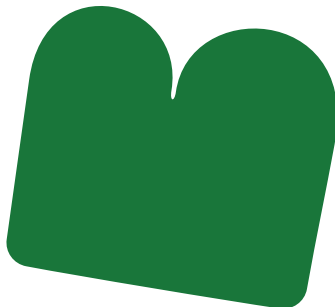
**Film & Digital Media**  
25 artists  
at Barossa & Brighton  
Coordinator:  
Juha Vanhakartano



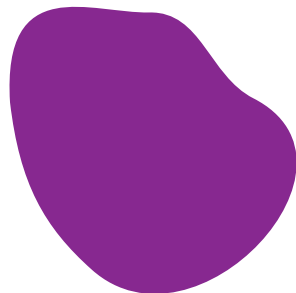
**Visual Arts**  
76 artists  
at Barossa, Brighton &  
Port Adelaide  
Coordinator:  
Patricia Wozniak



**Choirs**  
93 participants  
at Brighton and  
Mount Barker  
Coordinator:  
Carol Young



**Music**  
37 artists  
at Brighton  
Coordinator:  
Carol Young



**Theatre**  
17 artists  
at Brighton  
Coordinator:  
Catherine Fitzgerald



**Tutti Kids & Youth**  
34 participants  
at Brighton  
Coordinator:  
Gabi Lopa;  
Brittany Trueack



**Creative Projects**

**Sit Down, Shutup  
and Watch**

7 Committee members  
Chair: Lee Witzak  
Coordinator: Suzanne Merrall



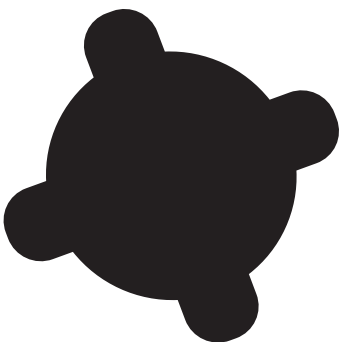
**Company AT**

Ensemble: 17 members  
AT This Place: 5 members  
Artistic Director:  
Julian Jaensch



**The Sisters  
of Invention**

Aimee Crathern  
Michelle Hall  
Caroline Hardy  
Annika Hooper  
Coordinator: Carol Young





# 2021

## Some Facts and Figures

5 artists or groups were award finalists or highly commended

Judy Dally Volunteer of the Year: Grant Thomas

Over \$430,000 in successful grant applications

Lease signed on a new home for Tutti in the Barossa

10 creative developments and projects

13 visual arts exhibitions

Sit Down Shutup and Watch started digital games development

25 showings and performances

Passed Mid-Term NDIS Practice Standards Audit

345 artist engagements each week

Over 400 Zoom sessions hosted

Over \$50,000 in income earned by Tutti Artists

51 staff supporting Tutti programs and administration

28 films were made

Radio Tutti interviewed 10 celebrity guests

20 staff completed the Be Well Plan program

Jo Barnett, Visual Artist, 1955 – 2021, Always Remembered

6 Tutti Artists formed The Brains Trust to advise the Creative Director



# Artists making an impact

"I want to get my business out in the whole world. Put it on big billboards, in movies and shows, so people can see."

**Melissa Kirkman**

Melissa attends Tutti's Visual Art studio at Port Adelaide. Melissa started a micro-enterprise business, Kirkman by Melissa Kirkman, in late 2020. Melissa designs and paints images which are printed on T-shirts and other products. In 2021, Melissa's business was featured on the Sunrise TV program and she sold her products at various makers markets.

## Sara Egarr

Based in the Barossa, Sara attends Film Club and has been on the Sit Down Shutup and Watch Festival (SDSW) committee since 2017. As a member of the SDSW Committee, Sara has delivered many workshops and presented at the Creative Industries conference in 2021. Sara began training to become the new Chair of SDSW in August 2021.

"I was actually very shy, quite quiet. Getting out there, going to Whyalla, doing a workshop, speaking in front of 30 people, helped me in a way."

"Film is a good way to communicate. Sometimes it's easier to communicate on film than by speaking or writing."

"It's important to learn new skills."





# Joshua Ramsey

Joshua is a visual artist based at Tutti Barossa. Josh received a scholarship from Foundation Barossa to undertake formal study in visual arts. In 2021, Josh commenced a Certificate IV in Visual Arts at TAFE in Adelaide.



"The assignments help with my thinking about my work."

"Drawing and painting is a big part of my life."

"Whenever I paint and draw now I use the new techniques."



"I want to grow my business and employ more people with disability so they can have a job."

"When I finished school, there was no job for me. So... I started my business."

# Grace Lam

Grace attends Music, Dance and Theatre at Tutti Brighton. Grace is an entrepreneur who designs, makes and sells handmade cards, candles, T-shirts and tote bags through her business Grace's Handmade Cards. In 2021, Grace was a Finalist in the 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards SA - Carclew Creative Achievement Award for her work as a multi-disciplinary artist.

# Joshua Campton

Josh is a Larraki, Wadaman/Karajarri and Gulidjan actor, dancer, and poet who has been based at Tutti Brighton. In 2021 Josh successfully auditioned for Slingsby's Flying Squad and was awarded a two-year contract. Their work This Tree is a Story will premiere in 2022.



"You've got the job out of 150 people! I was over the moon, actually."

"I want the audience to hear my story."

"My whole career has stepped up now."



# You Ready For This?

**Who:** The Sisters of Invention  
Aimee Crathern, Michelle Hall,  
Caroline Hardy, Annika Hooper  
and a 4-piece band

**When:** 23 – 24 June 2021

**Where:** Dunstan Playhouse  
Part of the 2021 Adelaide Cabaret Festival



Photo: Claudio Raschella and Adelaide Cabaret Festival

“It was a dream  
come true for me”  
Aimee Crathern

“The talented quartet...deal  
brilliantly with emotional truths.”  
Peter Burdon, The Advertiser



# Wild

“Creating exhibitions and spaces from which disabled artists can express themselves is one of the most eloquent acts of human rights promotion that we have.”

Natalie Wade,  
Opening Speaker for Wild  
Founder and Principal Lawyer,  
Equality Lawyers



Brett Leslie, Rachel Dancing in the Blossoms 2021  
acrylic on paper 49.7cm x 69.1cm



Charlie Taplin, Protea 2021 Permanent felt pen on paper 50x70cm

**Who:** 17 Visual Artists from Tutti's Barossa,  
Brighton and Port Adelaide studios

**When:** 26 March – 21 April 2021

**Where:** Dentons, Gouger Street, Adelaide



Ellese McLindin, Penguin at Seaworld  
acrylic and posca pen on paper 70x50cm



# Impersonal Space goes digital

“By creating an interactive, digital version of our show ‘Impersonal Space’, Company AT’s work will be seen by as many people as possible.”

Julian Jaensch, Artistic Director, Company AT

**Who:** Company AT  
**When:** 12 – 16 July 2021

“We have been able to capture storytelling from multiple perspectives, pioneering theatre for a cutting-edge accessible entertainment experience.”

Tom Kitney, Hartstone-Kitney Productions

Photos: Frank Lynch





# The Big Tutti Singalong

**Who:** Tutti Choir  
**When:** 23 May 2021  
**Where:** Festival Theatre  
Part of the 2021 DreamBIG  
Children's Festival  
960 people attended this event

“What a fabulous way to end  
the Big Family Weekend!”

Susannah Sweeney,  
Creative Producer,  
DreamBIG Children's Festival



Photos: Keryn Stevens



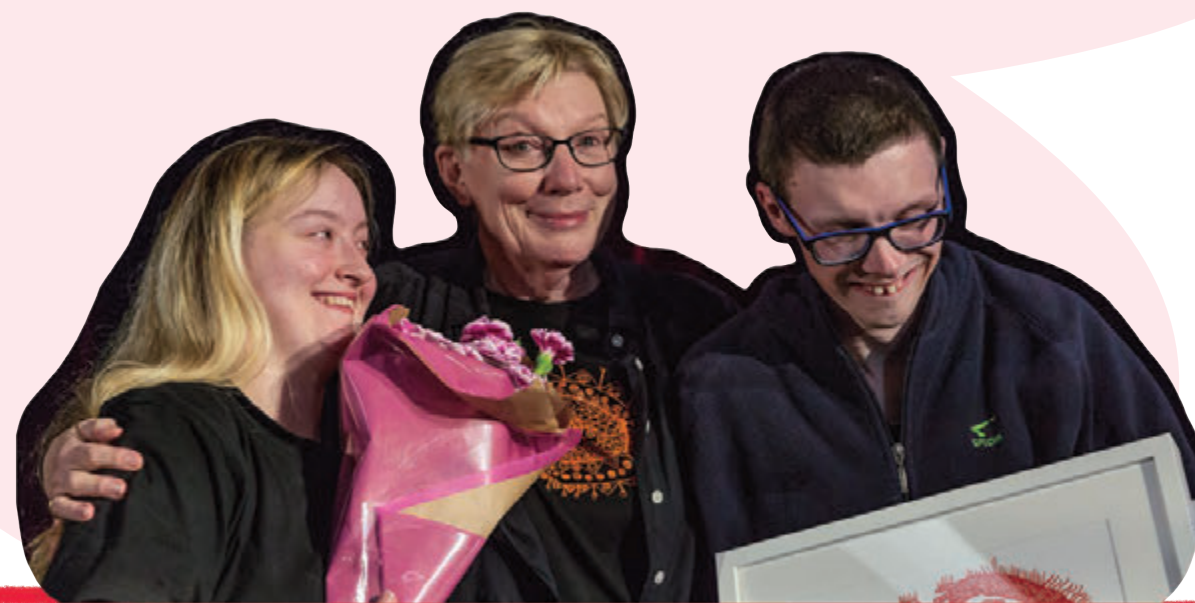
# Farewell to Pat Rix

2021 marked the end of an era, with the retirement of Tutti Arts Founder and Artistic Director Pat Rix after 24 years.

Tutti Arts was initiated by Pat to develop and celebrate the work of learning disabled artists. True to this vision, Tutti Arts continues to create opportunities for disabled artists.

Many stories, reflections and heartfelt thanks were shared as Pat was farewelled by Tutti artists, staff, friends and special guests, including the then-Premier Steven Marshall, in a series of COVID-safe events through September and October.

Pat's remarkable contribution was also acknowledged with the Premier's Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2021 Ruby Awards.



"I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for making Tutti happen."

Tutti Artist Joel Hartgen

"Pat is one of the most extraordinary persons I've known."

Andrew Downing,  
President, Tutti Arts



Photos: P. Soteriou



# Tutti Arts Centre

## January

48 solar panels installed thanks to the generous support of the Kidman Park Rotary Club.

## August

The installation of a lift and an upstairs accessible bathroom completed Stage 2 building works which were supported by the Australian Government through the Community Development Grants Programme, the South Australian Government, and a group of Tutti Champions.

## September

Young Kurna Ngarrindjeri men, Liam and Drew, conducted a smoking ceremony with artists and staff.

## November

Tutti Artist Jackie Saunders and contemporary Aboriginal visual artist Elizabeth Close completed a mural for the front wall. Laying Under the Stars reflects the artists' connection to community, country and family. Supported by Arts South Australia, Shaw & Partners and the City of Holdfast Bay.



Photo: P. Soteriou

# Welcome Gaelle Mellis

Award-winning disabled designer, collaborator and consultant Gaelle Mellis was appointed as Tutti's new Creative Director in July 2021. Gaelle believes in disability-led practice and that disabled people must be the producers of their own image and storytellers of their own lives.

"I am excited for the future of Tutti Arts, its extraordinary artists and the role I can play."

"I will support and encourage Tutti artists to be authentic, bold, curious and fierce."

Photo: Courtesy SA Film Corporation





# Creative Outcomes 2021

## Multi-Arts

### Floods of Fire

Conceived by Airan Berg  
Collaboration between the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Open Music Academy, Nexus Arts, Tutti Arts and a group of lead composers.  
Workshops January, February, May 2021  
Participating Tutti Artists from Quirkestra, Thank God It's Friday, Tutti Choir and Creative Writing.



"How we made a leaky film"

## Film & Digital Media

### "How we made a leaky film"

Awarded "Highly Commended" in the Focus On Ability Film Festival  
Director: Alex Sotiriou  
Cast: Alex Sotiriou, Kieran Peek, Callem Goulding, Matthew Penna, Jane Hewitt  
Production team: Matthew Goodluck, Alec Klicke, Kieran Peek, Alex Sotiriou, Juha Vanhakartano



## Music

### Add Hot Water & Stir

Featured Tutti Artists: Thank God It's Friday with Heaven Knows A Cappella and Judy Dally  
20 – 21 February and 13 – 14 March 2021  
Fly Bird Fly Studio  
Part of the 2021 Adelaide Fringe Festival

### Quirkestra

James Bull, Trisha Ferguson, Shalini Fernando, Joel Hartgen, Lorcan Hopper, Sophie Janzon, Grace Lam, Jenna May, Alistair McCloy, Michael Murphy, Adam Pederson, Adria Robinson, Michael Tye  
Second album "Wylie Virus Go Away" released 9 November 2021  
Performances:  
Opening of Greatest Hits exhibition, Goodwood Theatre & Studios, 3 September 2021  
Pat Rix's farewell, Tutti Arts Centre, 29 October 2021

### Thank God It's Friday

Alistair Brasted, Aimee Crathern, Michelle Hall, Caroline Hardy, Annika Hooper, Cameron Kirwan, Andrew Norman  
Performances:  
HAS Foundation event, SkyCity, 6 May 2021  
Pat Rix's farewell, Tutti Arts Centre, 29 October 2021  
Festival of Inclusion, Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, 4 November 2021  
Adtrans Charity Golf Day, 19 November 2021

## Choirs

### The Big Tutti Singalong

Tutti Choir  
Hosted by International Superstar Hans  
23 May 2021  
At the Festival Theatre  
Part of the 2021 DreamBIG Children's Festival  
Conductor: Carol Young  
Director: Catherine Fitzgerald  
Musicians: David de Haas, Trisha Ferguson, Sam Leske, Kathie Renner, Nick Sinclair, Warwick Smith, Steve Todd

### The Gathering Wave

Performances:  
Community Centres SA's Festival of Inclusion conference, Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, 4 November 2021  
Mt Barker Disability & Inclusion Network, Mt Barker Community Library, 3 December 2021

### Wednesday Afternoon Music Crew and Poco Tutti

Performance at FerosCare Art Exhibition opening, Gawler Civic Centre, 18 June 2021



## Visual Arts

### Kit Jury's World of Life

Showing: 18 February 2021  
at the Tutti Arts Centre  
Exhibiting Artist: Kit Jury  
Curator: Frances Buring-Pichler

### Wild

25 March – 21 April 2021  
at Dentons  
Exhibiting Artists: Tori Bedford, Grace Bell, Gemma Brown, Matthew Cawthorne, Lewis Constantine, Banjobe Hunt, Jasmine Jones, Brett Leslie, Megan Long, Josh Maloney, Ellese McLindin, Jessica Miller, Lorraine Neldner, Melinda Paul, Johanna Roberts, Nathan Smith, Charlie Taplin  
Curator: Ellen Schlobohm

### Nature is Language

13 August – 20 September 2021  
at Arts Centre Noarlunga  
As part of the SALA Festival  
Exhibiting Tutti Artists: Jordan Allard, William Bannon, Tori Bedford, Grace Bell, Kurt Bosecke, Ali Brasted, Gemma Brown, Matthew Cawthorne, Lewis Constantine, Boris Dann, Geordie Ellers, Kathryn Evans, Samantha Garton, Michelle Hall, Jane Hewitt, Taylah Hilton, Jack Hooper, Banjobe Hunt, Dougie Jacobssen, Kit Jury, Alethea Lazaros-Cameron, Megan Long, Jenna May, Jessica Miller, Cassandra Nickels, Kaitlyn Milne, Megan Noll, Melinda Paul, Scott Pyle, Amelia Reinhard, Georgie Russell, Hannah Ryles, Jackie Saunders, Kimberly Sellers, Nathan Smith, Charlie Taplin, Michael Tye, Dannielle Zozuk  
Curator: Patricia Wozniak

### Flying Gardens by Jasmine Jones

7 August – 11 September 2021  
Artist talk: 25 August 2021  
at Post Office Projects  
Exhibiting Artist: Jasmine Jones  
Curator: Tom Squires



### Blue

7 August – 11 September 2021  
at Post Office Projects  
Exhibiting Artists: Jasmine Jones, Melissa Kirkman, Josh Maloney, Ellese McLindin, Cassandra Nickels, Scott Pyle, Dannielle Zozuk  
Curator: Ellen Schlobohm

### Electric Winter

1 – 31 August 2021  
at Chateau Tanunda  
Exhibiting Artists: Gemma Brett, Rachel Doecke, Rebecca Eglinton, Jessica Kendle, Anne Kernich, Brett Leslie, Lorraine Neldner, Joshua Ramsey, Johanna Roberts, Ashleigh Rushton, Emily Russ, Kalleb Scott, Jeneane Schrapel, Shane Waechter  
Curator: Ali Devitt-Lansom

### Greatest Hits

3 September – 3 October 2021  
at Goodwood Theatre & Studios  
Exhibiting Artists: Jordan Allard, Grace Bell, Kurt Bosecke, Matthew Cawthorne, Lewis Constantine, Kathryn Evans, Lauren Garton, William Gregory, Michelle Hall, Banjobe Hunt, Dougie Jacobssen, Jasmine Jones, Jenna May, Jessica Miller, Scott Pyle, Nathan Smith, Charlie Taplin  
Curator: Patricia Wozniak

### Gathering the Scattering by Tori Bedford

4 November – 3 December 2021  
at Dentons  
Exhibiting Artist: Tori Bedford  
Curators: Camille Booth, Frances Buring-Pichler, Patricia Wozniak



### Jake Holmes - SALA Residency

Print-making Residency at Tutti Arts,  
August 2021  
Meet the Artist Talk: 27 August 2021

### PRACTICE

Presented by Guildhouse and City of Adelaide  
at the Adelaide Town Hall  
September 2021  
Exhibiting Tutti Artist: Jackie Saunders

### Mirdilyayanthi

at the Women's and Children's Hospital  
15 October 2021 - 31 January 2022  
Exhibiting Tutti Artist: Jackie Saunders

### Laying Under the Stars

Mural for the Tutti Arts Centre  
Created by Jackie Saunders and Elizabeth Close  
Completed November 2021

### Exhibition series

13 February – 30 December 2021  
at the Angaston Medical Centre  
Exhibiting artists:  
Gemma Brett, Rachael Doecke, Rebecca Eglinton, Jessica Kendle, Anne Kernich, Brett Leslie, Lorraine Neldner, Joshua Ramsey, Johanna Roberts, Ashleigh Rushton, Emily Russ, Jeneane Schrapel, Kalleb Scott, Michael Tye, Shane Waechter  
Curator: Ali Devitt-Lansom





## Company AT

### Impersonal Space Digital

Cast: Kate Watts, Mikhael Crossfield,  
Monday McGill, Andrew Norman and Satsy  
Co-Directors: Julian Jaensch, Joanne  
Hartstone  
Production: Hartstone-Kitney Productions

### inSPACE Creative Development

9-20 August 2021  
Showing: 20 August 2021  
Director: Yasmin Gurreeboo  
Assistant Director: Caitlin Moore  
Deaf Artist/ Visual Vernacular Leader:  
Samantha Clark  
Visual Vernacular Coordinator:  
Monday McGill  
Dramaturge: Nesha Jelk

## Sit Down Shutup and Watch

South Australian Regional Creative  
Industries Conference  
May 2021  
Port Pirie  
Speakers: Sara Egarr, James Kurtze,  
Tyson Pienaar, Matthew Wauchope

Digital Storytelling workshops for  
Barossa Council  
13 and 27 July 2021



Photo: Sam Oster

## The Sisters of Invention

### Adelaide Cabaret Festival Variety Gala

11 June 2021, Festival Theatre



Photo: Claudio Raschella and Adelaide Cabaret Festival

### You Ready for This?

23 and 24 June 2021  
Dunstan Playhouse  
as part of the Adelaide Cabaret Festival

Aimee Crathern, Michelle Hall, Caroline  
Hardy, Annika Hooper  
Director: Michael Griffiths  
Music Director: Carol Young  
Writer: Lori Bell  
Producer: Jane Gronow

Performances:  
No Strings Does Cabaret,  
Woodville Town Hall,  
3 July 2021



# Thank you

to the passionate and committed staff at Tutti who work every day to facilitate and empower Tutti artists and their astonishing work.

In 2021, the team was led by General Manager Linda Williams, Artistic Director Pat Rix (to September 2021), Creative Director Gaelle Mellis (from July 2021), Arts Manager / Producer Jane Gronow, Disability & Quality Manager Sophie Laguna and Communications, Marketing & Development Manager Emily Galdes.

Tutti Arts appreciates the valuable contribution and expertise of its volunteer Board members:



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People are infinitely diverse;  
arts should be too

