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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND INDUSTRY BODIES

Professional associations are nonprofit organisations that seek to further a particular profession, provide professional standards and help their individual members advance their careers. Membership to professional associations can enhance your understanding of careers, increase your industry networks, offer certifications, education, advocacy and employment news and be a source for career development opportunities.

Consider searching for groups related to your learning or interest areas via LinkedIn Groups or using your favourite search engine or database.

Also listed in this document are various industry bodies who offer a range of information, support and resources for career development.

### Creative Victoria

> [creative.vic.gov.au/Home](http://creative.vic.gov.au/Home)

Creative Victoria is the funding and advisory government body dedicated to supporting, championing and growing the state's creative industries. Search for research, funding, projects, initiatives and news.

### Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA)

> [meaa.org](http://meaa.org)

MEAA is the union and industry advocate for media and arts professionals. Search for industry awards, equity information and agent lists.

### Regional Arts Victoria

> [rav.net.au](http://rav.net.au)

Support for the arts in regional, remote and isolated Australia.

### Australia Council for the Arts

> [australiacouncil.gov.au](http://australiacouncil.gov.au)

Australian Government's arts funding and advisory board.

### Australian Major Performing Arts Group

> [ampag.com.au](http://ampag.com.au)

Umbrella group for Australia's major performing arts companies who inspire millions through theatre, circus, contemporary dance, classical ballet, classical music, opera, musicals and comedy.

### Grant Finder

> [australia.gov.au/information-and-services/culture-and-arts/arts/arts-grants-and-funding](http://australia.gov.au/information-and-services/culture-and-arts/arts/arts-grants-and-funding)

The Australian Government site that lists funding opportunities for artists in all arts and cultural fields.

### Arts Law Centre of Australia

> [artslaw.com.au](http://artslaw.com.au)

Provides legal advice and information on a wide range of arts related legal and business matters.

### Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

> [vlany.org](http://vlany.org)

Resources, links and directories to legal services in the US, Canada and Australia.

### Defining Psychology in the Performing Arts

> [psychology.org.au/publications/inpsych/2012/december/moyle](http://psychology.org.au/publications/inpsych/2012/december/moyle)

## MUSIC

### Music Australia

> [musicaustralia.org.au](http://musicaustralia.org.au)

Brings together all sections of the music community in order to advance a diverse and vibrant musical life throughout Australia. To achieve this, Music Australia, independently and in partnership, gathers and provides information, conducts research, undertakes advocacy, ensures representation in relevant forums, and initiates and realises projects that advance musical life.

### Australian Music Association

> [australianmusic.asn.au](http://australianmusic.asn.au)

Trade body for the music products industry, representing wholesalers, manufacturers, retailers and associated services for musical instruments, pro audio, print music, lighting and computer music products.

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### Musicians' Union of Australia

> [musicians.asn.au](http://musicians.asn.au)

By crystalising common thought in unified expression and combining common desire in united action, Musicians' Union of Australia multiplies the power of its members a thousandfold.

### Australian Society for Music Education

> [asme.edu.au](http://asme.edu.au)

Encourage and advance music education at all levels as an integral part of general education and community life, and as a profession within the broad field of music.

### Australian National Choral Association (ANCA)

> [anca.org.au](http://anca.org.au)

ANCA is a non profit organisation set up to encourage and promote choral music in Australia, offering professional workshops for conductors, choir trainers, choristers, and teachers in all areas of choral training. ANCA creates opportunities for members to work with both Australian and International conductors and choirs and also networks internationally for the benefit of members.

### The Australian String Association (AUSTA)

> [austa.asn.au](http://austa.asn.au)

A hub of information for Australian performers, teachers, instrument makers, students and enthusiasts of bowed string instruments (violins, violas, cellos and double basses). AUSTA aims to facilitate communication between all members of the community (both urban and regional) in order to assist in promoting and further developing string playing in Australia.

### Australian Music Therapy Association (AMTA)

> [austmta.org.au](http://austmta.org.au)

The sole Australian organisation for the profession of music therapy. AMTA offers support and professional development for Registered Music Therapists, and general membership to anyone with an interest in music therapy.

### Association of Independent Record Labels

> [air.org.au](http://air.org.au)

An online directory of over 140 Australian independent record labels.

### CD Baby

> [diymusician.cdbaby.com](http://diymusician.cdbaby.com)

Articles on marketing, recording, copyright and booking.

## MUSIC THEATRE, THEATRE PRACTICE, PRODUCTION

### Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance

> [meaa.org](http://meaa.org)

Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance covers everyone in the media, entertainment, sports and arts industries. The 22,000 members include people working in TV, radio, theatre and film, entertainment venues, recreation grounds, journalists, actors, dancers, sportspeople, cartoonists, photographers, orchestral and opera performers as well as people working in public relations, advertising, book publishing and website production.

### Australasian Writers and Art Directors Association (AWARD)

> [awardonline.com](http://awardonline.com)

A non-political, non-profit organisation AWARD's charter is to set standards of creative excellence, to promote this concept in the business arena and to educate and inspire the next creative generation.

### Drama Australia

> [dramaustralia.org.au](http://dramaustralia.org.au)

Drama Australia is the peak national body representing drama teachers, academics, applied theatre workers and theatre in education practitioners at national arts and curriculum forums and in national and international peak associations.

### Australian Stage Online

> [australianstage.com.au](http://australianstage.com.au)

Supports independent theatre sector and advertises jobs in theatre. Good source of information for the theatre industry and the greater performing arts industry.

### National Alliance for Musical Theatre

> [namt.org](http://namt.org)

US based not-for-profit national association serving the musical theatre community.

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## The Spotlight

> [spotlight.com](http://spotlight.com)

Publishers of casting directories and contacts with profiles of over 25,000 professionals in the performance industry.

## Creative Choices

> [ccskills.org.uk/careers](http://ccskills.org.uk/careers)

UK website providing tools, knowledge and networks to support individuals within the creative industries.

## Stage Whispers

> [stagewhispers.com.au](http://stagewhispers.com.au)

A bi-monthly magazine covering performing arts news and jobs across Australia.

## FILM AND TELEVISION AND WRITING

### Screen Hub

> [screenhub.com.au](http://screenhub.com.au)

Daily email news and jobs service for people working in the Australian film and television industries. Screen Hub keeps you up to date with the professional news, jobs and industry opportunities.

### Australian Screen Editors Guild

> [screeneditors.com](http://screeneditors.com)

Cultural, professional and educational organisation, dedicated to the pursuit and recognition of excellence in the arts, sciences and technology of motion picture film and televisual post production. It aims to promote, improve and protect the role of editor as an essential and significant contributor to all screen productions.

### Australian Cinematographers Society

> [cinematographer.org.au](http://cinematographer.org.au)

Australian Cinematographers Society is a not-for-profit society that provides a forum for cinematographers to further develop their skills through mutual co-operation. The society aims to further the advancement of cinematography in all fields and give due recognition to the outstanding work performed by Australian cinematographers, keeping members abreast of technology, new equipment and ideas through meetings, seminars and demonstrations.

### Screen Producers' Association (SPAA)

> [spaa.org.au](http://spaa.org.au)

Industry body that represents Australian independent film and television producers on all issues affecting the business and creative aspects of screen production. SPAA members include television, feature film, animation, documentary, TV commercial and interactive media production companies as well as services and facilities providers such as post-production, finance, distribution and legal companies.

### Australian Directors Guild (ADG)

> [adg.org.au](http://adg.org.au)

ADG is an industry association representing the interests of film, television and digital media directors, documentary makers, animators, assistant directors and independent producers throughout Australia. ADG has 700 members nationally.

### Australian Production Design Guild

> [apdg.org.au](http://apdg.org.au)

Not-for-profit organisation that represents and promotes Australian designers in the film, theatre, television, event and interactive media industry.

### Australians in Film

> [australiansinfilm.org](http://australiansinfilm.org)

Industry association for Australian filmmakers and performers in the US.

### Australian Writers Guild

> [awg.com.au](http://awg.com.au)

Professional association for Australian performance writers including film, television, theatre, radio and digital media. We fight to improve professional standards, conditions and remuneration for Australian performance writers; to protect and advance the creative rights of our members and to promote the Australian cultural voice in all its diversity.

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## VISUAL ARTS

### National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA)

> [visualarts.net.au](http://visualarts.net.au)

National peak body for the visual arts, craft and design sector working through advocacy and service provision, to achieve a flourishing Australian visual arts sector and a more vibrant, distinctive and ethical cultural environment.

### Australian Artists Association

> [australianartistsassociation.org.au](http://australianartistsassociation.org.au)

### Design Institute of Australia Australian Network for Art and Technology

> [anat.org.au](http://anat.org.au)

To engage with art, science and technology to enable and influence culture, community and economic developments.

### The Design Institute of Australia (DIA)

> [dia.org.au](http://dia.org.au)

Australia's professional membership body for designers and design businesses. Membership in the DIA provides you with support, networking, services and information to improve your professional practice, as well as a wealth of contacts. The DIA connects you with colleagues from many industry areas.

## DANCE

### The Australian Dance Council (Ausdance)

> [ausdance.org.au](http://ausdance.org.au)

Ausdance embraces all aspects of dance from performance to teaching; from multicultural, social and recreational dance to the advancement of dancers' health.

### Dance Movement Therapy Association of Australasia

> [dtaa.org.au](http://dtaa.org.au)

Recognised professional body for dance movement therapy in Australasia.

### People Dancing

> [communitydance.org.uk](http://communitydance.org.uk)

UK professional organisation for anyone involved in creating opportunities for people to experience and participate in dance.