



# BIG TALK ONE FIRE

FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**FACILITATORS**

**Event: Big Talk One Fire Festival 2026**

**Venue: Munro Martin Parklands, 123 Sheriden Street, Cairns**

**Date: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**Time: 3pm – 9pm (TBC)**

The purpose of this application is for an individual or business to express interest in participating as a workshop facilitator at UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire Cultural Festival 2026.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



## ABOUT UMI ARTS

**UMI Arts** is the lead Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultural organisation for Far North Queensland, an area that extends north of Cairns to include the Torres Strait Islands, south to Cardwell, west to Camooweal and includes the Gulf and Mt Isa regions. UMI Arts is a not-for-profit company governed and managed by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Board. We operate a cultural organisation that assists Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders to participate in the maintenance, preservation and protection of culture. *UMI is a Creole word that means You and Me.*

## OUR PURPOSE

To maintain and strengthen the identity of the Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders in our region through our arts and cultural programs.

## OUR VALUES

- We conduct our business with integrity and respect
- We work together with our members and stakeholders
- We are committed to creative excellence and capacity building
- We believe that arts and culture connect communities to make them stronger

## OUR KEY OUTCOME AREAS

1. Skilling our First Nations artists and communities for success
  2. Strengthening and sharing our local cultures
  3. Growing partnerships
4. Being a strong voice for Indigenous arts and culture



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First Nations Cultural Festival

## EVENT BRIEF: FACILITATORS

### PROGRAM RATIONALE

**UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire First Nations Cultural Festival will be held at Munro Matins Parklands on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026, from 3pm to 9pm.** It is a free public arts and cultural event (fees charged for workshops & selected activities) that:

- Provide an opportunity for emerging First Nations Arts and Cultural practitioners to perform at a major events venue in Cairns.
- Provide a market platform for First Nations artists and businesses to promote and sell their artwork, giftware and services.
- Create a community festival atmosphere where First Nations people can come to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, be inspired by our arts, share information, and learn together.
- Acknowledge Cultural Resilience and promote Cultural Strengthening.
- Encourage members of our First Nations Arts and Cultural Sector and the wider community to participate in the preservation and protection of culture.
- Inspire members to stay connected, upskill, and create.

### PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

1. In accordance with UMI Arts' purpose, *to maintain and strengthen the identity of the Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders in our region through our arts and cultural programs*, **applications from UMI Arts Members will be considered priority.** UMI Arts Members must either reside or work in Far North Queensland and identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, with a bloodline connection to a cultural group within the UMI Arts footprint, which extends north of Cairns to the Torres Strait Islands, south to Cardwell, west to Camooweal and includes the Gulf and Mt Isa regions.
2. Participants must submit an **Expression of Interest** to be considered by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**
3. COVID Safe Practices: UMI Arts will practice safe hygiene practices by ensuring hand sanitisers are available to participants and encourage social distancing where possible.
4. For applications to be considered, each applicant is required to supply the following;
  1. A 50 – 150 word bio and workshop description
  2. 1-3 high resolution profile images and workshop images
  3. Completed media release form, which provides consent to use images both online and in print so that we can promote you, your product, Big Talk One Fire Festival and UMI Arts, including future internal publications and marketing.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### PERFORMANCE FEES & PAYMENT

<b>Cultural Talk (eg. Bush Foods) - 40 mins</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Art &amp; Craft Workshops – 3 hours</b>	<b>\$850</b>
<b>Dance Workshops – 2 x 40 mins</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
<b>Major Cultural Presentation by Elder</b>	<b>\$1000</b>

All workshops & activities will be allocated timeslots and appropriate space/stall by the Event Coordinator. All participants' invoices will be paid by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2026**.

### PUBLIC INSURANCE LIABILITY

UMI Arts has Public Liability insurance cover Big Talk One Fire Participants onsite (Munro Martin Park) on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026** for the event duration.

### CANCELLATION/ BAD WEATHER

Facilitators needing to cancel their attendance for any reason must inform UMI Arts by **4pm 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026**. In the event of bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances leading to necessary cancellation of the event by UMI Arts, facilitators will be notified immediately at the time of the decision, with fees paid being carried forward as a credit for the UMI Arts' next market or event.

### DISPUTES/ COMPLAINTS

Disputes or disagreements should be lodged in a formal manner and depending on the nature of the complaint; in writing to UMI Arts, email: [finance.manager@umiarts.com.au](mailto:finance.manager@umiarts.com.au) or PO Box 15044 EDGE QLD 4870. If a stall holder wishes to make a complaint about another stall holder the complaint must be in writing and include the complainant's name and address. The complainant's identity will be kept confidential by UMI Arts and its staff members.

### ISSUING COMPLAINT NOTICES

1. The UMI Arts Big Talk Event Coordinator may issue a facilitator with a complaint notice if the office considers that the performer:
  - a) Has behaved or is behaving in a manner likely to cause distress, disturbance, inconvenience, damage or harm to any other person present at the market;
  - b) Has engaged or is engaging in abusive or threatening behaviour towards other stall holders, members of the public, UMI Arts staff including markets team, or security;
  - c) If the stallholder is in breach of any terms and conditions of the application.
2. A notice may also be issued verbally by the Event Coordinator and will generally be followed up in writing depending on the severity of the case.
3. For your right to appeal a notice which has been issued, please contact the Corporate & Finance Manager of UMI Arts on 40 416 152 or email [finance.manager@umiarts.com.au](mailto:finance.manager@umiarts.com.au) during business hours.



## OTHER

The Event Coordinator has the right to have a facilitator removed from the UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire festival, either before or during the event, if the performer is in breach of any of the terms of this agreement.



**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION  
FOR WORKSHOP FACILITATORS**

*Please complete, sign and return by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

<b>Program Type:</b> <i>(Please circle)</i>	<b>Artist Talk</b>	<b>Demonstration</b> <i>(no audience participation)</i>	<b>Workshop</b> <i>(audience participation)</i>	<b>Other:</b> _____
<b>No. of facilitators:</b>		<b>Duration of Program:</b>		
<b>Please provide a brief description of your proposed program:</b>				
<b>Material Requirements:</b> <i>Please list any equipment or materials required to deliver the workshop/event</i>				
<b>Primary Contact Details</b>				
<b>Are you a UMI member?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
<b>Name:</b>				
<b>Phone No:</b>		<b>Email Address:</b>		
<b>Street Address:</b>				
<b>Postal Address (if different to street address):</b>				
<b>Other Information</b>				
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Place of Birth:</b>		
<b>Cultural Group:</b>		<b>Clan Group:</b>		
<b>Gender:</b>				
<b>Do you have up to date Public Liability Insurance?</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<i>Arts project-coordinator insurance is strongly encouraged. UMI Arts recommends Flying Arts Insurance: <a href="https://flyingarts.org.au/professional-services/insurance-services/arts-administrators-arts-project-coordinators/">https://flyingarts.org.au/professional-services/insurance-services/arts-administrators-arts-project-coordinators/</a></i>				
<b>BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS</b>				
<b>Bank Name:</b>				
<b>BSB:</b>		<b>Account No:</b>		
<i>UMI Arts will use the above details to make any payments of service fees. Please invoice for payment at completion of the workshop. Payments will be processed 7-14 days after invoice is received.</i>				



**MEDIA RELEASE**

I..... (name of Individual/company) give permission for UMI Arts to make a photographic/audio-visual record of my art/performance and/or my participation in UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire Festival at Munro Martin Park on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

I authorize this material to be reproduced by UMI Arts for promotional and educational purposes. UMI Arts will acknowledge me by the name stated above whenever images or records of me and my work are reproduced by them or their agents and/or contractors for promotional and educational purposes.

**I/We \_\_\_\_\_(print name) have read and understood the terms of the agreement. I accept the terms and conditions of this agreement.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please also include with your application:**

1-3 x high-resolution images (JPEG, PNG or PDF) of your profile image and/or activity  
*To be used in promotion and advertisement leading up to the event*

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:**

**UMI Arts Event Co-Ordinator**

**Email:** [events@umiarts.com.au](mailto:events@umiarts.com.au)

**Phone:** (07) 4041 6152

**Address:** Shop 4/1 Jensen Street, Manoora

**Postal Address:** UMI Arts Limited, PO BOX 1100 NORTH CAIRNS QLD 4870

Thank you for your application to participate in Big Talk One Fire 2026!

Please contact **(07) 4041 6152** or email **events@umiarts.com.au**

if you have any questions.