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BIG TALK ONE FIRE

FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
PERFORMERS

Event: Big Talk One Fire Festival 2026

Venue: Munro Martin Parklands, 123 Sheriden Street, Cairns

Date: Saturday 24th October 2026

Time: 3pm – 9pm (TBC)

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

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Thursday 30th 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 Indigenous First Nations and communities for success
 2. Strengthening and sharing our local cultures
 3. Growing partnerships
4. Being a strong voice for Indigenous arts and culture



Big Talk One Fire

First Nations Cultural Festival

EVENT BRIEF: PERFORMERS

PROGRAM RATIONALE

UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire First Nations Cultural Festival will be held at Munro Matins Parklands on Saturday 24th 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 30th 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 performer bio
 2. 1-3 high resolution profile images and performance images
 3. 1 x link to video footage of performance or demo.
 4. 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.
5. Performers agree to attend Media Launch prior to event (*date TBC*, approx. 2 weeks prior to event).



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PERFORMANCE FEES & PAYMENT

Solo or Small Group Performance (5 – 10 performers)	\$950
Large Group Performance (10+ performers)	\$2,000

All set slots are **45 minutes**. Final line-up and timeslots to be allocated by the Event Coordinator, with performances on the Main Stage from 3pm to 9pm event close. Upon receipt of performer's Tax Invoice, payments will be processed within 14 days.

PUBLIC INSURANCE LIABILITY

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

CANCELLATION/ BAD WEATHER

Performers needing to cancel their attendance for any reason must inform UMI Arts by **4pm 31st July 2026**. In the event of bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances leading to necessary cancellation of the event by UMI Arts, performers 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 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 performer 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 during business hours.

OTHER



The Event Coordinator has the right to have a performer 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 PERFORMERS

Please complete, sign and return by **Thursday 30th April 2026**

Stage Name: <i>As it will be displayed at event</i>	
No. of participants:	
Please provide a brief description of yourself, your group, and the performance:	
Technical Requirements:	
Any other info required for Tech or Venue?	
Primary Contact Details	
Are you a UMI member?	YES NO
Name:	
Phone No:	Email Address:
Street Address:	
Postal Address (if different to street address):	
Other Information	
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Cultural Group:	Clan Group:
Gender:	
Do you have up to date Public Liability Insurance? YES NO	
Arts project-coordinator insurance is strongly encouraged. UMI Arts recommends Flying Arts Insurance: https://flyingarts.org.au/professional-services/insurance-services/arts-administrators-arts-project-coordinators/	
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Bank Name:	
Bank Account Name:	
BSB:	Account No:
UMI Arts will use the above details to make any payments of service fees. Please invoice prior to the event. Payments will be processed 7-14 days after invoice is received.	

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 24th 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 performance
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

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.