

**2008-09 State Budget
Presentation
to the
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee**

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Achievements in the Arts 2007-08

- 1,000+ visits a day to *Medieval Imagination* at SLV
- 60,000 visitors to *Game On* at ACMI. 8 weeks to go
- NGV ranked in top 20 most attended museums in the world
- Melbourne Museum welcomed five millionth visitor (Jan 2008)
- 1,800 people attended the Museum's recent Sudanese festival
- Over 280,000 visitors to the Arts Centre's Nick Cave exhibition
- Two Melbourne Winter Masterpieces blockbusters – *Guggenheim* and *Pixar. Pompeii* exhibition announced for 2009
- First look inside MTC Theatre and Melbourne Recital Centre
- 20 regional councils have signed Local Partnerships MoU
- Victoria Rocks program launched. First round of grants awarded
- 24 small arts organisations benefited from first year of Annual Operations program

Our success has been recognised...

'[The Victorian Government] have placed **arts and culture** at the centre of **their economic thinking**, want to develop **Melbourne as a cultural hub**, and are pursuing private and public enterprises or joint ventures that will create a cultural infrastructure they are confident will **attract people to the city.**'

Anne Summers, SMH, 05/05/2007

'...when it comes to government expenditure, **Victoria can rightfully claim the crown** it has always coveted and regularly boasts that it owns - that of **arts capital...**'

Katrina Strickland, AFR, 13/09/2007

'[Melbourne]...has come from what some considered dead boring a decade ago to **one of the most exciting cities on the planet**. Not merely a match for Sydney but perhaps – and this really is a controversial statement for those who relish Australia - **even better than the famed city by the bay.**'

Jo Yogerst, San Diego Union Tribune, 17/06/2007

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New Initiatives

Output Initiatives

• Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas	\$7.1M
• Australian Centre for the Moving Image	\$4.9M
• Arts Centre Maintenance	\$12.1M
• Arts Centre Programming	\$3.5M
• Late Nights at Federation Square	\$0.5M

Asset Initiatives

• Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas	\$3.2M
• Museum Victoria: Exhibition Renewal	\$8.0M

TOTAL **\$39.3M**