



## **AUSTRALIA AND THE UK PREVIEW LARGEST EVER CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS**

A major new cultural exchange between Australia and the United Kingdom (UK) has been previewed today, celebrating the diverse and innovative artists and cultural sectors of each nation.

The UK/Australia Season 2021-22 (The Season) is a collaboration between the British Council and the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen. The Season is a unique artistic programme of more than 200 live and digital events, marking the largest ever cultural exchange between Australia and the UK.

The programme has been directed by Michael Naphali of the Australian High Commission in the UK and by Helen Salmon of the British Council in Australia.

The theme of the Season is 'Who Are We Now?' and will reflect on the shared history, current relationship and imagine the future of the two nations. The BioKnoT project is proud to be part of this season under the higher education banner.

Launching in September 2021, The Season will strengthen and build cultural connections and will include a diverse programme spanning theatre, film, visual arts, dance, design, architecture, music, literature, higher education and a public engagement programme.

Spanning all artforms, the programme will include multiple cross-arts commissions, and there will be several world, UK and Australian premiers. The programme will be a celebration of the diversity of cultures and languages in both countries. It will feature Australia's First Nations voices, include cultural contributions from across the UK, as well as celebrate the richly diverse society that has emerged in both the UK and Australia through migration.

The UK/Australia launches on 1 September 2021.

Details are available from the new Season website [www.ukaustraliaseason.com](http://www.ukaustraliaseason.com) with the full website and programme in both countries to be announced in August 2021.