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## **New creative arts forum for Albany**

The Great Southern arts scene will be given a boost next month thanks to the first in a brand-new series of networking forums tailored to creative types.

The multi-disciplinary summit, called *Creative Exchange: Converge, Converse, Collaborate*, will be held quarterly as a result of a partnership between Vancouver Arts Centre and Creative Albany.

VAC Arts Development Officer Amber Perryman said the event would be a valuable opportunity for creative practitioners in Albany and the Great Southern to bolster their peer-to-peer networks and partnerships.

"Many creatives work in isolation from others in studios and from home, and this networking forum provides a chance to be connected," she said.

"The event will create opportunities for discussion, knowledge sharing and the stimulation of ideas, and provide a platform to represent the cultural sector on a state level.

"But most importantly, we promise it will be fun!"

The first *Creative Exchange* will be co-hosted by noted creative type Jon Doust, and will feature presentations from PIAF Great Southern Program Manager Rod Vervest, choreographer Annette Carmichael and the Department of Culture and the Arts.

The event is planned for Wednesday February 12 between 8-9:30am at Vancouver Arts Centre and will cost \$10 on the door. Croissants and hot beverages will be available.

RSVP to [arts@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:arts@albany.wa.gov.au) by January 27.

Vancouver Arts Centre is managed by the City of Albany and is a recipient of triennial funding through Country Arts WA.

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