

Tuesday 12th May 2020

Australia Council for the Arts – Resilience Fund Assessment Panel



Dear Panel,

I hope this letter finds you well at this strange time in our lives.

I am pleased to express my support as auspice for Gelareh Pour's "Under The Wood" project in 2020.

Over many years, Multicultural Arts Victoria has worked with Gelareh on many different projects. She is a composer, singer and Kamancheh player held in high regard in Victoria and internationally. I have seen her performances and listened to music in many different venues, including the Melbourne Recital Centre, Womadelaide, the Premiers Gala; and Bakehouse Studios. Each time, I have been moved by her performance and been impressed by her energy and professionalism.

Gelareh is an extremely hard-working artist. Any project she undertakes will have her full commitment. Generously, she always credits and supports people with whom she works and her flexibility with music styles instils confidence that she will successfully manifest her ideas and those of her collaborators. I am very excited about her new idea for "Under The Wood" in collaboration with a diverse group of Australian based musicians - combining styles, cultural experience and tradition into an awe-inspiring new form.

Opportunities such as Resilience are important and rare in an artist's development - especially through this difficult time. I am looking forward to furthering ideas with Gelareh and hope that the panel is able to support the creation of new music by this energetic and visionary artist.

Regards,

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