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**From:** Daw, Lesley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 July 2013 2:12 PM  
**To:** Hurrell, Erica  
**Cc:** Whitney, David  
**Subject:** RE: Fringe Festival - Jorian Gardner - Letter from 41

Thks I will resubmit to Natalie.

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**From:** Hurrell, Erica  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 July 2013 12:26 PM  
**To:** Daw, Lesley  
**Cc:** Whitney, David  
**Subject:** Fringe Festival - Jorian Gardner - Letter from 41

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MEMBER FOR BRINDABELLA

Dear

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2013 regarding the appointment of Mr Jorian Gardner, as the creative director for the 2014 fringe event.

In June 2013, I announced that Mr Gardner had been chosen to be the creative director of a fringe event to be held alongside the 2014 National Multicultural Festival. This fringe event will be separate to the National Multicultural Festival in creative content, administrative and artistic direction.

The process for selecting a creative director for 2014 differed to that which was undertaken for the 2013 event. Funding for the 2013 fringe event was provided from unallocated funding from the 2013 ACT Arts Fund. This required the allocation of funding for the 2013 fringe event to be consistent with the ACT Arts Fund, a peer assessment panel was required to consider the expressions of interest for the 2013 fringe.

At the 2012 Election, the ACT Government committed \$20,000 a year in ongoing funding to hold a fringe event alongside the National Multicultural Festival. The 2013-14 Budget delivered on this commitment. After careful consideration, taking into account Mr Gardner's successful artistic direction of a fringe in previous years as part of the National Multicultural Festival and his ongoing interest in staging the event again, I made a decision to engage Mr Gardner on a one-year basis through this Budget allocation.

Across my Ministerial portfolios, I meet regularly with stakeholder groups and individuals, many of whom make representations about funding requests or policy directions they wish the Government to pursue.

In considering my decision to appoint Mr Gardner, I took into account advice from artsACT and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The deed of grant exchanged with Mr Gardner reflects terms and conditions that require a comprehensive arts component in a contemporary festival context.

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As I have stated publicly, I am grateful for the contribution of Mr PJ Williams and Mr Nick Byrne in producing MultiFRINGE 9.2.13, and my decision is no reflection on their event.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

Joy Burch MLA  
Minister for the Arts  
July 2013

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**From:** Howson, Natalie  
**Sent:** Sunday, 12 January 2014 10:16 PM  
**To:** Daw, Lesley; Dutt, Kanchan  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fringe Festival-National Multicultural Festival-Jorian Gardiner

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Overton-Clarke, Bronwen" <[Bronwen.OvertonClarke@act.gov.au](mailto:Bronwen.OvertonClarke@act.gov.au)>  
**Date:** 11 January 2014 2:30:46 PM AEDT  
**To:** "Chapman, Sue" <[Sue.Chapman@act.gov.au](mailto:Sue.Chapman@act.gov.au)>, "Howson, Natalie" <[Natalie.Howson@act.gov.au](mailto:Natalie.Howson@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fringe Festival-National Multicultural Festival-Jorian Gardiner

Heads up, this may become an issue.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Whitney, David" <[David.Whitney@act.gov.au](mailto:David.Whitney@act.gov.au)>  
**Date:** 10 January 2014 4:29:21 pm AEDT  
**To:** "Violante, Victor" <[Victor.Violante@act.gov.au](mailto:Victor.Violante@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** "Overton-Clarke, Bronwen" <[Bronwen.OvertonClarke@act.gov.au](mailto:Bronwen.OvertonClarke@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Fringe Festival-National Multicultural Festival-Jorian Gardiner

Dear Victor,  
I provide advice for the issuing of temporary liquor licensing during the 2014 national Multi-Cultural Festival and the possible negative media that may result from Jorian Gardiner the Director of the Fringe Festival.

I have been speaking with the Liquor Licensing area who have advised that temporary permits for the Multi-Cultural Festival will all cease at 10pm.

Jorian Gardiner has yet to lodge an application for the Fringe ( I have spoken to him and this is expected Monday 13).

The Actg. Commissioner Jon Quiggin has advised that neither his Office, or that of the AFP Alcohol Crime Sergeant have been approached by, or provided support for extended hours to, Jorian Gardiner.

Mr. Quiggin and the AFP Alcohol Crime Sergeant have both arrived at the 10pm. close of temporary sale of alcohol for the following reasons:

1. There will be approximately 60 temporary permits issued for the National Multi-Cultural Festival this year;
2. To manage regulatory resources and for consistency in approach, all temporary permits will terminate at 10pm.;
3. Existing permanent licensed premises in Civic have expressed concern at the negative impact on their trading during the National Multi-Cultural Festival;
4. Existing permanent licensed premises are concerned that any inappropriate alcohol related incidents that may result from temporary licences will be attributed to permanent licensees;
5. There is concern, both public, regulatory and from permanent licensed premises at increased alcohol related incidents in Civic, especially late at night from alcohol not served through licensed premises (particularly pre-loading);
6. There was formal representation following the 2013 National Multi-Cultural Festival to the Office of Regulatory Services from the AHA expressing concern at the high number of temporary licences issued and related alcohol activity in Civic.

As such, it is highly likely that an application from Jorian Gardiner to sell alcohol beyond 10pm will not be supported. Jorian Gardiner may well make representation direct to the Minister or through the media .

I have copied below, the email I sent to the ORS advocating for the Fringe to be granted extended hours of operation. I have since spoken with the Actg. Commissioner and note his advice .

Please call if you need.

Cheers

David

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**From:** Whitney, David

**Sent:** Friday, 10 January 2014 3:28 PM

**To:** Baker, Danny; Quiggin, Jon

**Cc:** Manikis, Nic; Overton-Clarke, Bronwen

**Subject:** Fringe Festival-National Multicultural Festival-Jorian Gardiner

Dear Danny and Jon,

Danny, thank you for your call and advice that you are anticipating that when approached by Mr. Jorian Gardiner, the Director of the Fringe Festival, you would only consider granting a temporary liquor licence until 2200hrs. consistent

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with the balance of temporary licences granted to other applicants involved in the National Multi-Cultural Festival.

artsACT have provided a Grant through the ACT Arts Fund to Mr. Gardiner to undertake the 2014 Fringe Festival and the National Multi-Cultural Festival will be supporting the Fringe with in-kind services and infrastructure to enable him to succeed.

I have just spoken with Nic Manikis , Director of the National Multi-Cultural Festival who is strongly supportive of the Fringe and supportive for a temporary liquor licence until 2400hrs.

For the balance of the National Multi-Cultural Festival, temporary Liquor Licences will operate through the day and cease at 2200hrs.

For the Fringe, which does not commence trading activity in Civic Square until 1600hrs. the option to trade till 2400 hrs. would enable the Fringe component to maintain its separate identity and to add to the night-time activity of the overall Festival.

Nic Manikis does not see an audience transfer from the main National Multi-Cultural Festival to the Fringe, which is located in Civic Square across London Circuit and will appeal to a different demographic audience.

Another advantage of a temporary liquor licence to the Fringe extended till 2400hrs., is that the anticipated revenue would underwrite artist fees and assist in reducing the costs to present the Fringe as delivered by Mr. Gardiner.

If your Office were able to agree to an extended operating time till 2400 hrs. this would be supported by the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs and artsACT.

Contact for Mr. Jorian Gardiner is

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this.

Cheers  
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**From:** Dutt, Kanchan  
**Sent:** Friday, 24 January 2014 4:01 PM  
**To:** Daw, Lesley  
**Subject:** Jorian and Fringe  
**Attachments:** MRFringeFestival280613.pdf

Hello Lesley,  
Media release attached.  
Cheers,  
Kanchan

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# MEDIA RELEASE

28 June 2013

## Jorian Gardner named 2014 Fringe Festival producer

ACT Arts Minister Joy Burch today announced that Jorian Gardner will return to the role of Fringe Festival creative director, to be held alongside the 2014 National Multicultural Festival.

"Mr Gardner's wealth of experience in fringe events and his collaborations with many artists and arts organisations across the Canberra community will provide a great platform to produce an exciting Fringe in 2014," said Ms Burch.

"This year saw the successful return of the fringe festival as, part of the National Multicultural Festival, for the first time since 2009 and we were keen to bring back the flair and edge that Mr Gardner brought to Civic Square."

ACT Labor committed to provide \$20,000 annually over four years to support a fringe event alongside the Multicultural Festival, and this funding was confirmed in the 2013-14 Budget.

"An additional \$20,000 a year in in-kind support will be provided to the Fringe next year through the Multicultural Festival, including infrastructure and public liability insurance, taking the Government's financial support for the Fringe for 2014 to \$40,000."

Mr Gardner was the founding director of a fringe festival held alongside the National Multicultural Festival from 2004 to 2009. He has worked across a range of art forms including theatre performances, visual art exhibitions, cabaret, dance, and musical presentations.

The fringe festival aims to present original work in interesting spaces and provide valuable opportunities for young and emerging artists to present their work.

"I am confident the Fringe Festival will not only complement the activities of the National Multicultural Festival, but will use innovative cross-artform collaborations with young and emerging artists and breathe extra life to our city."

The 2014 National Multicultural Festival runs from 7-9 February, with the fringe festival proposed to take place in Civic Square from 6-9 February 2014.

Statement Ends

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