



### **THREE CREATIVE AUSTRALIANS ARE OFF TO THE UK!**

Australia's creative leaders turned out in force last night to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the Realise Your Dream awards – British Council Australia's landmark programme, promoting mutuality between the UK and Australian creative communities.

This year, three lucky winners will each receive a return trip to the UK (plus \$10,000 spending money), in which they will meet and work alongside their creative heroes, as well as experience all of the history and cultural vibrancy of the United Kingdom.

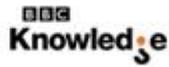
The announcement was made during a gala award ceremony, held at Sydney's newly refurbished Museum of Contemporary Art and presided over by media personality Fenella Kernebone. The event – which doubled as a 10-year birthday party for the award - featured tunes from triple j DJ Zan Rowe, and was attended by such familiar faces as So You Think You Can Dance choreographer Nacho Pop and fashion designers Romance Was Born.

So, without more ado, the 2012 Realise Your Dream winners are:

1. Jolie Hertzberg, a festival director and arts worker from Queensland's Gold Coast
2. Emma Swift, a radio announcer and Americana/folk music enthusiast from Sydney
3. Kate Just, a visual artist whose work includes large-scale knitted sculptures

The British Council extends huge congratulations and thanks to these three winners, and the wonderful runner-up finalists in this year's award.

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