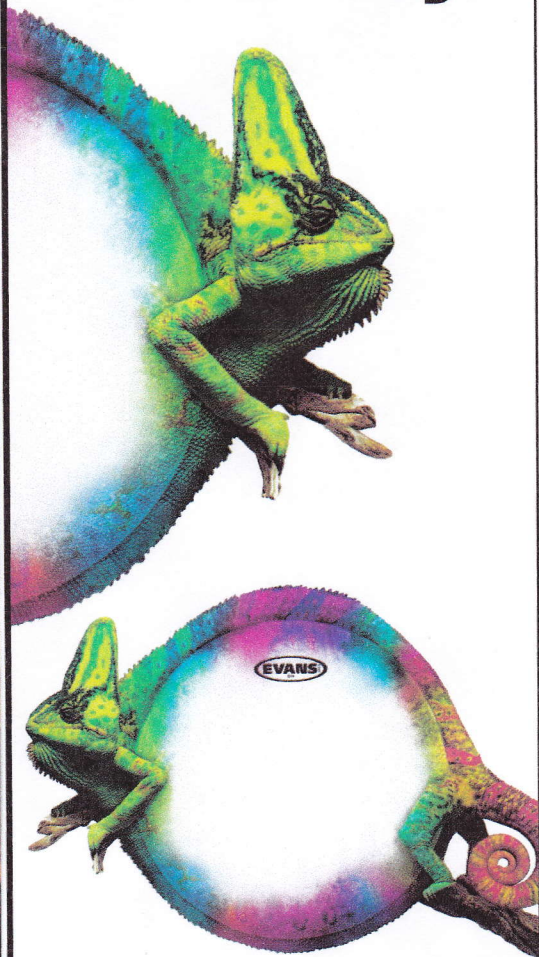


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'ANDREW HEWITT WINS GRANT'

Recently Australia's own drumming inspiration, Andrew Hewitt, applied for a 'Cultivate Professional Development Grant' and was successful!!

Arts Access Australia recently announced the recipients of the Cultivate Professional Development grants for artists with disability - including Andrew amongst the many artists the organization assists. Cultivate provides seed funding to artists who want to further develop their professional artistic practice with the aim of being better placed to pursue a professional artistic career and to compete for funding in general arts funding programs.

Since launching Cultivate in 2011, Arts Access Australia has been overwhelmed with responses from all over the country. 50 artists with disability from all States and Territories of Australia applied for Cultivate. A total of \$50,000 worth of grants has been allocated in 2012 to ten artists across a range of art forms.

Andrew will use his grant money for a trip to the USA in March 2013. He will

attend a training seminar being run by TRAP (The Rhythmic Arts Project), which is a learning based workshop program for kids with disabilities that utilises drums and percussion instruments. Andrew has been trying to get involved with this project for many years with the vision to bring it back to Australia and offer it to disability organizations, schools and hospitals here. This is a very worthwhile program, which isn't currently offered in Australia.

Once Andrew has completed the seminar he will travel to New York for private lessons with international drumming guru, Dom Famularo. Andrew is also planning a drum clinic with fellowing drummer Mike Mignogna at a drum shop on Long Island and will also visit The Drummers Collective in NYC for a chat with some of the students in attendance.

You can read more about Andrew Hewitt "Australia's Most Inspirational Drummer" On his website at; www.drummerstix.com.au

