

Bowerbird Collective – Recipients of the Critics' Circle IAF Sponsored Award for Innovation – December 2022



The Bowerbird Collective was thrilled to receive the Independent Arts Foundation Award for Innovation for our work 'Life on Land's Edge'. This work is the culmination of 3 years of research and creative development, undertaken throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, to tell the story of migratory shorebirds. The incredible beauty, endurance and

fragility of these threatened birds was of great inspiration to us, and through 'Life on Land's Edge' we seek to draw audiences closer to their plight. Since its premiere in early 2022, the work has been performed over 20 times around Australia.

Funds from this award, very gratefully received, will support our recording of this project for CD. With a planned release for mid-2023, the album will feature all works from the live concert program, which includes 8 new Australian compositions, co-commissioned by the Bowerbird Collective and BirdLife Australia. We recently recorded the tracks at a studio in the Adelaide Hills, and are very much looking forward to sharing the fruits of our labours once the editing, mixing and mastering is complete.



We would encourage members of the Independent Arts Foundation to please visit our website at www.bowerbirdcollective.org to learn more about our work and to pre-order 'Life on Land's Edge' on CD.

With our heartfelt thanks,
Simone Slattery and Anthony Albrecht
The Bowerbird Collective