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Cultural treats in store

Western Australia's premier regional arts program starts this week and promises a sparkling range of events for the Great Southern.

The Perth International Arts Festival Great Southern Program is a partnership between the Perth Festival and the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC), and is supported by \$225,000 in Royalties for Regions funding over three years.

Perth Festival artistic director Shelagh Magadza said the partnership with the GSDC was highly valued and allowed the Festival to deliver one of the biggest programs ever in the Great Southern in 2011.

"Visiting artists just love coming to the Great Southern and we are particularly proud of the events generated locally within the region," Ms Magadza said.

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said the region was looking forward to the 2011 program.

"Choice events from the Perth program have featured in the Great Southern over the past eight years and this year is no exception," Mr Manning said.

"Royalties for Regions support for the Great Southern Program will enable communities from Katanning to Borden to Denmark and Albany to be part of Western Australia's international arts festival.

"Borden was the setting for a memorable OzOpera performance of Carmen in 2007 and it is great to see it hosting the attention-getting Public Opinion Afro Orchestra in the Great Southern Program."

"Denmark is the scene for a sold-out performance by Imelda May, Katanning is hosting art and cultural tours and Albany will be proudly seating patrons for a rich program of events in the new Albany Entertainment Centre.



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“The Great Southern Program enhances cultural life across the region and the GSDC gladly supports it as the only regional program of Perth Festival events,” Mr Manning said.

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