

PERTH FESTIVAL

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Chevron supports Perth Festival's Pay It Forward, steps away after 2023

For nearly 20 years, Chevron Australia has partnered with Perth Festival to create memorable cultural moments for more than 2.5 million Western Australians.

Chevron will again support Perth Festival's overall accessibility as Community Partner for the coming 2023 Perth Festival. Chevron's support will enable programs focused on removing participation barriers and increasing audience accessibility to help the Festival be an event for all people.

Following the 2023 program, Chevron Australia will end its association with the Festival after deciding to focus on other sponsorship opportunities in the WA community.

Chevron has partnered with Perth Festival for 18 years, including the past ten years as a major partner. With Chevron's support, Perth Festival has been able to bring world-class cultural experiences to Western Australia over this time, including over the past two years with significant financial support from Chevron providing the Festival certainty during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chevron Australia General Manager Corporate Affairs Kate Callaghan said: "For nearly two decades, including the past ten years as a major partner, Chevron Australia has been honoured to support Perth Festival in providing audiences an enriching and unique arts experience. Together, we've helped bring human energy and international creative excellence to Western Australia.

"While we will not be a partner after 2023, we're proud to continue our association with the upcoming Festival by supporting the Pay It Forward and access programs, with the goal of increasing inclusivity and enabling more community members to experience the arts.

"We're confident the Festival will continue to bring inspiring, thought-provoking cultural experiences to the people of Perth for many more years to come."

Perth Festival Executive Director Nathan Bennett said: "Chevron's contribution to Perth Festival over many years has enabled Western Australians to enjoy special cultural experiences that otherwise would not have happened in this State.

"We appreciate that Chevron has decided to focus on other opportunities and thank them for supporting the Festival to make the arts accessible to as many people as possible over the term of this successful partnership. Chevron's support for the upcoming 2023 Festival provides us with a strong foundation from which to secure other support for our ongoing goal to enhance life for as many people as possible in WA through art."

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As Community Partner, Chevron supports Disability, Access and Inclusion initiatives for underrepresented audiences. The Pay It Forward program helps Perth Festival provide free and discounted tickets to those who might not otherwise be able to attend. In 2023, Chevron will match every dollar raised through Pay It Forward, doubling donations by ticket-buyers to make Perth Festival accessible to more Western Australians.



Perth Festival 2023 runs from 10 February to 5 March. The Festival program will be announced on 27 October.

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Perth Festival acknowledges the Noongar people who continue to practise their values, language, beliefs, and knowledge on their kwobidak boodjar.

They remain the spiritual and cultural birdiyangara of this place and we honour and respect their caretakers and custodians and the vital role Noongar people play for our community and our Festival to flourish.

Perth Festival

Founded in 1953 by The University of Western Australia, Perth Festival is the longest running international arts festival in Australia and Western Australia's premier cultural event. The Festival has developed a worldwide reputation for excellence in its international program, the presentation of new works and the highest quality artistic experiences for its audience. For 67 years, the Festival has welcomed to Perth some of the world's greatest living artists and now connects with hundreds of thousands of people each year.

Iain Grandage is the Artistic Director 2020 – 24.