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Take a day trip to experience a festival that only comes once every 14 years

Organisers of the Festival program at ARTLANDS are encouraging people from across the NSW Central West to take a trip out to Dubbo to support local artists and performers at the gathering from 27-30 October.

The festival component includes dance and music performances, workshops and exhibitions, with artists from across regional New South Wales as well as further afield.

Arts OutWest's Executive Director, Tracey Callinan, said much of the festival program is available to non-delegates, so members of the general public can take advantage of the incredible array of arts experiences available on our doorstep, through a day trip to Dubbo.

"There's a great variety of art experiences – and so much of it is free for everyone. It's worth heading to the ARTLANDS precinct in the centre of Dubbo to experience everything from a street parade on Thursday, the master fibre makers gathering on Friday and Saturday, a commissioned exhibition *Old Lands New Marks* all weekend or even take in the *Threads of our Communities* project which is also happening over the full four days," Tracey said.

"Bathurst-based physical theatre group *Lingua Franca* will leap back onto the stage with their latest full-length show, *Unsustainable Behaviour*. We'd love to see audience members from our region in the audience, supporting locally-made art," Tracey said.

"*Unsustainable Behaviour* was performed in Bathurst last year, and this is another opportunity to catch this wonderful local success story on stage again."

Lingua Franca will be performing on Friday and Saturday evening at 8.30pm at the Dubbo Regional Theatre & Convention Centre.

Other events available to the general public include *Circus West*, *Mikelangelo* and the *Black Sea Gentlemen*, *Fanny Lumsden* and the spectacular, site-specific audio-visual installation, *Spark*.

ARTLANDS is the national regional arts conference which is held in a different state or territory every two years – which means it won't be returning to New South Wales for another 14 years.

The full festival program is available on the ARTLANDS website, www.artlands.com.au/festival-events/, and outlines which events are free, and also which are available for non-delegates to attend.

Interviews with Adam Deusien, Director of *Unsustainable Behaviour*, and Tracey Callinan, Executive Director of Arts OutWest, are available. A photo opportunity with the cast of *Unsustainable Behaviour* is available from Saturday - Tuesday. Please contact Arts OutWest for more information on 6338 4657 or email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au.

Image: Polly Sara performs in Lingua Franca's 'Unsustainable Behaviour'. Photo: Phil Blatch.