

Wednesday 23 February 2022

To the Australia Council for the Arts - Arts Projects for Organisations,

I am writing in support of Six Foot Something Productions' funding application for the development, rehearsal and premiere season of *Geek Cuisine*.

The Adelaide Festival Centre (AFC) and Six Foot Something Productions (SFSP) have a long-standing relationship, with SFSP being programmed by various AFC programs eight times, including in AFC's Something on Saturday program and the Adelaide Cabaret Festival. This includes performances of *This Show is NOT Rubbish*, *Sounds Like Science*, and *Rock Chick & Science Geek*. The feedback from these performances were overwhelmingly positive, and the calibre of the work speaks for itself when SFSP's latest show, *The Alphabet of Awesome Science* has been picked up by over 50 venues and presenters this year for an extensive national tour.

The Adelaide Festival Centre's DreamBIG Festival is excited to present the premiere of SFSP's *Geek Cuisine*. DreamBIG Children's Festival is a biennial festival in Adelaide, South Australia. It is one of the oldest children's festivals in the world, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025, and is arguably the largest festival of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Geek Cuisine will be presented as part of the 2023 program, from 23 to 27 May 2023 in the Space Theatre. For 10 shows, DreamBIG have committed a performance fee of \$20,184. We are thrilled to include this work as it will interest children and families who have a keen interest in science and STEM, while exposing them to a genre that potentially they would not have experienced before - that of opera. We anticipate this family opera/ science mash up to be a unique experience for the audience, as well as for the creative team behind the production.

I strongly encourage the panel to consider funding this work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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DreamBIG Children's Festival