



Chelsea Lee Smart performing in NYC,  
photo by Joe Chapman

# MIKE STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD

**Applications for Helpmann Academy's Mike Stewart Memorial Award are now open. Presented in partnership with Jazz SA and valued at \$10,000, the award will provide an outstanding early career jazz musician with opportunities to help establish themselves as a professional musician.**

The award is open to final year students and graduates within five years of their final year of study, from the Jazz Program at Elder Conservatorium of Music, The University of Adelaide. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in their work and a rigorous commitment to building a career as a professional jazz artist.

Applicants are encouraged to seek out and tailor projects that will provide invaluable opportunities for learning, skills development, or the resources for recording or touring; accelerating them towards their goal of a sustainable jazz career. Activities are to take place between 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.

The Mike Stewart Memorial Award has been established to honour the legacy of Adelaide Jazz

icon, Mike Stewart. Mike Stewart was an incredibly passionate musician, a fierce advocate for jazz and a dear friend of many in the South Australian jazz community.

*"The Mike Stewart Memorial Award allowed me to travel to New York for two months so I could receive lessons with Will Vinson. During this time I was also given the chance to partake in a life-changing lesson with vocalist Dominique Eade in Boston. Not only was I able to continue working on my craft in a city where Jazz thrives, I was able to watch my musical heroes perform right in front of my eyes, while also being fortunate enough to present my original music on four occasions as a bandleader."*

Chelsea Lee Smart, recipient of the 2017 Mike Stewart Memorial Award

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 16 AUGUST AT 11:59PM ACST**

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