

Three Queensland artists have been awarded Creative Fellowships worth \$40,000 at a ceremony at Parliament House.

New Farm artist Jennifer Fraser, Carina artist Simon Mee and Ascot playwright and actor Bille Brown will now develop three diverse projects capturing unique aspects of Queensland's history and culture.

Jennifer Fraser received a New Media Fellowship. She will draw on her Aboriginal heritage to create a multi-media installation to tell the stories of her ancestors who were relocated to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the late 1800s. Jennifer's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally in Mexico and she has also received critical acclaim for globalising Indigenous art.

Simon Mee was awarded a Visual Arts Fellowship. Through his work, entitled Suburban Sweet, he will explore the themes of community, humanity and art using suburban symbols. Simon has a Master of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Visual Arts and has held numerous exhibitions.

Bille Brown is an internationally renowned stage and film actor and writer who received a Creative Writing Fellowship. Bille will write a new play with the working title The School of the Arts, set against the political backdrop of 1967 at a theatre Company in Far North Queensland.



2004 Queensland Creative Fellowship recipients - Billie Brown, Jennifer Fraser and Simon Mee.



Minister for the Arts Anna Bligh with university representatives Prof. Tom Cochrane, Deputy Vice Chancellor, QUT, Prof. Glyn Davis, Vice Chancellor, GU and Associate Prof. Richard Fotheringham, Head of English, Media Studies & Art History, UQ.

Bille has an impressive professional background that spans from theatre on Broadway and London's West End to appearances in numerous films including The Man Who Sued God, The Dish, and Oscar and Lucinda. He also writes and directs for theatre including the 2002 hit Bill and Mary.

The Creative Fellowships are a joint initiative between Arts Queensland, Griffith University, The Queensland University of Technology and The University of Queensland.