



Knight on Charger / *Nickolaus Seffrin*

**“Bold, inspired leader,
on whose tide, all our souls rise -
her love fills our sails.”**

“Judith is inspiring, generous, wise.”

Lowanna / about Judith

**JUDITH
MCLEAN**

PROFESSOR JUDITH MCLEAN

Judith is Chair of Arts Education at the Queensland University of Technology and Scholar In Residence at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre. The role is a unique collaboration between the two entities, created to inspire and build points of connection in arts learning within arts and non-arts institutions and communities across Australia and internationally.

Judith co-designed with Kevin Du Preez (Australia Council) and currently leads the Australia Council's Senior Leaders' Program, a twelve-month initiative building individual and organisational capacity across the Indo Pacific. In 2017 Judith and her team won the prestigious Creative Leadership Program Award for work with Queensland Health. Judith's areas of expertise include arts practice, brain-based learning, developmental and psychoanalytical theory, leadership studies and adult learning.

As a leader Judith has a clear vision that societal health and vibrancy depend upon the strength of public voices. The arts are a powerful vehicle offering communities opportunities to discuss and debate values and behaviours that create civil societies. Through her passion and clear communication style, Judith inspires stakeholders to be a part of this vision.

Her Board responsibilities have included: Company Director, Major Performing Arts (MPA) Panel Australia Council (2018-2020); Chair Dancenorth (2018 -); Queensland Tourism and Events (2009- 2018); Company Director, Asia Pacific Screen Awards (ASPA) (2009- 2012); Inaugural Chair Major Brisbane Festival (2003-2007); Chair, Queensland Theatre Company (2000-2003); Chair, Queensland Minister for Justice and the Arts Cultural Advisory Council (1999-2002); Member, Theatre Board & Promoting the Value of the Arts (PVA) Strategy, Australia Council (2000-2002); Member, Steering Committee, Review of the Program of Assistance - QLD Parliamentary Inquiry (2000).

Judith is accredited in The Leadership Circle (TLC) Profile Certification.

SPECIALTIES

Creative leadership
Facilitation
Strategic planning
Organisational change
Coaching

“Professor Judith McLean is an internationally recognised facilitator and coach due to her experience and expertise in the fields of Arts, Education, Governance and Business. Possessing experience in these fields places Judith in a unique and powerful position to coach leaders and teams across a wide range of areas. Judith's ability to bring diverse groups together, challenge them, make them think critically and creatively and to develop transformational outcomes is the work of a master facilitator.”

*Dr John Nicholas Saunders
Director of Education & Community Partnerships / Sydney Theatre Company*

“Through the Arts Leaders Program, working with Judith has been transformational. She brings together knowledge and experience in leadership, arts & culture and psychology into a mind-blowing union, which unlocks the potential trapped within those that she coaches and provides new fuel for the journey of change-making. Working with Judith has been the single-most impactful year of my working life – she has a remarkable ability to ask exactly the right questions to elicit deep self-reflection leading, ultimately, to positive change.”

James Lockyer / Director Finance / Arts Centre Melbourne

“Judith is among the most dedicated, energetic, passionate and dynamic facilitators I have ever met. She is incredibly insightful, performing her work with uncompromising integrity. Every session was a blessing, both enlightening and enriching. Most importantly, the love and care she delivered is priceless.”

*Tan E Jan / Creative Producer + Co-Founder of Toccatto Studio
CEO of INXO Arts and Culture Foundation / Malaysia*

“Judith has made a profound impact in my life as a mentor, guide, colleague and inspirational influence. Our paths have crossed in a range of professional situations including the Australia Council's Leadership programs where I have observed Judith energise, challenge and encourage participants with exercises informed by high-level leadership experience and cultural knowledge, deep intellectual engagement and the highest levels of ethical integrity.”

*Lindy Hume / Artistic Director
Ten Days on the Island / May 10, 2020*

TESTIMONIALS