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New Director for Newtown Festival 2016

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Newtown Neighbourhood Centre has engaged Newtown local and accomplished event director and producer Gill Minervini to direct the Newtown Festival in 2016.

Building on a proud history, Newtown Festival showcases the best local and national music, arts, entertainment, food and education, providing an annual celebration of the community.

Liz Yeo, CEO of NNC said, “for over 38 years Newtown Festival has been a unique celebration of community and creativity. The Festival is in good hands with Gill and the community can be confident that it will continue to reflect the Newtown Vibe – vibrant, open, weird and safe.”

Gill comes with 30 years experience in event direction, including 15 years as the Creative Director of Events for the City of Sydney. She has directed many large scale outdoor events including Sydney Chinese New Year, Art and About Sydney, Barangaroo Reserve opening and Winter Feast for MONA in Hobart.

“I am passionate about empowering communities through creativity and am excited about the opportunity to build on an event in my own community,” Gill said.

As a result, we can expect to see some exciting additions to the Festival.

“Newtown is a place close to many of our hearts and I’d like to ensure there is something at the Festival for us all. We want to celebrate the incredible creativity, diversity and uniqueness of our great community and explore some new ways to express this with the Festival.” Gill said.

About Newtown Festival

Newtown Festival is held on the second Sunday in November and around 80,000 people attend. It is a major fundraiser for Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. Money raised supports our work to protect the Newtown Vibe and the First Response Program – providing people at risk of homelessness with some hope and a concrete plan to find more secure housing. www.newtownfestival.org

About NNC

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre exists to create a more inclusive, resilient, vibrant and self-reliant community. We are a not-for-profit incorporated association serving Sydney’s inner western suburbs. Our vision is to achieve a just community that includes and acts. www.newtowncentre.org

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