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[The Intercultural Connections Initiative \(ICI\)](#), through its Arts Education and Outreach Committee, is proud to announce the launch of a new international funding programme dedicated to supporting emerging artists with the potential to develop global touring and performance careers.

Rooted in ICI's long-standing commitment to cultural exchange, education, and artistic mobility, this initiative is designed to identify and empower the next generation of creatives whose work demonstrates both artistic excellence and the capacity to engage across borders.

The fund will provide selected artists with financial support, professional development opportunities, and international platform access — particularly within ICI's global ecosystem, including Chinese Culture Week (CCW), international touring networks, and cross-cultural collaboration programmes.

A Platform for Global Artistic Futures

This funding initiative is not merely a grant, but a pathway.

Recipients will gain access to:

- Opportunities to present work at leading international festivals, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe through CCW
- Mentorship and industry guidance across production, touring, and cultural positioning
- Support in international communications, audience development, and press exposure



Integration into a growing global network of artists, producers, and cultural institutions

By combining funding with structural support, ICI aims to bridge the gap between emerging talent and the global stage — enabling artists not only to create, but to travel, connect, and sustain international careers.

Investing in the Next Generation of Cultural Exchange

At a time when cultural dialogue is more vital than ever, this initiative reflects ICI's belief that artists are among the most powerful agents of connection. Through their work, they carry stories, identities, and perspectives across borders — fostering understanding in ways that transcend language and geography.

This fund places particular emphasis on artists whose practices engage with themes of cross-cultural identity, heritage, innovation, and contemporary global narratives.

About ICI

The Intercultural Connections Initiative (ICI) is an international cultural organisation dedicated to fostering dialogue between China and the world through the arts. Its flagship platform, Chinese Culture Week (CCW), has become a leading presence at major global festivals, presenting a dynamic programme of performance, exhibition, and cultural exchange.

Through its expanding ecosystem — spanning international touring, awards, education, and creative incubation — ICI continues to build pathways for artists to move beyond borders and into meaningful global engagement.

A Statement from ICI Arts Education and Outreach Committee

“We believe that talent should not be limited by geography. This fund is our commitment to discovering voices that deserve to be heard globally — and ensuring they are given the means, the platform, and the support to do so.”

Looking Ahead

Applications for the fund will open soon, with further details to be announced through ICI's official channels.

As ICI continues to expand its international presence, this initiative marks a significant step toward building a more connected, inclusive, and artist-driven global cultural landscape.

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