

Hi Kevin and Friends of the Academy,

I just wanted to write to you to thank you again for your kind grant which assisted me in getting to the Asia Pacific Bond conference.

Not only did it give me a chance to perform a piece, and present a paper, it allowed me to see an incredible range of theatre being made by our neighbours in Asia. Witnessing the performances of traditional and modern theatre coming out of young makers in Asia was incredibly inspirational and will inevitably inform my own practice.

Additionally, as I am in my postgraduate journey and hope to eventually lecture and teach, it was hugely beneficial to me to converse with teachers from schools in Australia and Asia, and get a greater understanding of theatre and acting pedagogy in our region. I was also able to make some great contacts, and hope to visit them in the future to learn more about what they are doing.

Thank you so much for your generosity. As a new father and full time student, this grant absolutely made this trip a possibility, where before it might not have been.

Kind Regards
Michael Abercromby