

SYDNEY WRITERS'



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THURSDAY 22 MAY

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10-11AM



MARKUS ZUSAK:
THREE WILD DOGS
AND THE TRUTH

Twenty years after his international sensation *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak turns to non-fiction. Listen as Markus extols on love and human-animal connection in his memoir about his three big pound dogs. In conversation with Richard Glover.

12-1PM



GINA CHICK:
WE ARE THE STARS

Hear *Alone Australia* winner Gina Chick regale you with stories of her extraordinary life, from her unconventional childhood to deep links with nature as an adult. With host TK.

2-3PM



DAVID NICHOLLS:
YOU ARE HERE

Travel the winding road of love through first encounters and second chances with bestselling novelist and screenwriter David Nicholls, in conversation with Jennifer Byrne on his latest love story.

4-5PM



THOMAS MAYO
CLARE WRIGHT:
PAST AND FUTURE
OF INDIGENOUS
RECOGNITION

Respected Indigenous leader Thomas Mayo and historian Clare Wright reflect on the history of First Nations movements for change in Australia and look at next steps. With Lorena Allam.

6-7PM



KALIANE BRADLEY:
THE MINISTRY OF TIME

Question what it means to change the world by defying history with Kalliane Bradley's bestselling debut, which blends time travel, romance and spy thriller. With host Melanie Kembrey.

8-9PM



RUMAAN ALAM
ROBBIE ARNOTT
SAMANTHA HARVEY
TORREY PETERS:
STATE OF THE ART:
THE NOVEL

Join esteemed novelists Rumaan Alam, Robbie Arnott, Samantha Harvey and Torrey Peters as they discuss the state of the novel with host ABC Radio National's Kate Evans (*The Bookshelf*).



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**LIANE MORIARTY
NICOLA MORIARTY
JACLYN MORIARTY:
*THE MORIARTY SISTERS***

Join the Moriarty sisters, Jaclyn, Liane and Nicola, as they discuss their career beginnings, different publishing paths and many successes with writer and broadcaster Sarah Macdonald.

12-1PM

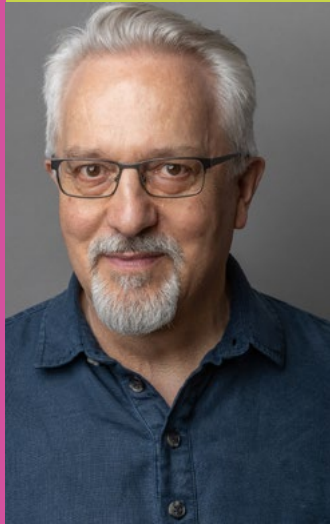


**HELEN GARNER:
*THE SEASON***

Hear iconic Australian writer Helen Garner's reflections on football and the cycles of life in *The Season*, her first full-length book in a decade. In conversation with David Leser.



2-3PM



**ALAN HOLLINGHURST:
*OUR EVENINGS***

Hear Alan Hollinghurst discuss his seventh novel, a rich and pleasurable account of a lifetime in modern England and the search for identity. In conversation with Georgina Godwin.

4-5PM



**COLM TÓIBÍN:
*FROM BROOKLYN TO
LONG ISLAND***

Hear how Laureate of Irish Fiction Colm Tóibín returned to the Lacey family of international bestseller *Brooklyn* with the long-awaited sequel, set 20 years after Rose's death. With ABC Radio National's Kate Evans.

6-7PM



**KATE MCCLYMONT
SHANKARI CHANDRAN
IAN RANKIN:
*UNTRUE CRIME***

Novelist Shankari Chandran, investigative journalist Kate McClymont and Diamond Dagger Award winner Ian Rankin discuss the line between fact and fiction in the stories they tell about crime. With host Matthew Condon.



SATURDAY 24 MAY

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10-11AM



**NADINE INGRAM
NATALIE PAULL
KATE REID:
*BAKERS' DELIGHT***

With host Jennifer Wong, get special insight into the art and industry of baking from the queens of Australian pastry, Flour and Stone's Nadine Ingram, Beatrix Bakes' Natalie Paull and Lune Croissanterie's Kate Reid.



12-1PM



**A.C. GRAYLING ON
*CANCEL CULTURE***

Philosopher A.C. Grayling traces 'cancel culture' back to the ancient Greeks and tries to find a middle ground among the incendiary debates flamed by contemporary culture wars.



2-3PM



**BEN MACINTYRE:
*THE SIEGE***

Ben Macintyre discusses his definitive account of the 1980 Iranian embassy siege in London which put the SAS on the world stage. With Richard Fidler.



4-5PM



**IAN RANKIN:
*MASTER OF CRIME***

Following the latest instalment of the Inspector Rebus series, Ian Rankin reflects on his career as an international bestselling author and the UK's #1 crime writer. With Michael Williams.

5.30-6.30PM



***WANDERING WILD*
WITH LYNETTE NONI**

Lynette Noni is the bestselling and award-winning author of *The Prison Healer* series, *The Medoran Chronicles*, and the *Whisper* duology. She appears in conversation with Alex Adsett to discuss her latest novel, *Wandering Wild*.

7.30-8.30PM



**ASAKO YUZUKI:
*BUTTER***

Join Asako Yuzuki as she talks about her international bestseller *Butter* and the transgressive pleasures of food, in a live translated event with Carody Culver.



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SUNDAY 25 MAY

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10-11AM



**PETER BEINART
NICK BRYANT
EMMA SHORTIS:
TRUMPOCALYPSE NOW**

Listen in as experts on US politics Peter Beinart, Nick Bryant and Emma Shortis unpack Trump's first months in office and what to expect over the next four years. With host Barrie Cassidy.



12-1PM



**THE HOT MESS SHOW
WITH JEFF KINNEY**

Join *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* author Jeff Kinney for wild on-stage antics. Celebrate the latest Wimpy Kid book while satisfying your craving for family fun!

2-3PM



**COLM TÓIBÍN
CHARLOTTE WOOD:
MAKING A WRITER**

Prominent writers Colm Tóibín and Charlotte Wood discuss how they became writers and what Ireland and Australia's literary culture means to them. With host Michael Williams.

3.30-4.30PM



**JACK BEAUMONT
BEN MACINTYRE:
SPIES, LIES AND
SECRETS**

Join Jack Beaumont and Ben Macintyre as they lead you into the reality of espionage and intrigue, in conversation with Matthew Condon.

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TICKETS

Single/Bonus Session Ticket

\$13.00 Adult
 \$8.50 Glasshouse Member
 \$8.50 Library Member
 \$10.00 Concession

Day Pass

A Day Pass includes the first four sessions scheduled on each day:

Thu, Fri and Sat: 10am, 12pm, 2pm & 4pm

Sun: 10am, 12pm, 2pm & 3.30pm

\$46.00 Adult
 \$28.00 Glasshouse Member
 \$28.00 Library Member
 \$34.00 Concession

Festival Pass

Access to all 21 sessions including 5 bonus sessions*

\$126.00 for Glasshouse & Library Members

*Number of sessions at discretion of SWF and subject to variation and possible cancellations.

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The Festival Program is subject to change at short notice. This is at the discretion of the Festival Director and can be attributed to a change in personal circumstances for guest authors and presenters. Where enough notice is provided to the venue, we will make contact to advise of any amendments.

Transaction fees may apply



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SHOWS WE THINK YOU WILL LOVE!

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THEATRE PROGRAM

Scenes from the Climate Era

Saturday 14 June, 7.30pm

Monday 16 June, 11am



**Life, love and
making money,
as things heat up**

MZAZA The Birth and Death of Stars

Sunday 20 July, 3pm



**An exhilarating
musical odyssey,
mesmerising
vocals, electrifying
live music and
innovative animated
projections**

Lumières De Paris [Lights of Paris]

Friday 5 September, 11am



**Operetta,
musicals and
French variety;
a carousel of
songs with 'The
City of Lights'
as a backdrop**