

Melbourne Conversations

Melbourne Indigenous Art Festival

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Indigenous Writers Talks

Melbourne's own Yorta Yorta woman, Kylie Belling, hosts some of Australia's most talented story tellers at this session. Contemporary poets, songwriters, rappers, playwrights, scriptwriters and novelists will read, perform and talk about their work. The talks celebrate Indigenous writing and the legacy and tradition of David Unaipon, Kevin Gilbert, Oodgeroo Noonuccal. Writers will discuss "Who do Indigenous writers write for? How do contemporary Indigenous writers move between the oral tradition and the written word?"

Date: Saturday 11 February 2012
Time: 11.00am to 2.00pm
Venue: BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne

11.00 Poets - Tony Birch, Robbie Thorpe, Kim Walker and John Harding

12.00 Rappers - Tjimba Possum-Burns & Patrick Mau (Maupower)

12.30 Writers Panel - Larissa Behrendt, Tony Briggs, Richard Frankland, Patrick Mau and Tjimba Possum-Burns.
Moderated by John Harding

Indigenous Visual Artists Talks

Join the conversation as contemporary Indigenous artists discuss arts practice and the Blak experience. The sessions explore various media, ideas and concerns and examine the nature and impact of politically charged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual art.

Date: Sunday 12 February 2012
Time: 11.00am to 2.00pm. Entry from 10.30am
Venue: BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne

11.00 Rights and Protocols –Daniel Browning and Terri Janke

11.30 Birrarung Wilam (River Camp) - Liz Liddle, Vicky Couzens and Lee Darroch.

12.00 Laneway Commissions 2011 Artists – Tony Birch, Derek Smith, Destiny Deacon, Yhonnie Scarce, John Harding, and Steaphan Paton.

1.00 proppaNOW Artists - Kim Kruger will Vernon AhKee, Richard Bell and Laurie Nilson.

Information about the Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival 2012

The inaugural Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival celebrates Melbourne's rich culture from an exclusively Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective. Delve into Indigenous culture and its influence on the present and future, through a range of art forms.

Join music greats Dan Sultan, Casey Donovan, Archie Roach, Troy Casser-Daley and more, as they take to the stage over three days of free celebration. More than music, the festival hosts a diversity of arts experiences for all ages. Visit the Koori market at the Atrium, be moved by theatre and experience traditional and contemporary dance at Birrarung Marr. Watch the best of black screen at ACMI with Blak Nite Cinema, join the conversation at a public forum, take a stroll through the Indigenous Laneway Commissions and visit Melbourne's City Gallery.

There is something for everyone. Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival, celebrating Melbourne's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture with 3 days of FREE Indigenous theatre, music, writing, visual arts, film, cabaret, dance, and more.

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