

SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL – LIVE & LOCAL WRITER PROFILES

Be part of Live & Local, streamed live by Sydney Writers' Festival and delivered locally by Norfolk Island Regional Council in the Supper Room of Rawson Hall on Friday 30 April, Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 May, 2021.

The sessions will be FREE for the community to attend.



FRIDAY APRIL 30

11-12 Barrie Cassidy & Friends: Biden's America

Evan Osnos, author of *Joe Biden*, appears live via video to discuss the Biden presidency with Barrie Cassidy. Barrie is then joined by a panel of experts to talk about an America under pressure.

1-2pm Are You There, Sydney? It's Me, Judy Blume

Judy Blume, the prolific author of irreverent and celebrated books for young and old readers alike, appears live via video to discuss her storied career with Sophie Black.

3-4pm But Not Forgotten

Four Festival guests reflect on the powerful work of four writers taken from us in the past year. Featuring Michelle de Kretser, Kerry O'Brien, Michael Robotham and Sally Warhaft.

5-6pm The Larrikin Lie

We like to think we're a larrikin-loving country, but our panel – David Marr, Patricia Cornelius and Rebecca Huntley – separates truth from myth with ABC's Laura Tingle as they explore our compliant, obedient, authority-loving ways.

SATURDAY MAY 1

11-12 Barrie Cassidy & Friends: Opposition and Dissent

Former senator Scott Ludlam discusses his new book Full Circle with Barrie Cassidy, exploring new approaches to political and environmental change. Barrie and Scott are then joined by a panel of experts to discuss dissent, opposition and protest.

1-2pm Isabel Wilkerson: Caste – The Lies That Divide Us

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of Caste, Isabel Wilkerson, appears live via video to discuss her internationally bestselling study of the powerful and unspoken social hierarchy that shapes our lives.

3-4pm Sarah Krasnostein & Helen Garner

In a very special conversation, author of The Trauma Cleaner Sarah Krasnostein discusses her new book, The Believer, a deftly drawn enquiry into the power of belief, with Helen Garner.

5-6pm Richard Flanagan & Laura Tingle

Richard Flanagan's latest book The Living Sea of Waking Dreams offers a tender, haunting portrait of a world disappearing around us. With ABC's Laura Tingle, he reflects on capturing in words the things we're losing.

SUNDAY MAY 2

11-12 Barrie Cassidy & Friends: The Canberra Bubble

Barrie Cassidy interviews political academic and journalist Peter van Onselen about his new biography of Scott Morrison, before being joined by a panel of experts to explore what insights political biographies offer into Canberra.

1-2pm George Miller: Beyond Thunderdome

George Miller is a legend of cinema. From Mad Max to Babe to the recent triumph of Fury Road (with a Happy Feet or two along the way), it's hard to think of a more revolutionary creative figure in Australia today.

3-4pm Jan Fran & Judith Lucy

Walkley Award-winning reporter Jan Fran and much-loved comedian Judith Lucy (Turns Out, I'm Fine) talk about humour and memoir, coping and not coping, and what it means to be fine.

5-6pm Great Adaptations: Margaret and David Return

Margaret Pomeranz and David Stratton, Australia's favourite film critics, reunite on stage to debate the best and worst movie adaptations of Australian books.

For more information, or details about the scheduled sessions, please email rose.evans@nirc.gov.nf

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