



MEDIA RELEASE

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Unmissable conversations about resilience, justice and human rights feature in Wheeler Centre's upcoming program

The Wheeler Centre today announced 14 new events for 2023 with headline speakers including Iranian-born human rights activist and actor Nazanin Boniadi, refugee advocate and award-winning writer Behrouz Boochani, iconic Australian actor Bryan Brown, acclaimed writer André Dao, award-winning novelist Richard Flanagan and American indie music darling Caroline Polachek.

The final months of 2023 at the Wheeler Centre include in-conversations, lectures, album launches, book awards and writing workshops running from 31 October to 10 December at key venues including The Wheeler Centre, The Capitol and The Moat.

Wheeler Centre CEO Erin Vincent says: 'The Wheeler Centre is proud to connect audiences with these big thinkers who will speak about some of the critical issues facing the world today. Join us as we explore resilience, human rights and justice, and are reminded of the importance of discussion, writing and ideas.'

Upcoming Wheeler Centre events

- Human rights advocate, 2023 Sydney Peace Prize recipient and star of Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power, Nazanin Boniadi will speak on human rights in Iran;
- Acting legend Bryan Brown will discuss his new rural crime novel The Drowning;
- Booker Prize-winning writer Richard Flanagan will explore his hotly anticipated new work Question 7;
- Writer Dan Box, Gunai/Kurnai author Veronica Gorrie and lawyer Isabelle Reinecke will analyse how to overcome structural barriers to justice;
- Kurdish-Iranian journalist Behrouz Boochani, Australian academic Kylie Moore-Gilbert and journalist Karen Percy will speak about press and writing freedoms for PEN International's Day of the Imprisoned Writer;
- Ukrainian artists, writers and experts Yana Mokhonchuk, Olga Boichak and Galyna Piskorska will discuss the resilience of the Ukrainian community in the face of the ongoing invasion in an event curated by writer Maria Tumarkin;
- Amanda McKenzie, CEO of the Climate Council, and Gidon Bromberg from environmental group EcoPeace Middle East will consider the urgent need for a collective global response to climate change;
- Anam author André Dao will reflect on Australian literature and publishing as part of the annual Writers Victoria State of the (Writing) Nation address;
- US songwriter, singer and producer Caroline Polachek will discuss her varied career and the future of pop;
- Teen writers, artists and creatives come together for a celebratory storytelling evening at the Teen Gala 2023.

Explore the full calendar of events at wheelercentre.com

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