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brisbane writers festival
9 - 13 September 2009

PROGRAM NEWS

The program is nearly complete and headed to the printing press for your reading pleasure!

Keep an eye out for *The Weekend Australian* on 1 - 2 August, and our [website](#), to pick and choose who you will see at the 2009 Brisbane Writers Festival.

FEATURED AUTHORS



M. J. Hyland (United Kingdom) *This is How*

M. J. Hyland's latest book, *This Is How* is a mesmerising and meticulously drawn portrait of a man whose unease in the world leads to his tragic undoing. With breathtaking wisdom and an astute insight into the human mind, award-winning M.J. Hyland's new book is a masterpiece that inspires horror and sympathy in equal measure. Hyland currently lives in Manchester, England, where she is a Lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of

Manchester.

W: www.mjhyland.com

Dominic Knight (Sydney) *Disco Boy*



Dominic Knight is one of the founders of The Chaser comedy group, and writes for ABC-TV's The Chaser's War on Everything. His first novel *Disco Boy*, is either a highly original and cleverly observed work of fiction, or a thinly veiled whinge about his own life. You decide.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Dominic will also be joined by Chaser team member Chris Taylor to do a Chaser style *in conversation* with hilarious festival guests covering everything from the earnest to the outrageous.

W: www.domknight.com

**COMMUNITY PARTNER
THE SMITH FAMILY**



everyone's family

Brisbane Writers Festival is delighted and proud to announce our first and only official Community Partner is The Smith Family, an independent non profit organisation which strongly believes in the power of literacy to break down the barriers that prevent disadvantaged children from fully participating in society. We look forward to building upon the partnership during the next three years creating synergistic opportunities through

Word Play, our Youth Literature Program.

As research has shown, supporting children's education and learning is one of the most effective means of breaking the cycle of disadvantage and ensuring all children have the same opportunity to realise their potential. So that's why today The Smith Family's work is focused on helping disadvantaged children get the most out of their education, so they can go on to make the best of their lives.

More than 27,000 disadvantaged children and young people across Australia, including 6,400 right here in Queensland, are accessing its comprehensive Learning for Life programs, including emergent literacy and numeracy programs for their early years, and as they grow up, comprehension, digital, financial, health and emotional literacy programs, so they can develop the skills they need for their journey through life. The organisation enables these programs through mentoring, tutoring and learning clubs, and through a financial scholarship, which assists disadvantaged families with the costs of their child's essential school expenses such as uniforms, books and excursions.

The Smith Family's work is made possible through a network of partnerships with individuals and organisations, all working towards a vision of a more caring and cohesive Australia.

For more information on The Smith Family and how you can support a disadvantaged child's education, check out the non-profit's website at www.thesmithfamily.com.au, or phone 1800 633 622.

DONATIONS



Thank you to everyone who donated during the June donations drive!

Any and all donations help us make this year's festival the most diverse, dynamic and enjoyable yet.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and any donations over \$50 will be acknowledged in the program in *The Weekend Australian* and on our website.

The donation drive may be finished, but donations are always welcome and much appreciated!

[DONATE NOW](#)

MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to announce that we are now able to accept membership applications online! If you would like to become one of our valued members, simply [click here](#) and choose the big



yellow "Become a Member" button.

Last month, 5 lucky members each won a double pass to the movie DISGRACE thanks to Icon Movies.

This month we are proud to say that the Queensland Music Festival is offering one lucky BWF member the chance to win two (2) A-Reserve tickets to Presidentsland. If you are one of our valued members simply email your name, address and phone number to info@brisbanewritersfestival.com.au. Entries close 20 July 2009.

You too could become a member and go into the draw to win lots of wonderful prizes, such as movie tickets and other great give-aways.

For more information on membership benefits, [Click here.](#)

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the volunteers who have already offered their assistance at the Festival this



year.

Positions are still available as:

- Youth Literature Program Assistant
- Development Coordinator/Assistant
- Venue/Stage Manager
- Volunteers Coordinator Assistant
- Front of House

Positions are filling up fast so register your interest now by emailing [Jennifer Eggleton](#).

If you would like to become a volunteer at the 2009 Brisbane Writers Festival, simply [Click here](#).

For more information on volunteer roles, [Click here](#).

IN OTHER NEWS AROUND BRISBANE

Queensland Music Festival PRESIDENTSLAND

In *Presidentsland*, music, words and ideas have been shaken and stirred for a vision



of Queensland's future.

Presidentsland features works by experimental jazz genius **Paul Grabowsky**; **Paul Keating's** speech writer, **Don Watson**; Clocked Out Duo's **Erik Griswold**; poet and librettist **Rodney Hall**; novelist **Venero Armanno**; and **Ed Kuepper**, founder and guitarist of Brisbane's seminal punk outfit, The Saints. Performances by Rodney Hall; Kransky Sisters' **Annie Lee**; and Brisbane chanteuse **Alison St Ledger**, who will accompany **Ed Kuepper on vocals** and his rock band on keyboard, bass and drums.

Wed 29 July 8pm

City Hall

Tickets: Full \$38 - \$58 / Concession \$28 - \$48

Bookings: Qtix on 136 246 or visit www.qmf.org.au

For more information about the Queensland Music Festival please visit www.qmf.org.au

St. George Bank Brisbane International Film Festival 30 July 09 August

Check out the latest and best in world cinema, documentaries, experimental work, late-



night thrillers and much more!

Featuring classic **Age of Consent** (1969), a robustly entertaining adaptation of a Norman Lindsay novel (with significant modification), set mainly on picturesque Dunk Island in the Great Barrier Reef. Starring the suave and urbane James Mason and introduced stage actor Helen Mirren.



Also featuring Robert Connolly's **Balibo**, based on a book by Jill

Jolliffe.

When Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975, five young newsmen working for Australian television were caught in the crossfire. This powerful and suspenseful political thriller re-

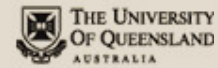
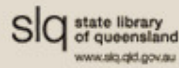
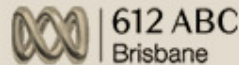
creates the events surrounding their shooting by Indonesian soldiers on 16 October, intercutting them with the story of an older journalist, Roger East, subsequently invited to East Timor by Jos Ramos-Horta to uncover the truth behind their deaths.

Giveaway! Thanks to St.George Bank BIFF, you have the chance to win a double pass to attend the session of your choice* To enter simply email your name, address and phone number to info@brisbanewritersfestival.com.au. Entries close 20 July 2009

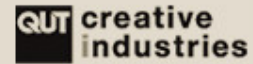
Tickets on sale this Friday 10 July from
www.stgeorgebiff.com.au

**Excludes Opening Night, Gala, Showcase and Closing Night sessions.*

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