

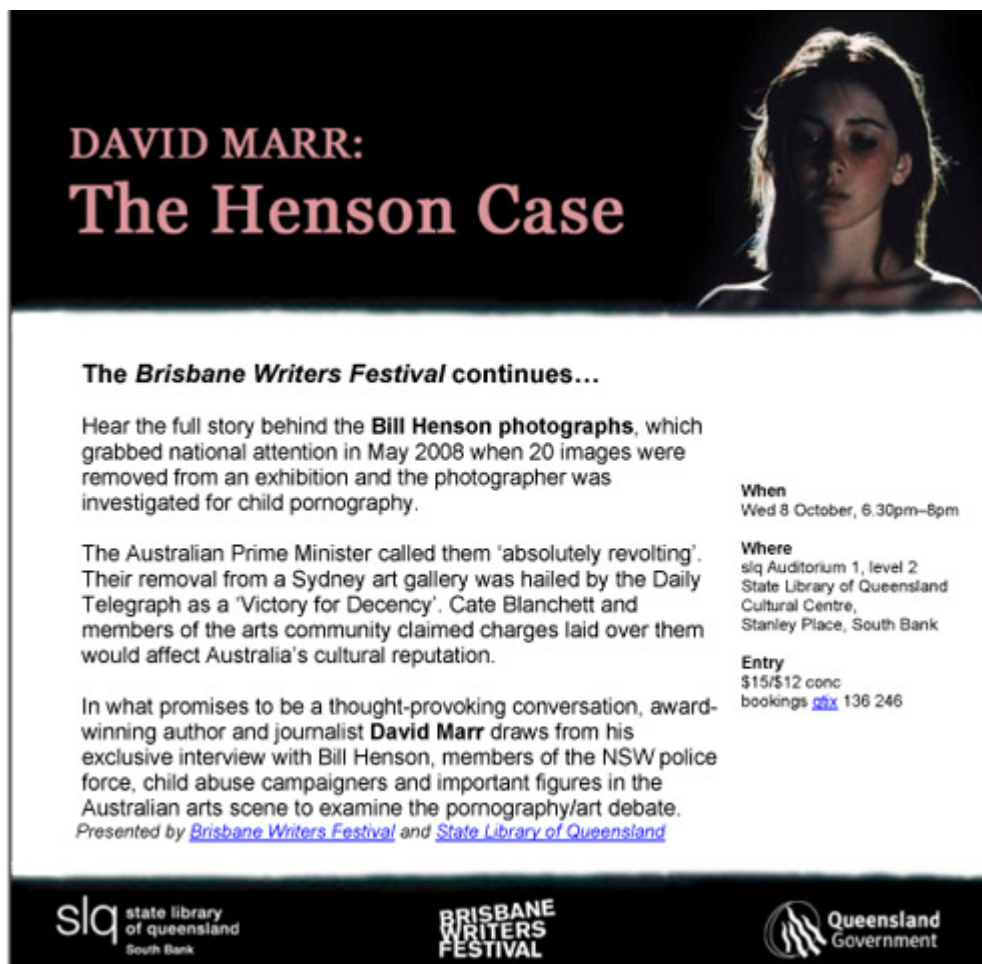
E-news October 6th:

As the 2008 festival finally draws to a close we celebrate all aspects of the festival that have taken place over the last month.

Once again we would like to thank all of our wonderful writers, volunteers and partners- both government and corporate - and lastly you, for being so generous in your enthusiasm for what we have had to offer. Although withdrawal symptoms may surface, we have immediate relief as many of our fantastic sessions are available for download and to be enjoyed over and over again. For more information and the links- see below.

And so we arrive at our final session- and what a riveting session it is. Join in the great debate as David Marr discusses The Henson Case; one of the most divisive and controversial in both the arts world and the broader community...

The Final Bookend Event!



**DAVID MARR:
The Henson Case**

The Brisbane Writers Festival continues...

Hear the full story behind the **Bill Henson photographs**, which grabbed national attention in May 2008 when 20 images were removed from an exhibition and the photographer was investigated for child pornography.

The Australian Prime Minister called them 'absolutely revolting'. Their removal from a Sydney art gallery was hailed by the Daily Telegraph as a 'Victory for Decency'. Cate Blanchett and members of the arts community claimed charges laid over them would affect Australia's cultural reputation.

In what promises to be a thought-provoking conversation, award-winning author and journalist **David Marr** draws from his exclusive interview with Bill Henson, members of the NSW police force, child abuse campaigners and important figures in the Australian arts scene to examine the pornography/art debate.
Presented by [Brisbane Writers Festival](#) and [State Library of Queensland](#)

When
Wed 8 October, 6.30pm-8pm

Where
slq Auditorium 1, level 2
State Library of Queensland
Cultural Centre,
Stanley Place, South Bank

Entry
\$15/\$12 conc
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2008 Festival Highlights

With the 2008 Brisbane Writers Festival still resounding with the hum of success, we take a look back at the festival week with fondness and pride. A fantastic festival, wonderful participants and an even better crowd of reading enthusiasts have definitely made it festival to remember.

Because of this, it would be a crime not to let some of the great sessions fully take effect and be appreciated by all. Take a look online at our 2008 gallery on our website to re-live some great moments; you can also download the sensational opening night address by [Chris Abani](#), as well as [Ryan J-W Smith's](#) iambic pentameter of thanks to our fantastic partners.

Some of our sessions were also recorded live for ABC 12 Conversation Hour with **Richard Fidler** (left). To listen to these wonderful events, **click here**- and follow the prompts to download some of your favourite sessions to hear again or share with family and friends.



Membership!

If, for an unthinkable reason, you have not yet signed up to become a member of the Brisbane Writers Festival, then shame on you! With great benefits and special offers galore, membership of the festival is increasing year after year. To find out more [click here for more information](#) and to download a membership form.

A quick look at our gallery...

Keep an eye on [our website](#) for more photographs from the festival in the next few days!



Many thanks, until next time....

The Brisbane Writers Festival Team