

## AND THE NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR IS...

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The Brisbane Writers Festival Committee is delighted to announce the appointment of **Jane O'Hara** as Artistic Director.

*"Jane reflects the best of subtropical Queensland: unashamed pride in her home state accompanied by a healthy curiosity for all that lies beyond"* Jonathan Fulcher, Chair of the BWF Management Committee.

Jane O'Hara has spent many years with the Brisbane Writers Festival in various roles including the previous three years programming and producing Word Play, the program for young readers and writers. Most recently Jane has worked with the 2009 Ideas Festival to program and produce the sold out schools program Think Do Tank.



Under Jane's skilful programming, the Brisbane Writers Festival will continue to occupy a special place in the Brisbane psyche. The Brisbane Writers Festival has grown to be one of the 'must-do' Festivals for writers and readers alike.

*"I am thrilled to take on this role within Brisbane Writers Festival,"* says Jane, *"it is a wonderful opportunity to give back to a Festival that has been a companion to me for most of my adult life"*. Jane's relationship with Brisbane Writers Festival started as a fresh faced university student volunteering with Warana Youth Week in 1985.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Mark it in your diary, **TUESDAY 31st OF MARCH 2009** is the AGM. This is a very important date in the BWF calendar. All current members are encouraged to come and reflect on the festival past, preview the 2009 vision and vote on the Management Committee to steer BWF through the year.

Nominations are now available to view at the Merivale street office.

If you unable to attend you are encouraged to give your vote to another via proxy. [Download a proxy form here](#) and send it into the office via [fax](#), [e-mail](#) or [post](#).

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Thank you to everyone who kindly donated children's books for the Clayton Utz Lawyers & BWF women's refuge appeal. There was overwhelming response from readers, teachers, publishers and BWF supports, the office was transformed into a children's literature playground. The boxes are all packed up ready to be distributed to women's refuges around Brisbane and the greater Brisbane area. [View a list of all those who donated children's & young adult books.](#)



## SOUTHERN CROSS SOLOISTS

Southern Cross Soloists are celebrating the bond between music and the written word, and the fascinating interactions between the two. A series of three concerts have been curated by Artistic Director Paul Dean and leading Brisbane literary identity, Craig Munro. For more details please [download the PDF](#) or visit the [website](#), in the mean time, the details for concert one are:

**DATE:** Sunday 5 April 2009

**TIME:** 3:00pm

**WORDS:** David Malouf

**NARRATOR:** Eugene Gilledder

**MUSIC:** Satie, Ravel and Sutherland

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## LASTLY...WIN FILM TICKETS TO SEE ELEGY

To celebrate the release of the engaging new film *Elegy*, starring Ben Kingsley and Penelope Cruz and based on the Pulitzer Prize winning author Philip Roth's "The Dying Animal", Hopscotch Films are giving BWF subscribers the chance to win a complimentary double pass to the advance screenings on April 3, 4 and 5.

Directed by Isabel Coixet ("My Life Without Me") *Elegy* is a passionate, indelible love story between a celebrated New York college professor and a young Cuban-born woman yet, at the same time, a complex, intelligent and unflinchingly honest meditation on lust, mortality, family, male friendship, intimacy and responsibility. The film has a real interest in adult ideas rarely seen in today's cinema, while remaining a powerful and moving dramatic work.



In cinemas April 9. [For your chance to win one of 50 double passes, click here.](#)

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That is all the news for now.  
Until next time,  
All the best,

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