



## ***join the BWF community!***

Did you know that [BWF members](#) are entitled to an exclusive **15% discount** on their first six Festival tickets purchased from 24 July through to 5 September? (Offer does not include masterclasses, workshops and BWF bookend events.)

By joining the BWF community, you are supporting a writers festival with a long, rich history (BWF will be 50 in 2012!) and sharing your love of reading, writing, books and ideas with like-minded enthusiasts from around Australia.

Become a [BWF member](#) today to take advantage of this special offer. Sign up before next **Thursday, 19 August** and go in the draw to win a Festival book!



Book your tickets through qtix. **Call 136 246.** (Offer not available with online bookings.)

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## ***Universal Writing***

With **29 amazing international writers** packed into this year's program, you will have discovered some intriguing new names alongside your favourites. Don't miss the following sensational writers on tour in Australia for Brisbane Writers Festival.

### ***E. C. Osondu***

Nigerian writer E. C. Osondu won the 2009 Caine Prize for African Writing. Known as the African Booker, the Caine Prize is a 10-year-old prize for a short story by an African writer published in English. His winning story, *Waiting*, which details the harrowing day-to-day realities of life in a refugee camp, was described as a "tour de force" by chair of judges Nana Yaa Mensah of the *New Statesman*. E.C. received his MFA from Syracuse University and currently teaches literature at Providence College in Rhode Island. His most recent book is *Voice Of America*.



Festival First Night speaker E. C. Osondu will also appear in conversation with **Alex Miller**, **Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor** and **Nadifa Mohamed** throughout the Festival. [Read more.](#)

## Ian Brown

Ian Brown is an award-winning Canadian features journalist and broadcaster, whose happily conventional life was interrupted, and changed immeasurably, by the birth of his second son Walker, who suffers from cardio-facio-cutaneous syndrome. His book, *The Boy in the Moon*, is both an account of the experience of raising a child with this impossibly rare genetic syndrome, and the story of a father's personal struggle to understand his son.



Ian will join writers including **Tom Jokinen**, **Ramona Koval** and **Jaspreet Singh** on stage at BWF.

[Read more.](#)

## Mian Mian

Shanghai prose and party queen Mian Mian explores the harsh realities of post-Mao material China in her books about wretched love affairs, hard drugs, promiscuous sex and suicide. Writing with unflinching honesty on topics that were until very recently taboo in her home country has earned her the reputation of China's literary wild child. Her first full-length novel, the semi-autobiographical *Candy*, remains officially blacklisted in China.



Mian Mian will discuss *Seed, Sex and Dirty Deeds* with **Jake Adelstein** and delve into *The World of New Media* with **John Birmingham** and **Fiona Crawford**. [Read more.](#)

## James P. Othmer

A former Creative Director of advertising giant Young & Rubicam NYC, James P. Othmer has spent more than twenty years in the US advertising industry. He is the author *Holy Water*, *The Futurist* and, most recently, *Adland: Searching for the Meaning of Life on a Branded Planet*. His short stories, essays and humour have appeared in *The Madison Review*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Sonora Review* and *The Virginia Quarterly Review*.



Don't miss James on stage with Richard Fidler, Joe Bageant and John Birmingham throughout the Festival.

[Read more.](#)

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## More workshops sold out!

Don't miss out on tickets to this year's workshops and masterclasses; three more workshops sold out this week: WS9 More Than An Idea with **Anna Krien**, WS15 Writing the Story of Your Life with **Carmel Bird** and WS18 Romance That Sells with **Anna Campbell** and **Christine Wells**.

Selling fast: WS4 Writing from Life with **Tiffany Murray**, WS11 The Music of Your Life with **Anna Goldsworthy** and WS13 An Intro to Crime Fiction Writing with **Garry Disher**.

And if you missed out on WS15 with Carmel, don't forget that there are still places available for her Sunday workshop of the same name (WS19 Writing the Story of Your Life).

[Read more.](#)

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## MoB: *Prejudice & Pride*

Museum of Brisbane goes behind the rainbow flag to present *Prejudice & Pride: Recognising the contribution of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities to Brisbane*. Discover ordinary and extraordinary lives, personal stories of intolerance and struggle and celebrate the important milestones and achievements of these diverse communities. Exhibition continues until 17 October.



Visit the [website](#) for more information.

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## Gen Y JACs it up

Environmental apathy, a lack of sex education and the attraction of Pentecostal religions are among the stories students have covered for JACdigital, the website for **University of Queensland** journalism students.

JACdigital showcases student work and encourages them to experiment with multimedia storytelling. Last semester third-year students wrote about Gen Y. The result is some interesting insights into the views of young adults on race, religion, taboos, religion, the environment, education and politics.



In August, [JACdigital](#) will feature video stories from the Brisbane Ekka.

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## BrisScience

BrisScience is Brisbane's free public science lecture series, featuring cutting edge science and brilliant communicators every month. Talks are free, open to the public and feature complimentary wine and cheese.



Say hello at BWF 2010 and join us for our next talk on September 25th! Visit the [website](#) for more information.

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## The Lindsays

Well-loved Australian characters from *The Magic Pudding*, *Dad and Dave* and the occasional Norman Lindsay nude are part of an exhibition opening at the State Library of Queensland on 14 August. *The Lindsays: artists, writers and publishers* features rare illustrations, artworks, original publications and family letters from Lindsay family including Norman, Lionel and Ruby profiling the State Library's Lindsay Collection of Pat Corrigan.



Free events include an opening weekend talk by Helen Glad, granddaughter of Norman Lindsay; and Curators Tours as part of Brisbane Writers Festival.

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We encourage all BWF fans to please forward this e-mail to friends, family and members of your community. New subscribers can sign up to our e-news [here](#).

Until next time,  
The BWF Team

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