

MEDIA RELEASE

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Artists celebrate David Malouf in exhibition at Museum of Brisbane

Museum of Brisbane is collaborating with one of Australia's most acclaimed authors, David Malouf, and five contemporary artists to create a new exhibition that will pay homage to the writer's work in his 80th year.

For *David Malouf and friends*, artists Anna Carey, Karla Marchesi, Noel McKenna, Bruce Reynolds and Camille Serisier will create works based on Malouf's quintessentially Australian texts. The famed author will respond to the artworks in writing featured in the exhibition.

The exhibition, which opens on 16 May, will feature illustrations, paintings, photography, installations and a stage-set inspired by Malouf's writings and his time growing up in Brisbane.

The artists will investigate themes including Australian motifs, Queensland's tropical climate and architecture, Malouf's family holidays at Scarborough and his involvement in the arts. Each work will see the artists embrace their Queensland identity and will demonstrate Malouf's great influence on countless artists across all art forms.

Originally from Brisbane, Malouf has lived and worked in England, Italy and Sydney where he has written prolifically since the 1970s. His award-winning works include nine novels, five non-fiction books, and several collections of poems, short stories and essays.

Museum of Brisbane Director Peter Denham said it was an honour to collaborate with one of Australia's best-loved authors and this group of talented artists.

"Generations of Australians have grown up with David's work and it is a privilege to work with him for our latest exhibition that celebrates his incredible contribution to Australian culture," Mr Denham said.

"This is a unique collaboration between David, a national literary icon, and five contemporary Australian artists. It is a significant exhibition for the Museum and one that all Australians will connect with."

David Malouf and friends will run until 23 November 2014. For more information visit museumofbrisbane.com.au.

Museum of Brisbane is open daily from 10am to 5pm on Level 3 of Brisbane City Hall. Free entry.

EVENTS

A substantial program of events will accompany the exhibition, including artist talks, workshops, panel discussions and appearances from David Malouf.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sun 18 May, 2pm

In conversation with David Malouf

David Malouf shares insights into his life and writing with ABC News Queensland presenter Karina Carvalho.

Sun 22 Jun, 2pm

Intersections: Art & Literature

Panel discussion with Museum of Brisbane Director Peter Denham, art dealer Bruce Heiser, Bronwyn Lea (University of Queensland), Gillian Whitlock (University of Queensland) and Suzy Wilson (Riverbend Books). Facilitated by 612 ABC Drive Presenter, Tim Cox.

Sun 27 Jul, 2pm

Exploring David Malouf and friends

Join David Malouf, the contributing artists and Museum of Brisbane Director and exhibition curator Peter Denham as they discuss the ideas and inspiration behind the exhibition.

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Sun 17 Aug, 2pm

Malouf's Brisbane

Brisbane authors Matthew Condon, Trent Dalton, Kristina Olsson, Nathan Shepherdson and Ellen Van Neerven discuss Malouf's enduring legacy on Brisbane's literary landscape.

Bookings recommended. Visit museumofbrisbane.com.au for the full program of events.

The *David Malouf and friends* events program is presented in partnership with Brisbane Writers Festival.

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