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Museum of Brisbane wins prestigious national award for *The Storytellers*

On 9 June, 2021, Museum of Brisbane was honoured with a MAGNA award for *The Storytellers*, Category: Temporary or Travelling Exhibition, Level 3 at the AMAGA national awards ceremony held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

Museum of Brisbane Chairman Sallyanne Atkinson AO, who accepted the award on behalf of the MoB Team, said that the award highlights the national recognition the Museum of Brisbane has achieved. “*The Storytellers* is an innovative exhibition that brings together writers and artists. The judges were impressed with the creativity of the MoB team”.

Renai Grace, CEO/Director of Museum of Brisbane said, “In a challenging year, we are extremely proud that Museum of Brisbane’s *The Storytellers* exhibition has been recognised with this prestigious national award.”

“*The Storytellers* provides different perspectives and a deeper, human interpretation of our city, while showcasing the work of Brisbane’s talented writers.”

“Over the decades, Brisbane has played host to conflict, celebration, scandal, disaster, ceremony and transformative moments.”

“*The Storytellers* is a must-do for any Brisbane resident or visitor, who wants to immerse themselves in the stories of those who have walked our streets, experienced triumph and tragedy and grown up in the city we call home.”

The Storytellers uncovers Brisbane’s histories, myths and tales through fact, fiction interpretation and creative narrative as told by nine of the city’s top wordsmiths.

Featuring stories by **Victoria Carless, Simon Cleary, Matthew Condon, Trent Dalton, Nick Earls, Benjamin Law, Hugh Lunn, Kate Morton and Ellen van Neerven**, *The Storytellers* reveals the layers of Brisbane’s history where you can interact with their stories through historical objects, artworks, moving image and sound. Listen to the authors reveal each story and discover Brisbane’s many identities.

Visitors can immerse themselves in a story book landscape of the city where they can relax around the kitchen table or take a seat at a tram stop to discover the personal, funny, inspiring and darker stories of Brisbane.

Highlights include first-person accounts from author **Nick Earls** who reminisces about renovating a neglected Queenslander in Red Hill and **Benjamin Law** who reflects on his family’s pilgrimages to Chinatown.

International bestseller **Kate Morton** looks back at 100 years of South Brisbane’s history with her new short fiction. *Boy Swallows Universe* author **Trent Dalton** takes visitors back to Boggo Road Gaol sharing the life of convicted murderer and repeated escapist Slim Halliday, and **Matthew Condon** dives into the city’s dark and seedy underbelly of crime, corruption and conflict.

The Storytellers is on now and running until late November 2021 at Museum of Brisbane, Level 3, City Hall. For more information visit museumofbrisbane.com.au

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Interview, photography and filming opportunities are available with Museum of Brisbane Chairman Sallyanne Atkinson AO, Museum of Brisbane Director Renai Grace and Curator Miranda Hine upon request.

About Museum of Brisbane

Housed within iconic Brisbane City Hall, Museum of Brisbane (MoB) celebrates the creatives and history makers to deepen an understanding of place. We reflect Brisbane's people and passions and its ever-evolving cultures.

Museum of Brisbane is Brisbane City Council's leading history and art museum, where you can experience our city's vibrant culture.

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