



## MARCH NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

### LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

The library will be closed on Labour Day – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. As with all public holidays, books can be downloaded during this time. Please speak to the library staff if you have any questions about downloading books.

### FAREWELL ROSE BLUSTEIN

In February we farewelled our honorary librarian, Rose Blustein, who has been instrumental over the past six years in helping transform the library for members and staff.

Rose's contribution has been wide and varied and we wish her the very best for the future.



### WELCOME FIONA MALCOLM

We are delighted to welcome Fiona Malcolm, a library member, crime fiction fan and Sisters in Crime member, who joins us from today (March 2) as part-time librarian.

Fiona can't remember when she didn't want to be a librarian. From the moment she saw Batman on TV (Adam West version) and discovered Batgirl was a librarian her future was sealed. What could be better? Librarian by day, crime fighter by night.

Fiona moved into public libraries 30 something years ago, where she shared her love of crime fiction with all and sundry.

Away from the library Fiona enjoys reading, musical theatre, calisthenics, local and family history, gadgets, and spending time with family and friends.

Fiona will be working in the library on Mondays and some Fridays to assist with events so please introduce yourself and make her welcome.





Fiona is excited to be working at the Athenaeum. She has a personal connection to the theatre as her great aunt, Miss Vida Renshaw, is one of the theatre usherettes in the photo in the Athenaeum foyer. Miss Renshaw left school aged 14 to work as an usherette, and stayed at the theatre until she secured a job as a telephonist at Vegemite/Kraft. She was a long-time library member and used to visit every Wednesday to exchange books, before enjoying afternoon tea at George's.

### **JULIEN WILSON TRIO: FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 6PM**

February's music event, our first for 2020, was a huge success with a packed audience and a terrific performance. March will see another very popular act, the Julien Wilson Trio, take to the library stage.



The trio (Julien Wilson on saxophone, Stephen Magnusson on guitar and Stephen Grant on accordion) have been playing together since they were teenagers and are affectionately known as Julio and the Stevies. Coming from a jazz background they all perform a wide variety of styles and venues, from rock clubs and folk festivals to the Sydney Opera House. The trio are recognised as the finest improvisers of their generation, and have played sold-out concerts at music and arts festivals from Melbourne to Berlin, Indonesia and Korea.

Bookings for the performance are essential, on 9650 3100 or [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au) Members are free and guests are just \$10. Refreshments will be provided.

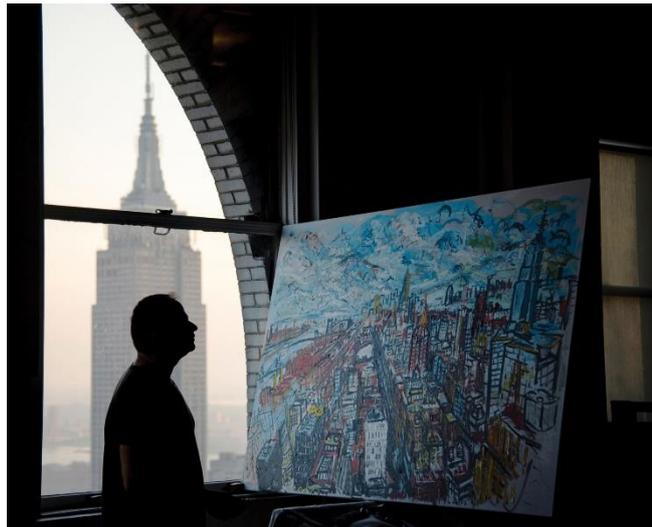


## PRESENTATION BY ACCLAIMED VISUAL ARTIST MARCO LUCCIO

In 2007 award-winning visual artist Marco Luccio took 40 sheets of copper to New York and created some of his most iconic, recognised and enduring artwork.

Marco will share the fascinating story of what led him to inhabit New York's Chrysler Building as his studio, when he speaks at the library on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 6pm.

Marco's talk, *New York Stories*, has been organised by the visual artists' group, which meets regularly in the library, but all library members are very welcome to attend.



Marco Luccio. Photo by Sina Basila

Marco's lively and inspiring presentation will combine wonderful stories with great insights into the artist creative.

Marco is a celebrated artist – his work is represented in more than 40 public and corporate collections internationally, including the New York Public Library and the National Gallery of Australia. He has held 48 major solo exhibitions and has taught drawing, painting and printmaking at various institutions including the National Gallery of Victoria.

He is currently working on a new book and exhibition titled *Tales From The Greek*, in collaboration with author John Hughes. And *Manhattan Dreaming*, a feature documentary by Blue Starling Films about Marco, is coming out soon.

Marco Luccio's presentation in the library is free but RSVPs are required, either by calling 9650 3100 or by emailing [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au)

## JOIN US AT OUR MEMBERS' NIGHT

Pop into our members' night, share some wine and cheese and celebrate our recent renovations (including our just-delivered new chairs), on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 6-7.30pm.

Please let us know if you can join us, either by calling 9650 3100 or emailing [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au)

We hope to see you there.



## LOOKING FOR eBook ADVICE?

Keen to start using eBooks but not sure how to get started? The library staff are here to help. You can book a time on the first Tuesday of each month to sit down with a library staff member and ask their advice on all things tech related. To book a time on the first Tuesday of the month phone 9650 3100 or email [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au).