



## APRIL NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

### MUSIC: STEVE LUCAS AND JEROME SMITH

This Friday (1<sup>st</sup> April, 6pm) Steve Lucas and Jerome Smith make their long-awaited return to the library, for a performance punctuated by insightful stories about their musical experiences.

Jerome has toured and recorded with an incredible array of artists, and Steve was dubbed a 'living legend' by Rolling Stone magazine as part of his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a professional musician.



To listen to their stories, and enjoy their music, call 9650 3100 or email [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au) to book. It's free for members and guests pay just \$10. Refreshments will be provided.

### WELCOME NEW STAFF

The library is delighted to welcome Jill Semmens (pictured) as our new Library and Administration Lead. Jill joined the library in March and will soon work full-time, allowing us to recommence opening six days a week.

Jill has worked extensively in hospitals and emergency rooms as a nurse and midwife, as well as in hospital administration and health management. She recently completed training in library and information systems, and lists Agatha Christie, Annie Proulx, Kerry Greenwood and Marie Benedict as her favourite authors.

We also have two new volunteers. Long-time library member Yolanda McKindlay is helping on Wednesday evenings and Susan Munro, a graduate of the Chisholm Institute, has joined the Saturday team.





## MUSIC: INVENTI ENSEMBLE

Bookings are now open for one of the library's perennial favourites, Inveni Ensemble, which will perform on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm.

The ensemble of Melissa Doecke (flute), Ben Opie (oboe), Chris Haycroft (bassoon), Kyla Matsuura-Miller (violin), William Murray (viola) and Steph Stamopoulos (cello) will perform Dvorak's *New World Symphony* and *Slavonic Dance number 8*, both arranged by Glynn Davies, and Gordon Kerry's *Six-Part Interventions*.



Inveni is renowned for their arrangements of large-scale orchestral works for chamber ensemble, and library audiences have been entertained previously by their performances of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* and Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*.

The event is free for members and guests pay just \$10. Bookings are essential, either by calling 9650 3100 or emailing [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au)

If you RSVP for a musical event and are then unable to attend please let us know. We usually have a waiting list to attend musical performances.

## MEMBER SUGGESTIONS



We're seeking suggestions from members on what you would like to see at the library. It doesn't matter what your idea relates to. All suggestions are welcome. Please email them to [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au)



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## COMEDY FESTIVAL

It's Melbourne International Comedy Festival time, and the Athenaeum Theatre has a terrific line-up of comedians, including Ross Noble, Aaron Chen and Arj Barker (pictured). Shows are relatively short so library members could enjoy their 10% members' discount off dinner at the Bistrot d'Orsay before or after enjoying some comedy.



For show dates and links to ticketing sites visit [athenaeumtheatre.com.au](http://athenaeumtheatre.com.au)

## INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR MEMBER'S THEATRE COMPANY

Congratulations to long-time library member Bruce Gladwin, whose theatre company Back to Back Theatre has just been awarded the prestigious International Ibsen Award 2022.

Bruce is artistic director and co-CEO at Back to Back, which features a neurodiverse ensemble of actors and is based in Geelong. The Ibsen Award aims to honour an individual, institution or organisation that has brought a new artistic dimension to the world of drama or theatre.



Back to Back Theatre is the first Australian winner of the award, established in 2008, and receives more than \$300,000 in prizemoney.



## THE CONVERSATION'S BOOKS & IDEAS

In good news for literary buffs, *The Conversation* has launched a new Books & Ideas section, offering expanded coverage of literary reviews, essays and research. There's also the familiar features such as 'Guide to the Classics'. You can find the section at <https://theconversation.com/au/books>



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## BOOK CLUB READS

There are some terrific reads in our book clubs' April choices – *Shelter* by Catherine Jinks, *Stone sky gold mountain* by Mirandi Riwoe, *Moral hazard* by Kate Jennings and *When the apricots bloom* by Gina Wilkinson. Our book clubs are transitioning back to on-site meetings so, if you're interested in joining, please speak to the library staff.

