



AUGUST NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Music Event: Xani Kolac

There are just a few seats left for this Friday's performance by Xani Kolac - musician, improviser, collaborator, singer, songwriter and principally an electric violin player.

In just a decade, Xani has won Best Musician at the 2022 Music Victoria Awards, collaborated with Australian music pioneers, and performed at Hamer Hall and in the multi-award-winning productions *Come From Away* and *Girl From the North Country*.



Details

Friday 1st August

Doors open 5.40pm, music from 6pm

Free for members, \$20 non-members

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Georgette Heyer: The Woman and Her World

It's a rare author whose books still sell more than 50 years after their death but Georgette Heyer is one of the chosen few.

Heyer's novels are entertaining page-turners filled with characters whose lives and stories leap off the page and whose conversations are replete with their author's rapier wit and keen sense of humour.

But who was Georgette Heyer and how did she come to create the Regency genre of historical fiction so beloved by readers?

This talk by Jennifer Kloester (pictured), a bestselling author and Patroness of the International Heyer Society, will reveal the very private woman, discuss her journey from successful teenage author to international bestseller, and explain how she came to the Regency era that she made her own.



Details

Thursday 14th August

Doors open 6.30pm, talk from 7pm

Free for members and non-members

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Rescheduled: Body in the Library

Join us for an evening of criminally good readings and author talks, on Thursday 28th August.

Meet the sisters in crime who penned the winning entries in the Body in the Library category of

the 2024 Scarlet Stiletto Awards, which the Melbourne Athenæum Library has sponsored since 2012.



Runner-up Dr Katrina Watson's debut novel, *The Bones*, was described as "Helen Garner meets Jed Mercurio" by Booker short-list author MJ Hyland.

Winner Naomi Manuell is a Melbourne writer whose work has appeared in *Meanjin*. She contributes to *Newtown Review of Books* and writes on *Substack*.

The conversation will be moderated by writer Louise Bassett. Louise won the Ned Kelly Award for short crime fiction and her short stories have been published internationally.

Details

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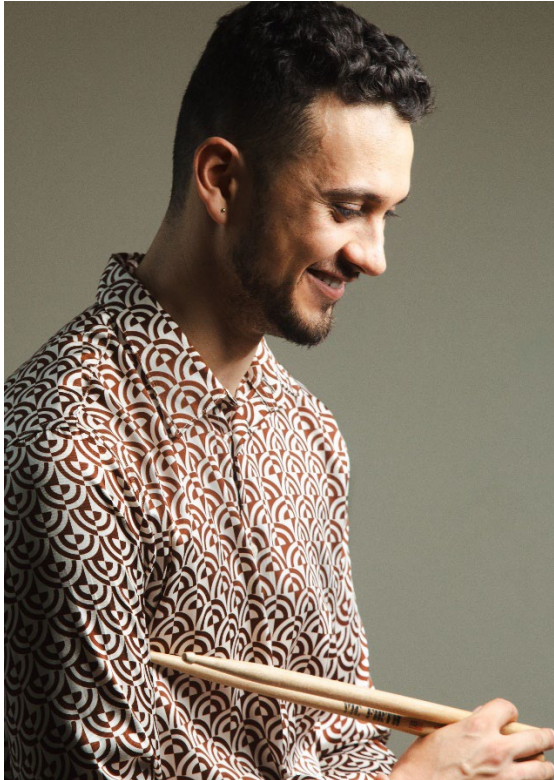
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Music Event: Somesh Putcha



Ever Playful is Somesh Putcha's debut album, composed for the ABC Classic and Jazz Composer Commission 2024.

The album draws from the storytelling of his father's Hindu background, an idea from the myth of Amrutamu that to experience positive growth and wisdom requires one to experience equal strife and hardship. Each song is linked to a hardship and the resulting lesson.

Somesh is a drummer and has been inspired by the adventurous and spiritual nature of artists such as John Coltrane, Mark Guiliana and mentor Colin Stranahan. He also draws from further afield, listening to artists including Kendrick Lamar, Noname and David Bowie.

The performance will feature Oscar Peterson on double bass, Bernice Tesara on trumpet and Michael J Brady on guitar.

Details

Friday 29th August

Doors open 5.40pm, music from 6pm

Free for members, \$20 non-members

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Music Event: Affinity Quartet

Having just returned from their first European summer tour, with performances in Germany, Finland and the UK, Affinity Quartet is bringing their *'TAKE FOUR: Chamber Music for Everyone!'* series to the library.

The series explores the string quartet, from its wide expansion in the 18th and 19th centuries to the present in the hands of some of today's most exciting composers.

The program juxtaposes single-movement string quartets by Schubert and Australian composer Justin Williams. It will also include Beethoven's 10th quartet, which is one of his most meditative, lyrical and joyous works.

Details

Friday 5th September

Doors open 5.40pm, music from 6pm

Free for members, \$20 non-members

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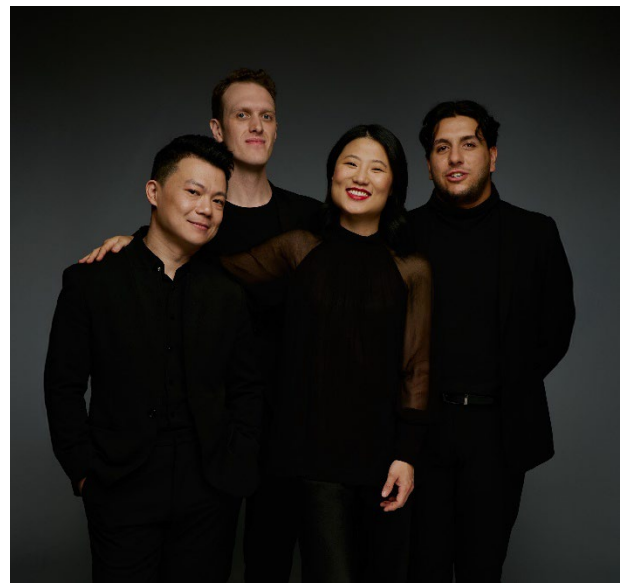


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Upcoming Events

More details will follow in our upcoming eNews but some dates to add to your diaries are:

- Friday 12th September, The Village Square: classical/folk/jazz music and storytelling (*photo by Agatha Yim*)
- Monday 6th October to Friday 10th October, daily tours for the Seniors Festival
- Friday 10th October, Phil Manning and Mark Ferrie (contemporary)
- Saturday 11th October, talk by artist Alissa Duke
- Thursday 23rd October, talk by author/literary historian and Jane Austen expert Susannah Fullerton.





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