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W E L C O M E TO THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS WRITERS' FESTIVAL!

Last year we were fortunate to meet internationally acclaimed Indian poet and dancer Tishani Doshi, who will be joining us for several festival events. In her latest poetry collection she writes 'Girls are coming out of the woods, clearing the ground to scatter their stories' – a powerful idea, and one which we hope to have captured the spirit of in our festival. Here, we have 'cleared the ground' for a wonderful diversity of writers and experiences, in a rich program of lively discussion and open-hearted storytelling.

Varuna is connected with many of Australia's best writers (and, increasingly, with international

writers too), including those in our Blue Mountains community. We are thrilled that so many of these writers will be here for our inaugural festival.

On behalf of the Festival Advisory Committee and the staff and Board of Varuna, our sincere thanks to our generous festival partners, our sponsors and the volunteers who have made the Blue Mountains Writers' Festival a reality.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Amy Sambrooke **Veechi Stuart**
Creative Director *Executive Director*

*Blue Mountains Writers' Festival and
Varuna, the National Writers' House*



Amy Sambrooke and Veechi Stuart

Our Festival Team

David Gaunt and Grace Heifetz,
Program Advisors
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Kathy Dobson, Accounts

*The Blue Mountains Writers' Festival
acknowledges the Darug and Gundungurra people
as the traditional custodians of this land.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hosted by ABC Radio Sydney's **Wendy Harmer**, this will be a celebratory evening of festival highlights. We welcome internationally acclaimed **Tishani Doshi** from India with her soulful combination of dance and spoken word poetry, and the electrifying spoken word of poet and activist **Sara Saleh**. With light projections of original illustrations by **Ailie Banks**.

Thank you to MTNS MADE for their support of this event.

Friday 23 August, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The Baroque Room, Katoomba

Tickets \$30/\$25



Wendy Harmer



Tishani Doshi



Sara Saleh



FESTIVAL OPENING PARTY

SPECIAL EVENTS

LITERARY DINNER WITH STAN GRANT



Stan Grant

Join our festival family for a special literary dinner in The Grand Dining Room of The Carrington Hotel.



Stan Grant, Wiradjuri man, Walkley Award winning journalist, writer and commentator, will give the keynote festival address, and ABC Radio Sydney's **James Valentine** will be our MC.



James Valentine

In his book *Australia Day*, Stan talks about our country, about who we are as a nation, about the Indigenous struggle for belonging and identity in Australia, and about what it means to be Australian. *Australia Day* asks the questions that have to be asked, that no one seems to be asking: Who are we? What is our country? How do we move forward from here?

Saturday 24 August, 7:00pm – 9:30pm

The Carrington Grand Dining Room, Katoomba
Tickets \$115, includes a three-course dinner,
live music and wine.
Places strictly limited.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Michelle de Kretser

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BOOK CLUB WITH MICHELLE DE KRETSER

Love talking about books? Miles Franklin Award-winning author **Michelle de Kretser** will be your book club host for this intimate event discussing *The Bay of Noon* by Shirley Hazzard.

**Saturday 24 August,
9:30am – 11:00am**

The Carrington Library

Tickets \$55/\$50

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WORKSHOPS

Immerse yourself in our Festival workshops and writing development sessions.

From Little Things, Big Things Grow

Sometimes it's the telling detail that opens a whole world. Facilitated by local author **Tracy Sorensen**, this workshop explores how tiny details can be the starting point for creating meaningful worlds.



Tracy Sorensen

Saturday 17 August, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Gang Gang Gallery, Lithgow

Tickets \$60/\$50



Michelle de Kretser

The Art of the Sentence

Sentence by sentence is how a narrative is built, and who better to illuminate this subject than two-times Miles Franklin award-winner **Michelle de Kretser**.

In this workshop you will examine sentences that work hard, and critique those that require that little bit extra. Practical tips and writing exercises will help you write stronger, livelier prose.

Friday 23 August, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

Tickets \$70/\$60

Freeform Prose and Experimental Writing

Join award-winning author **Stephanie Bishop** to explore a range of experimental approaches to the development of prose fiction using photographs, found objects and other materials as your inspiration.



Stephanie Bishop

Friday 23 August, 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

Tickets \$70/\$60

Writing Great Dialogue

Dialogue isn't just about 'she said', 'he said'. Done well, dialogue enhances plots, explores relationships and defines characterisation. Join bestselling author **Melina Marchetta** to discover how to write succinct and powerful dialogue that transforms your creative writing.



Melina Marchetta

Saturday 24 August, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

Tickets \$70/\$60



Dr Carol Major

Writer Conversations

As a special festival event, Varuna offers you the opportunity to have a one-on-one 30-minute consultation with **Dr Carol Major**, one of Varuna's most experienced writing mentors.

Friday 23 August and Sunday 25 August

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre (Friday);

Varuna the National Writers' House (Sunday)

Bookings essential.

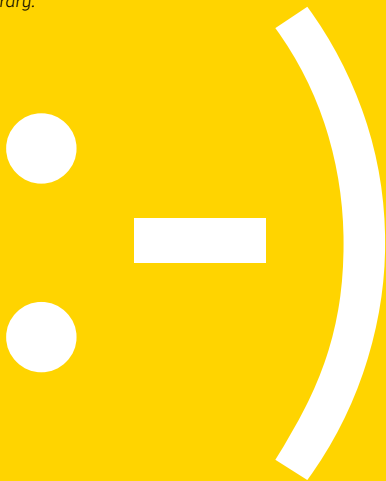
Individual sessions \$60

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KIDS' FESTIVAL PROGRAM

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Laugh Out Loud with Oliver Phommavanh

Come and have a laugh with the author of *Don't Follow Vee*, *Natural Born Loser*, *Thai-riffic!*, *Con-nerd*, *The Other Christy* and more.

Oliver Phommavanh is a children's author and stand-up comedian who loves playing his Nintendo Switch and eating burgers to post on his Instagram. Oliver will have your kids laughing until their sides hurt.



Oliver Phommavanh

Saturday 24 August, 2:00pm – 2:45pm

Katoomba Library

Tickets FREE

Library Pyjama Party featuring BANANAS IN PYJAMAS

Hosted by the **Bananas in Pyjamas**, this is a pyjama party not to be missed. You know what they'll be wearing, and we want you to join them!

With stories, games, craft, music and an opportunity to meet the Bananas, you'll want to wear your very best pyjamas to this special festival event. Seriously, wear your pyjamas. Especially you, grown-ups.

Saturday 24 August, 4:15pm – 5:15pm

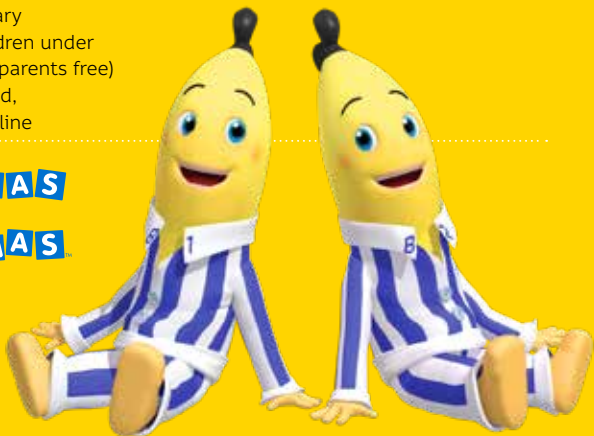
Katoomba Library

Tickets \$6 (children under 12 months and parents free)

Numbers limited,
please book online

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SATURDAY AT THE CARRINGTON

Thank you to the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre for their support of these events.

The Children's House

This latest novel by award-winning West Australian novelist **Alice Nelson** is a love song to the idea of families in all their mysteries and complexities, their different configurations and the hope that creates them.

In conversation with writer **Stephanie Bishop**.

Saturday 24 August

10:00am – 11:00am

Carrington Ballroom

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available



Alice Nelson

On Drugs

Philosopher **Chris Fleming** discusses his own experience of drug addiction, which began while he was a student and became a life-threatening obsession. From popping pharmaceuticals to debating the meaning of life with drug dealers, expect humour, insight and a spectacularly frank conversation with **Ivor Indyk**, founding editor of HEAT magazine and Giramondo Publishing.



Chris Fleming

Saturday 24 August

11:30am – 12:30pm

Carrington Ballroom

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available

Film Screening: Clarence Walden with Alexis Wright

This event is supported by the Writing & Society Research Centre of Western Sydney University.

Gangalidda political leader **Clarence Walden** is known throughout the Carpentaria region as one of the most important intellectual figureheads alive today.

In this extraordinary, confronting and at times inspiring documentary, Clarence takes us on a journey through the hardships of growing up in the 1950s and '60s on the remote Doomadgee Mission in the Gulf of Carpentaria. His story was captured by the Writing & Society Research team, who travelled to remote Queensland to record Clarence in discussion with award-winning Indigenous writer **Alexis Wright**.

The documentary runs for approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by **Clarence Walden** in conversation with **Alexis Wright**.

Saturday 24 August, 1:00pm – 2:15pm

Carrington Ballroom

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available



Clarence Walden



Alexis Wright

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SATURDAY AT THE CARRINGTON

The Experience of Otherness

Questions of race and identity are increasingly important in a politically divisive society. Arab-Australians **Miran Hosny** and **Wafa Kazal**, contributors to the new book *Arab Australian Other: Stories on Race and Identity*, talk about their experiences of otherness and belonging.

In conversation with **Sara Saleh**, contributor and joint editor of the collection.

Saturday 24 August

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Carrington Ballroom

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available



Miran Hosny



Wafa Kazal

Blood and Dirt

Join **Chris Hammer**, author of the bestselling thriller *Scrublands*, in conversation with ABC Radio Sydney's **Cassie McCullagh**, as they discuss crime writing, the keeping of secrets, and the underbelly of Australia's hinterland.

Saturday 24 August

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Carrington Ballroom

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available



Chris Hammer



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SATURDAY AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE



David Brooks



Christine Townend



Leah Kaminsky



Patti Miller

The Grass Library

In his latest book, **David Brooks** takes the reader on a philosophical and poetic journey that recounts his relationship with his four sheep and other animals at his Blue Mountains home.

In conversation with poet, animal rights campaigner and founder of Animal Liberation **Christine Townend**.

Saturday 24 August

10:00am – 11:00am

Cultural Centre, Seminar Room

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available

Geographies of the Imagination

From physically walking trails in high places to creating journeys of the imagination, award-winning writers **Leah Kaminsky** and **Patti Miller** explore what drives them to write, and the boundaries of memoir writing and fiction. In conversation with writer **Carol Major**.

Saturday 24 August

11:30am – 12:30pm

Cultural Centre, Seminar Room

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available





Melina Marchetta



James Valentine



Jane McCredie

On Writing, with Melina Marchetta

Melina Marchetta's nine novels include middle-grade, YA and adult fiction, spanning the genres of literary fiction, crime and fantasy. Melina will be joined by her commissioning editor, **Amy Thomas** from Penguin Random House, and together they will share their insights into the process and craft of writing and publishing.

In conversation with ABC Radio Sydney's **James Valentine**.

Saturday 24 August

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Cultural Centre, Seminar Room

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available

Inside Publishing

Wondering how to negotiate the publishing industry? This panel discussion explores the inner workings of the publishing world from the perspective of the experts. Join publisher **Annette Barlow**, editor **Jody Lee**, owner of Gleebooks **David Gaunt** and agent **Grace Heifetz** in this informative and generous session. Chaired by Writing NSW's CEO, **Jane McCredie**.

Saturday 24 August

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Cultural Centre, Seminar Room

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available



SUNDAY AT THE CARRINGTON



Hippos in the Thames – Tim Flannery

In his book *Europe: A Natural History*, Australian palaeontologist and conservationist **Tim Flannery** explores Europe's surprising deep past, and how it might inform the future. Discover a pre-history when hippos swam the Thames and giant carnivorous hedgehogs roamed Italy.

In conversation with writer, journalist and CEO of Writing NSW **Jane McCredie**.

Sunday 25 August, 10:00am – 11:00am

The Carrington Grand Dining Room,
Katoomba

Tickets \$20/\$17.50

Day passes also available



Tim Flannery



SUNDAY AT THE CARRINGTON

Extraordinary Truth, Extraordinary Lies – Jessie Cole and Vicki Laveau-Harvie

Jessie Cole and **Vicki Laveau-Harvie**'s incredibly powerful memoirs have told two very different stories of family, secrets, forgiveness, and finding a way to make sense of it all.

In conversation with author, journalist and commentator **Benjamin Law**.

Sunday 25 August, 11:30am – 12:30pm

The Carrington Grand Dining Room, Katoomba

Tickets \$20/\$17.50 (*day passes also available*)



Jessie Cole



Vicki Laveau-Harvie



Benjamin Law



Girls Are Coming Out of the Woods – Tishani Doshi

International guest **Tishani Doshi** from India is an award-winning writer and dancer of Welsh-Gujarati descent. Her most recent books are a collection of poems, *Girls Are Coming Out of the Woods* (shortlisted for the Ted Hughes Award) and a novel, *Small Days and Nights*. In conversation with writer and musician **Kate Fagan**.

Sunday 25 August, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

The Carrington Grand Dining Room, Katoomba

Tickets \$20/\$17.50 (*day passes also available*)



Tishani Doshi



Kate Fagan



SUNDAY AT THE CARRINGTON

No Friend But the Mountains – Behrouz Boochani

Behrouz Boochani is a Kurdish-Iranian writer, journalist, scholar, cultural advocate and filmmaker. A refugee, he has been imprisoned by our government since 2013. His memoir *No Friend But the Mountains* won the 2019 Victorian Prize for Literature and a 2019 NSW Premier's Literary Award. He speaks live from Manus Island, and will be joined by **Omid Tofighian** who received Behrouz's book by text message, translating his work from Farsi. In conversation with publisher, writer and critic **Geordie Williamson**.

Sunday 25 August, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

The Carrington Grand Dining Room, Katoomba
Tickets \$20/\$17.50 (*day passes also available*)



Behrouz Boochani

Bridge of Clay – Markus Zusak

Markus Zusak is the international bestselling author of six novels, including *The Book Thief* and most recently, *Bridge of Clay*. His work has been translated into more than forty languages and has spent more than a decade on the *New York Times* bestseller list, establishing him as one of the most successful Australian authors. In conversation with writer **Roanna Gonsalves**.

Sunday 25 August, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

The Carrington Grand Dining Room, Katoomba

Tickets \$20/\$17.50 (*day passes also available*)



Markus Zusak

SUNDAY AT VARUNA

Visit Varuna

Visit Varuna, the National Writers' House, and tour the house and gardens that have nurtured the work of Australia's best writers for almost 30 years. View our library of Australian writers and poets, hear about our new green energy initiatives and find out about our programs for writers.

Sunday August 25, 1:30pm – 2:15pm

Varuna, the National Writers' House
Tickets \$5. Places strictly limited.

Poetry by the Fire

Join local and visiting poets around the fire pit in the Varuna garden. Bring your own poem to read, or simply sit, listen and enjoy the magical ambience of the Writers' House. One of Varuna's most well-loved events. Facilitated by poet **Vanessa Kirkpatrick**.



Vanessa Kirkpatrick

Sunday 25 August, 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Varuna, the National Writers' House
Tickets FREE

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FESTIVAL
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Poetry Slam!

50 Slam Heats burn across the nation, leading to eight State Finals and the National Final. Over 1,000 writers will perform but only one will be crowned 2019 Australian Poetry Slam National Champion. Performing writers are given a microphone, a live audience and just two minutes to capture the crowd with their original work.

Whether audience or performer, join Katoomba Library for a night of unpredictable fun. Sign up to perform from 6:30pm (first 20 signups only will perform).

Thursday August 22

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

Tickets FREE

No bookings required

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Discover the Secrets of Darks Cave

In the 1930s, Eleanor and Eric Dark set up a retreat in a remote cave perched on the edge of Leura's escarpment. Remnants of their camp remain to this day. This guided walk, led by Dharug man **Chris Tobin** and bushwalking author **Veechi Stuart**, explores our cultural and Indigenous history in this extraordinary bushland setting.

Places strictly limited. Rough unmarked track involves scrambling and requires high degree of fitness. Ages 12+.

Thursday August 22

10:00am – 1:30pm

Blue Mountains National Park

Tickets \$45/\$40, includes light morning tea.

FESTIVAL FRINGE EVENTS

Frankly, I Don't Give A Damn

This event is supported by Platform Gallery, Katoomba.

Blue Mountains writer and artist **Ailie Banks** is a self-proclaimed bitch. In Ailie's eyes, a bitch is someone who stands firm and speaks their mind in the face of sexist rhetoric. They don't give a single damn about meeting society's expectations.

In conversation about her exhibition and her recently published collection *The Book of Bitch* with writer and editor **Bri Lee**, author of the award-winning *Eggshell Skull*.

Friday August 23

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Platform Gallery, Katoomba

Tickets \$20/\$17.50



Ailie Banks



Bri Lee

The Book of Bitch

Visit Platform Gallery any time over the Festival weekend to view the feisty and fabulous work of Blue Mountains artist **Ailie Banks**.

Exhibition runs 9 – 26 August

Platform Gallery, Katoomba

School's In!

Supported by literature development organisation WestWords, our inaugural schools' program features **Melina Marchetta** in conversation with author **James Roy**.

Friday August 23

Katoomba High School

Entry for high-school students only



Melina Marchetta



James Roy

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TICKETS

All tickets can be purchased at
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For enquiries, please call (02) 4782 5674

Early-bird tickets close Friday 19 July

Festival Weekend Pass:

\$184/\$154 (early-bird);
\$199/\$169

Includes Festival Opening
Party and tickets to all
weekend author events.

Festival Gold Pass:

\$294/\$264 (early-bird);
\$309/\$279

Includes Festival Opening
Party, tickets to all weekend
author events, and Saturday
night literary dinner.

Saturday Seminar Room

Pass: \$70/\$60 (early-bird);
\$75/\$65

Carrington Day Pass:

\$83/\$71 (early-bird);
\$89/\$77

Single tickets regular sessions: \$20/\$17.50

Festival Opening Party:

\$30/\$25

Workshops: \$70/60

Discovering Darks Cave:

\$45/40

*Prices for other sessions as
shown in program detail and
on website*



ACCOMMODATION

Why not make a weekend of it and stay at our wonderful art-deco festival venue, The Carrington Hotel?

Our **Festival Accommodation Packages** include Friday and Saturday nights at The Carrington Hotel, breakfast both mornings, as well as tickets to the Festival Opening Party, weekend passes and our Saturday night literary dinner. For more info, visit our festival website

www.bluemountainswritersfestival.com.au

VENUES

All venues are located in Katoomba in the Blue Mountains, less than two hours' drive from Sydney.

Blue Mountains Library & Cultural Centre, 30 Parke Street, Katoomba

Gang Gang Gallery, 206 Main St, Lithgow

Platform Gallery, 194 Katoomba St, Katoomba

The Baroque Room, 15 Katoomba St, Katoomba

The Carrington Hotel, 15–47 Katoomba St, Katoomba

Varuna, The National Writers' House, 141 Cascade Street, Katoomba

Blue Mountains Writers' Festival strives to make every event as accessible as possible. All Festival venues are wheelchair accessible, but please call ahead so that we can ensure reservation of accessible seats.

THE FESTIVAL

Saturday 17 August		
From Little Things, Big Things Grow	Gang Gang Gallery, Lithgow	10:00am–1:00pm
Thursday 22 August		
Secrets of Darks Cave	Blue Mountains Nat Park	10:00am–1:30pm
Poetry Slam!	Blue Mtns Cultural Centre	7:00pm–9:00pm
Friday 23 August		
The Art of the Sentence with Michelle de Kretser	Blue Mtns Cultural Centre	10:00am–1:00pm
Freeform Prose and Experimental Writing	Blue Mtns Cultural Centre	1:30pm–4:30pm
Writer Conversations	Varuna, the National Writers' House	2:00pm–4:00pm
Frankly, I Don't Give a Damn	Platform Gallery	5:00pm–6:30pm
Festival Opening Party	The Baroque Room	7:00pm–9:00pm
Saturday 24 August		
Writing Great Dialogue with Melina Marchetta	Blue Mtns Cultural Centre	9:00am–12:00pm
Book Club with Michelle de Kretser	Carrington Library	9:30am–11:00am
The Children's House – Alice Nelson	Carrington Ballroom	10:00am–11:00am
The Grass Library – David Brooks	Blue Mtns Cultural Centre	10:00am–11:00am
On Drugs – Chris Fleming	Carrington Ballroom	11:30am–12:30pm
Geographies of the Imagination	Blue Mtns Cultural Centre	11:30pm–12:30pm
Film screening: Clarence Walden with Alexis Wright	Carrington Ballroom	1:00pm–2:15pm



AT A GLANCE

Saturday 24 August – continued		
On Writing, with Melina Marchetta	Blue Mtns Cultural Centre	1:30pm–2:30pm
Oliver Phommavanh	Katoomba Library	2:00pm–2:45pm
The Experience of Otherness	Carrington Ballroom	3:00pm–4:00pm
Inside Publishing	Blue Mtns Cultural Centre	3:00pm–4:30pm
Blood and Dirt – Chris Hammer	Carrington Ballroom	4:30pm–5:30pm
Library Pyjama Party	Katoomba Library	4:15pm–5:15pm
Literary Dinner with Stan Grant and MC James Valentine	Carrington Grand Dining Room	7:00pm–9:30pm
Sunday 25 August		
Hippos in the Thames – Tim Flannery	Carrington Grand Dining Room	10:00am–11:00am
Extraordinary Truth, Extraordinary Lies – Jessie Cole and Vicki Laveau-Harvie	Carrington Grand Dining Room	11:30am–12:30pm
Writer Conversations	Varuna, the National Writers' House	1:00pm–4:00pm
Girls are Coming Out of the Woods – Tishani Dosi	Carrington Grand Dining Room	1:30pm–2:30pm
Varuna House Tours	Varuna, the National Writers' House	1.30pm–2:15pm
Poetry by the Fire	Varuna, the National Writers' House	2:30pm–4:00pm
No Friend But the Mountains – Behrouz Boochani	Carrington Grand Dining Room	3:00pm–4:00pm
Bridge of Clay – Markus Zusak	Carrington Grand Dining Room	4.30pm–5:30pm

THANK YOU. *This festival wouldn't be possible without Varuna's wonderful team of volunteers, our dedicated Board and committed staff. We are particularly grateful to David Gaunt and Grace Heifetz for their programming guidance. Thanks also to festival funding bodies: Create NSW, the Building Better Regions Fund, and the Australia Council for the Arts, and to our generous sponsors.*



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