



5th WORLD SUMMIT ON ARTS & CULTURE MELBOURNE 2011

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ARTS LUMINARY APPOINTED PROGRAMME ADVISOR FOR 5th WORLD SUMMIT ON ARTS AND CULTURE

The International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA) and the Australia Council for the Arts announced today, Robyn Archer AO, CdOAL (France), OC (Belgium) as Programme Advisor for the 5th World Summit on Arts and Culture.

The only international event of its kind, the World Summit brings together arts policy makers from around the world and provides a platform to exchange experiences and ideas about key issues affecting public support for artists and the arts at a national and global level.

Celebrating IFACCA's tenth anniversary and a first for Australia as the host country, the 5th World Summit will be held in Melbourne on 3 – 6 October, 2011. Over 600 delegates from 80 countries are expected to attend.

"We are delighted that Robyn is steering the Summit programme," said Kathy Keele, CEO of the Australia Council for the Arts. "Robyn is one of the most respected and influential arts personalities in the country. Her experience and vision is the cornerstone to creating an active and dynamic Summit atmosphere which encourages meaningful discussions."

"We are really looking forward to working closely with Robyn in developing the Summit's theme, *Creative Intersections*," said Sarah Gardner, founding Executive Director of IFACCA. "Australia is a recognised leader in the ways the arts intersect with many different sectors and peoples. We want to highlight how the arts can give a voice to diverse communities through collaborations with sectors of society such as health, technology, education, environment, business and cultural identity."

Singer, writer, artistic director and public advocate of the arts, Robyn Archer is a powerful arts identity in Australia and internationally. Her list of credits as artistic director of major arts festivals includes the Adelaide Festival of Arts, the Melbourne International Arts Festival, Ten Days on the Island in Tasmania, two years with the European Capital of Culture and startup advisor to *Luminato* in Toronto. Robyn Archer is currently the Creative Director of the *Centenary of Canberra (2013)* and Artistic Director of *The Light in Winter* (Melbourne). She is considered one of the foremost exponents of the classic European cabaret tradition and has recently given acclaimed concerts in Honolulu and at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival. Her writing takes various forms from songs to shows, essays and speeches and a selection of her keynotes was published in June by UWA Press under the title *Detritus*.

Ms Archer is highly regarded in her work as policy advocate. Her roles have included Chair of the Community Cultural Development Board of the Australia Council, member of the Australian International Cultural Council, RMIT Global Sustainability Leader and many more. She is currently a member of the European House of Culture, Patron of the Institute of Post-colonial Studies, the International Women's Development Agency and the National Script Centre as well as Chair of the Advisory Board of the Adelaide College of the Arts.

In another first for the World Summit on Arts and Culture, IFACCA also announced today a fresh, new-look for the World Summit and its website, boasting a bold new logo and style format, www.artsummit.org. Included in the website is the recent international call for speakers to the 5th World Summit, issued in June 2010, along with news, programme updates. Registration details will be announced in early 2011.

The 5th World Summit on Arts and Culture is being jointly hosted by IFACCA and the Australia Council for the Arts in partnership with Arts Victoria.

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