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Giacometti: Guggenheim Museum, N.Y - Staring into our Soul

Artist David Rankin reviews Giacometti, a landmark exhibition at Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, revealing how Swiss sculptor, painter, draftsman and printmaker Alberto Giacometti (1901–1966) dramatically turned away from the surrealistic imagery of his early works... to engage directly with the ‘... ineffable spirit of an individual human being’. Read More

Ashurbanipal: King of the World and Assyria - British Museum
At London next autumn is The BP exhibition I am Ashurbanipal: King of the World, King of Assyria, Nov 8 – Feb 24, 2019 at The British Museum. Exhibition curator Gareth Brereton said the show is all about, “... revealing the history of Ashurbanipal, the greatest king you've never heard of”... the man who had one of the greatest libraries of ancient times. Read More | Buy Tickets

John Russell: AGNSW - Australia’s French impressionist

John Russell: Australia’s French impressionist, is an exhibition bringing together 120 paintings, drawings and watercolours, many drawn from private and public collections around the world, to go on display July 21 – November 11, 2018 at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, alongside works from their own collection. Read More | Buy Tickets
Melbourne Rare Book Week 2018 - For the Love of Books

The 7th Melbourne Rare Book Week (MRBW) is now underway and 46th Australian Antiquarian Book Fair, to be presented by the Australian Association of Antiquarian Booksellers and Rare Books Melbourne will happen this weekend 6, 7 and 8 July at Melbourne University. Entry to all events held in a variety of venues are FREE of Charge - Bookings required! Read More

MoMA at NGV: 130 years of Modern and Contemporary Art
Remember to catch up with MoMA at NGV: 130 years of Modern and Contemporary Art from MoMA New York, which is now on view until October 7, 1918 at the National Gallery of Victoria. I found myself completely at sixes and sevens about where to start to share my own enthusiasm for the more than 230 thought provoking works on display. Read More

Gina Bruce - In Situ or in a Studio, Always Seeing Art Anew

Gina Bruce works with a diverse selection of media creating images that capture the imagination. She uses ‘observational drawings, shadow studies and line sketches’ to realise her vision and is currently showing her work as part of an ensemble team of Australian artists at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery entitled Jamberoo Mountain Road, plus a solo show at Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney. Read More

Royal Jewels from Bourbon Parma Family: Sotheby's Geneva
Royal Jewels from the Bourbon Parma Family are being sold by Sotheby's Geneva on Nov 12. Each fabulous piece has historical, royal and noble connections to the great family houses of Europe including Queen Marie Antoinette whose 18th century exceptional diamond and natural pearl pendant, is sure to attract many bidders... perfectly lovely. Read More

Australian Brandenburg Visiting Karakorum: A Musical Journey

The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra welcomes actor David Wenham as Narrator for their next concert Karakorum: A Musical Journey with guest French ensemble La Camera delle Lacrime, Paul Dyer, five musicians and five singers from ABO and the Brandenburg Choir performing on rare instruments. Playing Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Read More  Buy Tickets

Patricia Lawrence: Three Decades of Emotive Sculpture
Robin Gibson Gallery in Sydney July 7 to August 1, 2018 is offering an exhibition showcasing three decades of bronze works by Sydney based artist sculptor Patricia Lawrence. This is a special show to see for yourself if you are a local, or indeed if you are visiting from out of town... Have to say, I am just wild about Harry!  Read More

Educated, by Tara Westover - Determination and Persistence

Educated, is a tale of metamorphosis, revealing how author Tara Westover was transformed from a member of her father’s crew in his cruel and dangerous junkyard to a highly acclaimed contemporary writer and historian of talent and dignity. It is a wonder, says Rose Niland. Read More
The elegant simplicity, perceptive intelligence and imaginative construction of this literary gem are beautifully celebrated in the production of Marjorie Prime at the Ensemble Theatre, Kirribilli in Sydney says Rose Niland in her review. Justifiably, it was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 2015 and became an acclaimed Off Broadway sensation. Read More | Buy Tickets

Helpmann Awards 2018 Nominees – Act 1 & II Still to Come
Named for one of Australia's greatest ever performance artists Sir Robert Helpmann, the Helpmann Awards affectionately known as the ‘Bobby's’, are about 'recognising distinguished artistic achievement’ in 42 categories of entertainment. July 15 and 18 are the two celebratory nights for the winners from 730 entries to be announced. Read More | Buy Tickets

Mary Shelley - Romantic Illusion, Passionate Poets & Society

Australian writer Emma Jensen ensured the film starring British actor Elle Fanning about the life of
Mary Shelley of Frankenstein fame was highly acclaimed at the last British Film Festival. It will enjoy general release starting July 5 and features a fine ensemble cast including the romantic poets, Lord Byron (Tom Sturridge) and Percy Bysshe Shelley (Douglas Booth). Read Review

Poldark: Series 4, Episodes 2 & 3 - Life Changing in Cornwall

Poldark Series 4 sees life changing for the better for Ross Poldark and his wife Demelza, when he's elected to represent his constituency of Cornwall in Parliament. The director seems determined our handsome hero and his best mate Dwight Enys will expose their great abbs and bare flesh this season. Imagine many of us are not too immune! Read Reviews - Episode 2 | Episode 3 |

C'est la Vie: Ab Fab French Movie - General Release August
The wedding to end all weddings; this chaotic circus has been lovingly crafted by writer-Directors Eric Toledano and Olivier Nakache. Their impeccable timing of one hilarious event after another, is a joy to behold. The action takes place at the 17th century Chateau de Balleroy, Normandy, A Huge Hit at the 2018 AF French Film Festival-general release: August 16. Mark Diaries NOW!  

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