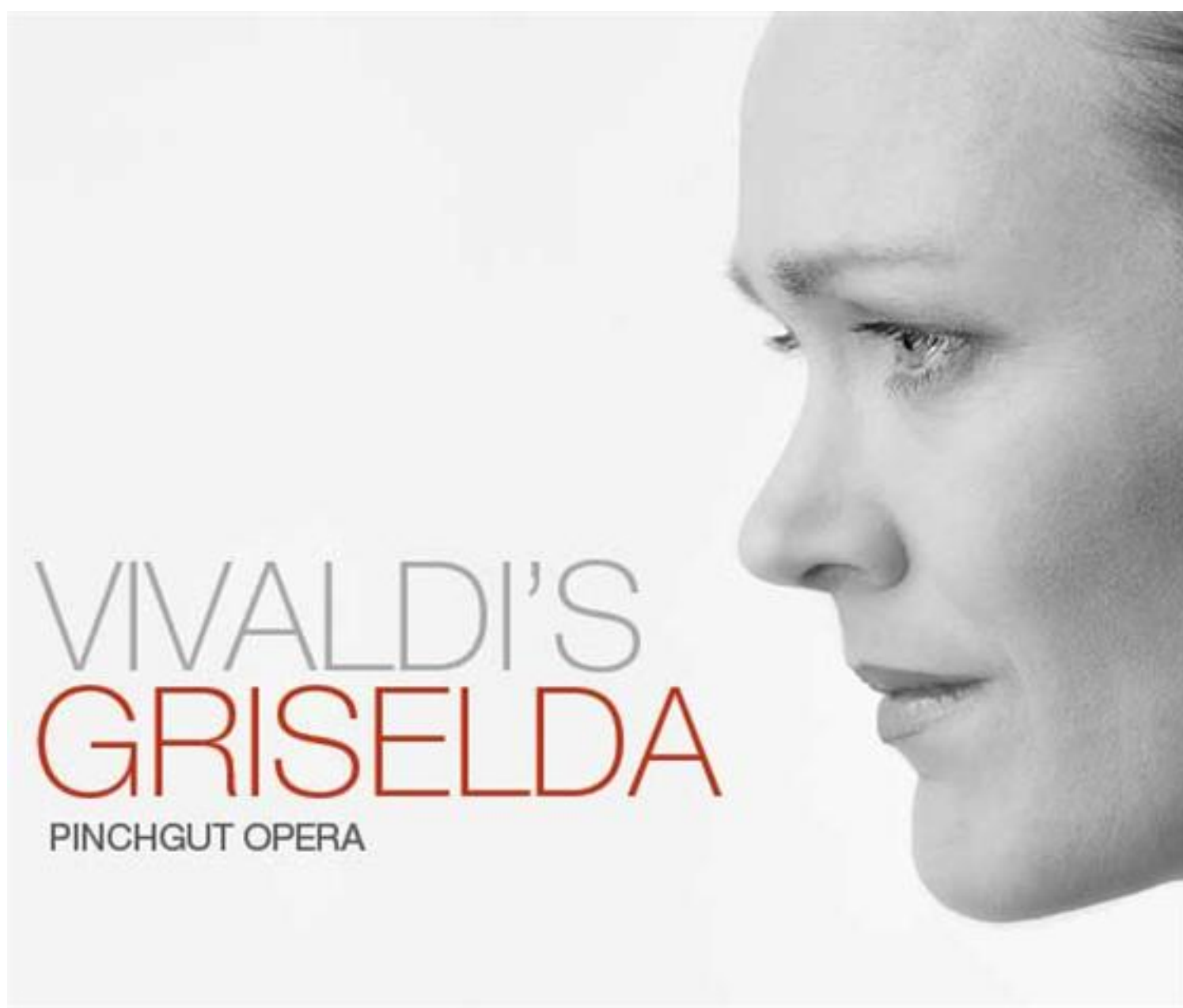




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Vivaldi's Griselda - Pinchgut Opera, a Decade of Excellence



Pinchgut Opera Vivaldi's Griselda, their tenth anniversary presentation, features outstanding Mezzo Soprano Caitlin Hulcup supported by a singing and production team of the highest calibre. The piece is being performed for the first time in Australia. You will just have to be there!

[Click Here to Read More and Book Your Tickets](#)



Fry's Planet Word Words are how the World Works

Witty British actor and TV presenter Stephen Fry explains language in an engaging way. A new BBC 2 series Fry's Planet Word is a round-the-world trip of a lifetime. You can find out who the 105 year old man that invented modern day Chinese was and why in Japan the go-light is blue. [Read More](#)



Spooks - A Decade of Stylish Spies Safeguarding the Nation

BBC One's award winning drama thriller Spooks has come to a fitting end in England after a decade. This intelligent show about the British Security Service and the challenges its operatives and personnel face on a daily basis, has always been completely compelling. [Read More](#)



All That Glistens is Glass - Phoenecia and The Portland Vase

Since Roman times when this exquisite 'cage cup' was made, the glass industry has been influenced by technical innovations, historical events, and continual changes in design, style and taste. The first in a series. [Read More](#)



The Melbourne Cup The Race That Stops The Nation

On a Tuesday in November,
The first one to be sure,
As the winner flashes past the post,
You'll hear the thousands roar.
For never has there been a race
To catch imagination
Than the race that's run at Flemington
The race that stops the nation! [Read More](#)



Homeland - from hell hole to hero or, is he a traitor?

Showtime's Homeland is a sensational new show out of America. It's beautifully paced, patient, engaging at a very deep level and, wonderfully intelligent. [Read More](#)



Flash Mob to Smart Mob - Enjoying Random Acts of Culture

A musical flash mob provides people from all walks of life and all backgrounds with an opportunity to come together on the spur of the moment to create a memory, that when remembered, will for a long time in their lives cause them to smile. [Read More](#)



Be StreetSmart, Dine Out Help Out and Illuminate a Life

As the holiday season draws near you, your family, friends and colleagues can [Dine Out and Help Out by Dining Smart](#). The annual fund raising event of [StreetSmart Australia](#) takes place 14th November - 24th December, providing much needed funds to help those experiencing homelessness. [Read More](#)



Treasures of the Bodleian and Humankind - Cherishing Wisdom

Treasures of the Bodleian started Friday 30th September and ends 23rd December 2011. It features a selection of the most precious and seductive manuscripts, documents, books and ephemera produced during the course of the world's political, literary and social history. [Read More](#)



Progressing and maturing by fault, leadership for a new age

When climbing toward success leaders like former Apple CEO Steve Jobs, who invest in social profit and capital, are far more likely to find help when they need it. [Read More](#)



Louis XIV and the Advent of the Chateau at Versailles

Louis XIV of France protected writers who sang his praises, his architects Louis Le Vau and Francois Mansart, his designer Charles le Brun and Andre le Notre his much loved gardener. They provided the stage set on which he stood to impose his vision of beauty and nature on everyone. [Read More](#)

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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

The ArtMarket Report is a quality magazine available in both print and electronic form with a particular focus on Australian contemporary and Indigenous art. [Read More](#)

BOOKS FOR XMAS

Holy city to the three major Abrahamic religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam [Jerusalem, Jerusalem: How the Ancient City Ignited Our Modern World](#) is for anyone wanting to understand the current disharmony of modern-day Jerusalem and its historical underpinnings.

[Ladurée Savoury: The Recipes](#) from Michel Lerouet and Sophie Tramier is another must-have book with scrumptious recipes from the world-famous Parisian tea shop Ladurée. Yum

With a foreword by Stephen Fry enjoy a round-the-world trip of a lifetime as J.P. Davidson travels across our gloriously, endlessly intriguing multilingual [Planet Word](#)

BEAUTY OF BALLET

[The Australian Ballet](#) will visit Brisbane for a free performance under the stars on Saturday 5 November. [Telstra Ballet in the Gardens](#) is a gala style program of the company's most loved pas de deux will be on display, transforming Brisbane's outdoor Riverstage into a ballet theatre for one magical evening.

[Queensland Ballet 2012 Season](#) has been announced and includes Alice in Wonderland, Don Quixote and an International Gala

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