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Merry Month of May 2012

Shakespeare: Staging the World – Shaping England’s Identity



Are the eyes a window to the world? An exhibition at The British Museum from July to November, produced in collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company will reveal how playwright Will Shakespeare helped shape the English-speaking world's sense of identity. [Click to Read More](#)



National Gallery - Eugene von Guérard: Nature Revealed

Eugene von Guérard: Nature Revealed is a traveling exhibition of works by arguably our most important colonial landscape painter. [Read More](#)



The Lewis Chessmen - British Museum's Goodwill Ambassadors

One of the multitudes of splendid objects The British Museum has on display is the so-called 'Lewis Chessmen', whose name doesn't reflect that there is a Queen involved. Whatever, they are surely one of the most captivating collections of chess pieces yet discovered. They are so cute they are frequently sent on 'goodwill between nation tours'. [Read More](#)



Shanghai Scenes - Changing Ideas of Beauty in China

As China firmly takes its place on the world's stage and Chinese models, actresses and even business women are in our consciousness, not only are China's ideas of beauty changing, but also so are ours. Advertising campaigns encourage Asian women to celebrate their 'Asian-ness' Today's modern Chinese woman faces a different, but no less powerful social pressure than her traditional counterpart, to be beautiful. Sheena Burnell reports from Shanghai. [Read More](#)



Andy Warhol – Developing his Model in Dynamic New Directions

Andy Warhol as the most influential artist of the second half of the 20th century is an idea never challenged, or proven. A Metropolitan Museum of Art New York show later this year will examine how some contemporary artists have embraced and developed his original concepts in dynamic new directions. [Read More](#)



Book of the Month - Eleven Seasons by Paul Carter The Australian/Vogel's Literary Award Winner 2012

Eleven Seasons is about learning that life is not just an accumulation of knowledge; it is an awakening of consciousness which goes through successive stages. Born in Melbourne, the home of AFL, author Paul D. Carter integrates his own experiences of growing up in Melbourne with his keen interest in the sociological aspects of AFL and sport in society in this award winning novel [Read More](#)



Australian Symbolism - Art of Dreams @ Art Gallery of NSW

An exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW starting in May will explore the influence of a literary and artistic movement flourishing in Europe at the turn of the 19th century on Australian artists and their works. [Read More](#)



Extravagant Inventions - The Roentgen Family Cabinetmakers

Abraham Roentgen was a master cabinetmaker, who together with his son David (1743-1807), blazed a trail across 18th-century Continental Europe as distinguished clients commissioned their stylish superbly made furniture. The Roentgen family workshop became renowned for its startling gadgetry when, like magic, panels would fling open to reveal several hidden drawers at the turn of a single key. [Read More](#)



Fashion Elixir - from Sydney Stylist Jo Bayley

Is *Marvellous Millinery- A Thing Of The Past?* asks Jo this week, I love a good hat, but how often do we get to do one in modern times? Always keeping in tune Jo also highlights Musical Muses - [How Rock and Roll Influences Fashion](#). She reveals her own personal muse and asks fashionistas to think about what is playing on the stereo then to take a look in the mirror. Who is your muse? I would love to know! Catch up on our feature on Wednesday's [Fashion Elixir](#)



Australia's CEO Challenge. ACT as 1 Champion Societal Change

Australia's CEO Challenge wants us all to ACT as 1 to champion societal change. They are bringing the thorny issue of domestic and family violence out from behind closed doors. People who gather under their banner, will lead the inaugural [Twilight Walk & Candle-Lighting Ceremony](#) at Brisbane on Wednesday May 2nd from 4pm - 6pm. [Read More](#)



Boutique Movies in the Burbs in May - Gold Class Experiences

This May adult 'Gold Class' audiences in the Burbs will be able to enjoy a complimentary glass of wine as they view a selection of 1st release boutique movies. They are all highly awaited and acclaimed productions and include 'Wish You Were Here', 'The Deep Blue Sea', A Dangerous Method, Bel Ami and Delicacy. [Read More](#)



Casting Castor & Pollux - With a Little Help from Mozart

Opera can be funny, sad, scary, dramatic, mysterious, imaginary, or a combination of all of the above. To raise funds and assist their quest to secure all the singers of their choice for the 2012 presentation of the story of the ancient heroes Castor and Pollux, The Pinchgut Opera are holding a fundraiser at Sydney in June. For the entertainment they will take artistic licence with a little known mini comic opera written by legendary Austrian composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. [Read More](#)



Post Modernism - From the Peak of Chic - Back to the Future

Post Modernism ranged from the luxurious to the ludicrous as it reacted against or rejected trends in modernism. It was all about going 'back to the future'. Our feature Video of the Month. [Click to View](#)



Australian Art at the Art Gallery of NSW - May Celebrations

On the weekend of May 12th and 13th one of the country's 'finest collections of Australian art, from colonial times to the contemporary age' will go on show at the Art Gallery of NSW. The 'Australian Galleries' have been re-designed, its spaces expanded and a new lighting system installed. On show will be some of the galleries most famous and popular works of art, although placed in a new context. [Read More](#)



Quick Snippets of Culture for those on the move

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Missing - An All Action Mother & Son Spy Next Door TV Series

Ashley Judd is a middle-aged action figure, who takes down any number of unknown kidnapers while her former C.I.A. handlers as intelligence agency in Europe as well as her father C.I.A. handlers as she goes in passionate pursuit of those who have 'taken' her eighteen year old son. She delivers very high kicks in wedge sandals, not quite as sophisticated as Angelina Jolie in stiletto's, but clearly just as effective. An ex CIA operative, this is not a lady to be trifled or messed with. Pity help anyone who gets in her way as she blazes a trail through some of the most picturesque and beautiful locations in Europe. [Read More](#)