



Colin Firth at fifty, effectively speaking the King's English



King George VI had a voice that needed to be heard. But he had to overcome a speech impediment so others could hear his words. This movie oozes style with its witty script of delectable dialogue that resonates with just the right amount of emotion. A fine cast of Aussies and Brits help Bertie so that he can deliver a momentous and moving speech. [More](#)



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Andrew Goodwin as Orpheus for Pinchgut Opera in December

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The Regency - Age of Reason and the Rock Star Poet, where extremes meet

Byron mastered the wind-lashed, shorn, shaved, bright, bubbly and frankly my dear I couldn't give a damn look. Women swooned when he entered a room confirming his status as a rock star poet. [Read More](#)



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BOOK OF THE MONTH

[The Complete Roman Emperor: Imperial Life at Court and on Campaign](#) the most comprehensive book on the subject ever published. Buy [www.bookoffers.com.au](#)

MUSIC OF THE MONTH

NEW: Always and Forever Released Oct 8th, 2010 it went straight to #1 on the ARIA Classical Charts. Brisbane born Mirusia Louwerse joined the Andre Rieu troupe in Europe in 2007 Available iTunes Store

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