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March 2011 XTRA

### Rock Star Physicist Professor Brian Cox OBE On Sublime and On Wonders of the Universe



In stellar company on the [Graham Norton Show](#) with actor Sigourney Weaver and comedian Sandi Tolsvig Rock Star Physicist Brian Cox OBE, recently voted the world's sexiest astronomer, is like a breath of fresh air in the world of science. Passionate, like Rock Star poet [Lord Byron](#) he is handsome, not pretty - tall and good looking enough to be taken seriously.

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#### Upstairs Downstairs - a class act

Hot on the heels of Downton Abbey comes news of the revival of its inspiration, Upstairs Downstairs. Another character laden piece filled with flawed people. Everyone viewing feels right at home. [Read More](#)



#### Grasses, the Cinderella of gardens, more than a lush natural carpet to sink your toes into?

Walking by the Yarra I came across a worker slashing lush green grass on the gentle slope down to the river. What is our obsession with mowing every inch of grass about? Are we still seeking to control nature? Why can't we consider the aesthetic too [Read More](#)



#### Bespoke from Savile Row at London - Tailors for Men of Style

British actor Benedict Cumberbatch shed the deerstalker, pipe and cape and made [Sherlock](#) Holmes a contemporary hero in a Savile Row coat.

He turned many heads on the street where peerless cut and precision, not peacockery was previously preferred.

Our story about the tailors on the row received a huge response. it seems everyone still wants to know about men with style. [Read More](#)



#### For the love of a Rose - beauty is fleeting, but it always charms

The rose stands for medieval romance and modern lovers with its dramatic combination of beauty and fragrance. Slater's Crimson China Rose is a rose for all time [Read More](#)



#### First Stirrings of the China Trade - Precious Cargoes from Cathay

The first stirring of the 19th century China Trade began with Marco Polo's "Description of the World' in 1298. He said 'Let us travel into Cathay, so.. you may learn something of it grandeurs' inspiring the notion China was a land unlike any other. [Read More](#)



#### Domestic nostalgia - Jekyll and Lutyens

In 1901, in a creative climate of possibilities, English architect Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) and gardener Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) became names well known. [Read More](#)



#### Muse News March Editorial

This month we have XTRA. Please click underlined words to access the many stories

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#### MUSIC OF THE MONTH

[The Simple Joys of Maidenhood an Album by Rhiannon Hart & The Umm-Ahhs](#) to be launched 16th April @ Beetle Bar, Roma Street Brisbane City. [Enjoy the single PEACE on YouTube.](#) [Read More](#)

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