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October 2012 - A Bumper Issue

Music, Movement & More Month @ The Circle



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Li Cunxin Artistic Director Presents Queensland Ballet 2013

This will be a landmark year for acclaimed former dancer and the new artistic director for the Queensland Ballet Li Cunxin as he launches his inaugural Program 2013. Bravo! [Read More](#)



The People Speak Out – Voices that Resonate around the World

Actor Colin Firth has taken his involvement in the world of words to a new level with *The People Speak*, written in conjunction with Anthony Arnove and both are part of *The People Speak Out* Movement. [Read More](#)



Australian Ballet Beyond 50 - Masterpiece Moves in 2013

The Australian Ballet's commitment to 'caring for tradition and daring to be different' is ongoing and artistic director David McAllister will present some of the greatest jewels in the dance repertoire during 2013. [Read More](#)



Brooke Astor – Bedazzling NY Philanthropy on a Grand Scale

Sotheby's reported the 'auction fervor' for their sale of the estate of legendary NY philanthropist Brooke Astor proved she remained 'as fashionable as ever' five years after her death aged 105. [Read More.](#)



Mozart Handel & Vivaldi - ACO, Egarr & Joyous Ancient Music

For all lovers of fine music from the 6 - 18 October 2012 The Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) will tour an ensemble around Australia with Richard Egarr of the English Academy of Ancient Music (AAM) playing uplifting concertos by Mozart, Handel and Vivaldi. [Read More.](#)



Managing Carmen – QTC's Finale about Footy, Frocks & Foibles

David Williamson's *Managing Carmen* is a co-production of the Queensland Theatre Company and W.A.'s Black Swan Theatre Company and will end their 2012 seasons. It is a great dissection of the stereotypes in sport and sure to create controversy and laughter. [Read More](#)



Parade's End - Coming to a Masterly Conclusion about Love

Our original story about [Parade's End - Societal Values and Personal Principles vs Love](#) prompted a reader to remark 'I am completely addicted. Cannot sleep before or after, am almost word perfect. I dread the last episode in case there is no happiness for Christopher and Valentine'. You can also read about how it came to a [Masterly Conclusion about Love](#)



Fashion Elixir - Jo Bayley's Grand Tour of Italy

Jo Bayley's Italian Grand Tour started with [La Dolca Vita - My Roman Holiday](#), followed by [Umbrian Adventures](#), before [Naples - It's More Than Meets The Eye](#), enjoyed [Positano, Perfect For Shopping and Pretty As A Picture](#) and ended at [Bologna, Beautiful Boutiques and Food To Die For!](#)



Australian Chamber Orchestra – Musical Diversity 2013 Season

The Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) always provides a unique experience for its subscribers and admirers and the 2013 season will be no exception. It is all about musical diversity in action. [Read More](#)



BBC 1 The Paradise – The Art of Shopping is Serious Business

Indulge in a little retail therapy with a new tv drama series from England set in the fashionable new world of *The Paradise* a fabulous department store c1870. Watch out for those spoilers if you plan to [Read More](#)



Sheena Burnell's Shanghai Scenes - Notes from a Foreign Land

Sheena Burnell sets the scene as the final notes of Debussy's Quartet Number 6 for Strings died away on a languorous Sunday afternoon in Shanghai's Glamour Bar. [Read More](#)



Life & Death in Pompeii & Herculaneum - Twin Cities of Fate

The British Museum in the Spring of 2013 will present *Life & Death in Pompeii & Herculaneum* about the ill-fated twin cities destroyed by the eruption of the volcano Mt Vesuvius in 79AD. The show will provide a rare insight into daily life at the heart of The Roman Empire. [Read More](#)



Castle, Season 5 – Beckett Back to Broker Deal for Her Life

Since the cliff-hanger finale earlier this year committed fans have been hanging by a thread for Season 5 and Kate Beckett is back and about to broker a deal for her life. Don't [Read More](#) if you can't handle spoilers.



South Pacific - Some Enchanted Evening with Opera Australia

This landmark production by Opera Australia with Lisa McCune as Ensign Nellie Forbush, and Teddy Tahu Rhodes as French planter Emile De Becque certainly lives up to all the hype surrounding it. [Read More](#)



Downton Abbey Season 3 – Saving Downton & Edith's Happiness

Mary's trying to save Downton Abbey and Edith's happiness in Episode 2, but don't read on if you like to savour it as we may spoil it. [Read More](#)



Downton Abbey Season 3 - Rationing Excitement & Good Manners

Our British correspondent was blubbing so loudly following Episode 3 it took a while to tell us the whole story, so please don't read any more if you like surprises from your favourite weekly dose of drama. [Read More](#)



Le Misérables, At the Movies - Fight, Dream, Hope and Love

Cathartic and uplifting, the Cameron Macintosh 8 Tony award winning stage musical *Les Misérables* will be at the movies from Xmas Day 2012 in America and Boxing Day in Australia. Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway feature in the a story about, for and of the people. [Read More](#)