



MELBOURNE TOWN HALL – SPEAKERS LIST

Wednesday 20 November 2013

Dr Leslie Cannold – author & host



Dr Leslie Cannold is an author of three books, including the best-selling historical novel *The Book of Rachael*. Leslie delivers inspiring keynotes, workshops and facilitation on topics that include Creativity, Gender, Technology and Inspirational Leadership. She also supports arts organisations, not-for-profits and individuals to meet their copy & editing requirements and to fulfil their creative aspirations.

Guest Speakers:



Tasneem Chopra – Curator and Cross Cultural Consultant

Tasneem is a curator, consultant and activist, with a strong leaning towards the arts. Tasneem has presented a very popular TEDxMelbourne.. She curated the Melbourne component of “Faith Fashion Fusion”, an current exhibition at Melbourne’s Immigration Museum celebrating Australian Muslim women’s style and identity.



Alice Pung – Writer and Editor

Alice Pung is an award-winning Melbourne-born writer and editor, whose works include *Unpolished Gem*, *Growing Up Asian in Australia* (ed), and *Her Father's Daughter*. She is the current writer in residence at Janet Clarke Hall, The University of Melbourne.'

ARTS STRATEGY FORUM



Gideon Obarzanek – Freelance choreographer and Director

Gideon founded dance company Chunky Move in 1995 and was their Artistic Director until 2012. Gideon's works have been performed in many festivals and theatres around the world. Most recently, Gideon was awarded a prestigious Creative Australia Fellowship to further his research.



Louise Adler AO – CEO University of Melbourne Publishing

Louise Adler is the Chief Executive of Melbourne University Publishing, the President of the Australian Publishers Association, a Board member of the Melbourne Festival, Deputy Chancellor of Monash University and the Chair of the Board of Methodist Ladies College



Deborah Cheetham – Performing Artist, Head of Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts VCA & MCM, University of Melbourne

Yorta Yorta Soprano, composer and academic Deborah Cheetham has established her place as an artist in great demand. Since her international debut in 1997 Deborah has performed in the theatre and concert halls of Europe, the United States, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia.



Ash Keating – Visual Artist

Since 2004 Ash Keating has exhibited extensively in galleries and also undertaken a diverse range of art projects in the public realm. Ash has worked throughout Australia and also internationally. In 2012 he created the three channel video artwork *West Park Proposition* which will be exhibited as part of NGV's Melbourne Now opening this week.