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## Friday June 23

### **Clementine Ford 7pm**

Clementine Ford's take on social issues is bold, brave and entertaining. She inspires and challenges people of all ages in equal measure.

Clementine is a Melbourne based writer, speaker and feminist thinker. Her first book *Fight Like a Girl* was published in 2016, and she is a columnist for Fairfax's Daily Life and a regular contributor to The Age and the Sydney Morning Herald. Her ability to use both humour and distilled fury to lay bare ongoing issues affecting women has earned her a huge and loyal readership amongst both women and men. Clementine's work has radically challenged the issues of men's violence against women, rape culture and gender warfare in Australia, while her comedic take on casual sexism and entertainment has earned her a reputation as an accomplished satirist.

### **Omar Musa 8:15pm**

Omar Musa is a Malaysian-Australian rapper and poet from Queanbeyan. A former winner of the Australian Poetry Slam and Indian Ocean Poetry Slam, he has performed extensively around the country, and has been a featured guest internationally. His international hip-hop tours have included supporting legendary poet/singer Gil Scott-Heron in Germany. Omar has released three hip hop albums and two poetry books, including *Parang*, 2013. He was a panelist on ABC's Q&A in 2012, performing a poem for its conclusion, and was a star performer at the TEDx Sydney event in 2013 at the Sydney Opera House. Omar has also run creative workshops in remote Aboriginal communities, youth centres and rural schools. His critically acclaimed debut novel *Here Come the Dogs* was long listed for the Miles Franklin Literary Award and he was named one of the Sydney Morning Herald's Young Novelists of the Year in 2015.

## Saturday June 24

### **Helen Garner 10am**

Helen Garner is an Australian novelist, short-story writer, screenwriter and journalist.

Garner's first novel, *Monkey Grip*, was published in 1977, and immediately established her as an original voice on the Australian literary scene. She is known for incorporating and adapting her personal experiences in her fiction, something that has brought her both praise and criticism, particularly with her novels, *Monkey Grip* and *The Spare Room*. Throughout her career, Garner has written both fiction and non-fiction. She attracted controversy with her book *The First Stone* about a sexual harassment scandal in a university college. She has also written for film and theatre, and has consistently won awards for her work.

### **George Megalogenis 11am**

George Megalogenis is an author and journalist with three decades' experience in the media. *The Australian Moment* won the 2013 Prime Minister's Literary Award for Non-fiction and the 2012 Walkley Award for Non-fiction, and formed the basis for the ABC documentary series *Making Australia Great*.

He is also the author of *Faultlines*, *The Longest Decade*, and *Balancing Act – Australia Between Recession and Renewal*. His latest book is *Australia's Second Chance*.

### **Jamila Rizvi 12pm**

Jamila Rizvi is a writer, presenter and commentator. She is a weekly political columnist for News Life Media and hosts 'The Schmunday Show with Jamila Rizvi' on Fox FM. Jamila previously worked as Editor-in-Chief of the Mamamia Women's Network, leading the website to a coveted Media Brand of the Year title in 2013. Before entering the media Jamila worked as a political staffer in the Rudd and Gillard Governments, advising on media, women's policy, child care and employment issues. She was named as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence by the Financial Review and is an Ambassador for CARE Australia and Welcome to Australia. Jamila's first book, *Not Just Lucky*, will be published by Penguin in July 2017.

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