



Australian Fairy Tale Society's 2018 Conference

Unfurl secret worlds at the Australian Fairy Tale Society's fifth annual national conference in the Royal Botanic Gardens of Sydney on Sunday, 10th June 2018, from 9am.

Performers, writers, illustrators, educators, storytellers, and other fairy tale enthusiasts will share inclusive, imaginative retellings of fairy tales. From sandstone and sea witches to Wollemi and wickedness, the program is designed to inspire ponderings of fairy tales.

The 2018 Conference's Keynote Speaker is bestselling author, scholar and storyteller Dr Kate Forsyth. The conference begins at 9am, with presenters and distinguished guests including Brisbane-based Iranian and Chinese-Australian Leila Honari and Marianna Shek, and Vietnamese-Australian refugee Thang Dac Luong. Serenity Press publisher Monique Mulligan (WA) will also share a panel with Keynote Kate Forsyth (NSW) and illustrator Lorena Carrington (VIC).

From noon to 2pm, various venues will host free events focusing on the conference's theme: 'Gardens of Good and Evil: Growing Life, Plucking Death.' These include presentations exploring the relationship between nature and magic within the Australian landscape. The diverse program offers activities for all-ages such as puppetry by Frank's Fantastic Fairy Tale Theatre, garden tours, and an interactive presentation on 'The Language of Flowers in Fairy Tales'.

The enchanting Royal Botanic Gardens of Sydney will be host to bookstalls, exhibitions, and a quilting display with a fairy tale motif, handcrafted by members of fairy rings from various states and territories.

The conference will also include the presentation of the 2018 Australian Fairy Tale Society Award, which honours a person who has significantly contributed to Australian fairy tales, through literature, academia, art, or performances. Nominees for this year's award include authors Dr Kate Forsyth and Kevin Price, and Australian fairy tale expert Dr Robyn Floyd.

The Australian Fairy Tale Society is a national not-for-profit community of writers, academics, artists, and performers dedicated to exploring, reinterpreting, and creating fairy tales through Australian perspectives.

For more information regarding the event, fairy tales, or to become a member of the Australian Fairy Tale Society, visit our website:
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