

# Media Release



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## The best of the fest comes to Melbourne in May!

### The Wheeler Centre hosts Sydney Writers' Festival guests Elizabeth Gilbert, Peter Carey and Colm Toibin

Tuesday 18 May

**Colm Toibin**

**6:30 pm, Collins Street Baptist Church, 174 Collins Street, Melbourne**

Multi-award winning novelist and critic Colm Toibin discusses his life and work. Born in Ireland in 1955, Toibin is the author of five novels, including two shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize *The Blackwater Lightship* and *The Master*. His most recent novel *Brooklyn* won the prestigious 2009 Costa Novel Award. His non-fiction includes *Bad Blood*, *Homage to Barcelona*, *The Sign of the Cross*, and *Love in a Dark Time*.

Monday 24 May

**Peter Carey**

**6:30 pm, BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne**

Peter Carey is one of this country's best-loved and most internationally recognised authors. He has won or been shortlisted for every major literary prize in Australia. His novel *A True History of the Kelly Gang* won both the Man Booker Prize and the Commonwealth Writers' Prize. His most recent book is *Parrot and Olivier in America*, which has just been longlisted for the Miles Franklin Award. Here, he discusses literary fame and fortune, from Bacchus Marsh to New York.

Monday 24 May

**Elizabeth Gilbert**

**7:30 pm, Melbourne Town Hall, corner Collins and Swanston Street, Melbourne**

Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat, Pray, Love* has been published in over thirty languages and sold more than seven million copies worldwide. Her short story collection *Pilgrims* was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway award, and her novel *Stern Men* was a *New York Times* notable book. In 2002, she published *The Last American Man*, which was a finalist for both the National Book Award and the National Book Critics' Circle Award. Her latest book is *Committed: A Sceptic Makes Peace with Marriage*. She will be in conversation with ABC TV's Jennifer Byrne.

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\$20 / \$12 concession

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