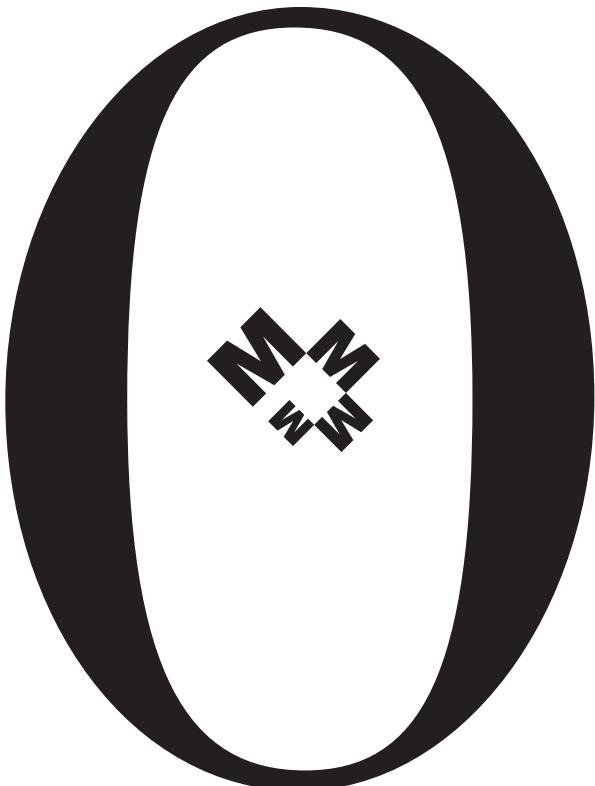




Melbourne  
Prize for  
Literature  
2012

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Finalist Exhibition  
5–19 November 2012  
Federation Square  
Melbourne



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## A Message from the Executive Director of the Melbourne Prize Trust

The Melbourne Prize Trust offers the Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012, Best Writing Award 2012 and Civic Choice Award 2012 as one of the most valuable literary awards in Australia.

This document provides details of the prize and awards, general entry information, key dates and the entry form to be used for making an application. This year a residency at The University of Melbourne will be offered along with Qantas international air travel, provided to the recipient of the Best Writing Award.

To showcase the work of the finalists and enable the public to engage with the abundant literary talent in Victoria, the finalists work will be exhibited at Federation Square between 5 and 19 November 2012. The public will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite finalist to win the \$5,000 Civic Choice Award 2012 both

online and in the free catalogue.

In 2008, Melbourne was designated by UNESCO as an international City of Literature. The designation recognises the importance of literature to the city and the state and the central role that writers have played, and continue to play, in the cultural life of our community.

The Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 and associated awards support Melbourne's status as a UNESCO City of Literature, recognising and rewarding writing talent in our state. We are proud to have the Victorian Government as a partner through its City of Literature initiative.

With the support of the City of Melbourne and our partners and patrons this year, we look forward to providing opportunities for writers and demonstrating the importance of literature in a vibrant and creative community. The Trust is

pleased to recognise 2012 as the National Year of Reading.

We would like to thank the literary sector and the many organisations, publications and websites that are immensely supportive in raising awareness of our 2012 program.

Please visit our website at [melbourneprize.org](http://melbourneprize.org) for a copy of this entry form or for further information, or call (03) 9696 4410.

Yours sincerely,

**Simon Warrender** Executive Director & Founder  
Melbourne Prize Trust

Phone (03) 9696 4410 Website  
[melbourneprizetrust.org](http://melbourneprizetrust.org)

## Prize & Awards

### Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 \$60,000

The Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 is for a Victorian author whose body of published or produced work has made an outstanding contribution to Australian literature and to cultural and intellectual life.

The author's work can include all genres and forms, for example, fiction, non-fiction, essays, plays, screenplays and poetry. **There is no age limit for this prize.**

The Prize is supported by The Vera Moore Foundation, The Tallis Foundation and the Melbourne Prize Trust.

#### What you need to know to enter this prize

- / Authors can apply for this prize in their own right or be nominated by publishers, agents or private individuals.
- / A separate entry form and fee must be provided for each additional application or nomination.
- / All work entered in this prize must have been published or produced by the closing date of entries on 16 July 2012.
- / This prize will be given to a single author. No group entries are permitted.
- / A shortlist of up to five (5) finalists will be announced on 5 September 2012 at [melbourneprize.org](http://melbourneprize.org) and displayed at the Federation Square finalist exhibition. The recipient of this Prize will be announced on 7 November 2012 and published on the Prize website.

#### Material required for this prize

Please provide six (6) stapled A4 copies of the following support material:

- / CV including a summary of the author's published or produced work – maximum 2 x A4 pages.
- / A summary of how the prize funds would be used to benefit the career of the author (Note: a detailed budget is NOT required) – maximum 1 x A4 page.

#### Material required for this award

Please provide six (6) stapled A4 copies of the following support material:

- / A description of the author's inspiration, research or background for the submitted work – maximum 1 x A4 page.
- / A summary of how the prize funds would be used to benefit the career of the author (Note: a detailed budget is NOT required) – maximum 1 x A4 page.
- / Please include six (6) copies of the submitted published or produced work with the material.

#### Residency – The University of Melbourne

A residency at the School of Culture and Communication, The University of Melbourne will be awarded, at the discretion of the judges, to either the recipient of the Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 or the Best Writing Award 2012. Details of the residency will be decided between the recipient and The University of Melbourne following the announcement.

Please refer to the 'How to Enter' section.

### Civic Choice Award 2012 \$5,000

A public exhibition of the finalists in the Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 and the Best Writing Award 2012 will be held at Federation Square between 5 and 19 November 2012.

This award will be given to the finalist with the highest number of public votes. Votes can be made using the online voting form, [available at melbourneprize.org from the announcement of finalists on 5 September to the close of the Federation Square exhibition on 19 November](http://melbourneprize.org). A voting form will also be available in the free catalogue, available during the exhibition.

The announcement of the winner of the Civic Choice Award 2012 will be made on 23 November 2012 at [melbourneprize.org](http://melbourneprize.org)

The Civic Choice Award 2012 is supported by Readings and Hardie Grant Books.

## Key Dates

<b>Entries Open</b> 23 May 2012	<b>Finalist Exhibition at Federation Square</b> 5 to 19 November 2012	All announcements will be made at <a href="http://melbourneprize.org">melbourneprize.org</a>
<b>Entries Close</b> 16 July 2012	<b>Winners Announced</b> 7 November 2012	
<b>2012 Finalists Announced</b> 5 September 2012	<b>Civic Choice Award 2012 Winner Announced</b> 23 November 2012	

## Awarding Committee

**Professor Brian Matthews FAHA**  
Writer and Emeritus Professor

**Hannie Rayson**  
Playwright

**Mark Rubbo OAM**  
Managing Director  
Readings Books Music & Film

**Christos Tsiolkas**  
Writer

**Michael Williams**  
Director  
The Wheeler Centre

## Judging and Eligibility Information

/ Authors in both categories must be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident, and resident of the State of Victoria.

/ The decisions of the Awarding Committee will be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

/ The Melbourne Prize Trust reserves the right not to allocate the prize and award categories.

/ Work submitted for both categories must be by a living writer.

## How to Enter

**1. Choose the category – more than one category may be entered.**

/ Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012  
/ Best Writing Award 2012

**2. Tear off and complete the entry form and attach the \$45 (incl. GST) entry fee where indicated. The entry fee may be paid using the following methods:**

/ Personal cheque made out to the Melbourne Prize Trust  
/ Online using PayPal – to pay using this method visit [melbourneprize.org/pay](http://melbourneprize.org/pay) – please provide the PayPal receipt number where indicated on the entry form and print off the receipt and include it with entry material.

/ Australia Post money order made out to the Melbourne Prize Trust

A separate entry form and fee must be provided for each application or nomination. A receipt for the entry fee will be issued by email.

**3. Provide six (6) copies of the entry material required for the category entered.**

**4. Securely attach the completed entry form, with the entry fee, to the entry material and place this all in an envelope addressed to the following:**

Melbourne Prize Trust Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 234 St Kilda Road Southbank VIC 3006

**5. Mail or hand deliver.**

**ALL MAILED ENTRIES MUST** be received by the Melbourne Prize Trust at the address provided in this section by 5pm on 16 July 2012.

**ALL HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES MUST** be deposited by 5pm on 16 July 2012 in the dedicated mailbox marked 'Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 applications', located on the ground floor of the Victorian College of the Arts, School of Contemporary Music, Building 862, 234 St Kilda Road Southbank VIC 3006.

**Late entries will NOT be accepted. Emailed or faxed entries are NOT permitted.**

Please contact the Melbourne Prize Trust on (03) 9696 4410 for information.

## General Entry Information

/ Entry in the Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 and Best Writing Award 2012 can be made by the author in their own right or by nomination by publishers, agents or private individuals.

/ More than one category may be entered. A separate entry must be completed for each prize and award application or nomination. This entry form is available at [melbourneprize.org](http://melbourneprize.org).

/ The work of the applying or nominated author must be published and/or produced and be the author's original work.

/ Work that has ONLY been published on the internet is not eligible for entry.

/ All work entered in either category of the prize must be in English.

/ Please provide all information requested on the entry form. If the entry process has not been adhered to, the Melbourne Prize Trust reserves the right not to accept an entry.

/ All entries and material will be handled in accordance with current privacy legislation.

/ All communication, including acknowledgment of entries and the entry fee receipt, will be via email to the email addresses provided in the entry form. Where an email address is not provided, correspondence will be sent to the mailing address provided.

/ Copyright stays with the author of the entered work.

/ Authors making applications, or entries via nomination, warrant they do not violate the copyright of others' work or seek to defame the character of any individual or group.

/ The Melbourne Prize Trust reserves the right to use entry information, where applicable, for the purposes of making announcements, media activity or promoting and displaying the 2012 prize program. At all times, prior consultation will be undertaken with the finalists and winners.

/ Prize and award recipients should seek, if necessary, professional advice regarding their GST and tax obligations.

## About the Melbourne Prize Trust and Annual Melbourne Prize

Launched in 2004, the Melbourne Prize Trust recognises and rewards excellence and talent, inspires creative development and enriches public life. The Trust achieves these aims by running the annual Melbourne Prize, which is funded by a collaboration of partnerships and patrons. The Trust is an Income Exempt Charity with Deductible Gift Recipient status.

The annual Melbourne Prize is one of the most valuable creative development initiatives of its kind in Australia. It runs on a three-year cycle and rewards sculptors, writers and musicians in turn. The current cycle is:

/ Melbourne Prize for Urban Sculpture (2011)  
/ Melbourne Prize for Literature (2012)  
/ Melbourne Prize for Music (2013)

The Prize is unique, celebrating artistic excellence under the banner of Melbourne.

The major event of the annual Melbourne Prize is the free two-week public exhibition of finalists' work and the prize announcement held each November at Federation Square. The public have the ability to vote for a finalist to win the Civic Choice Award. The exhibition increases the public's exposure and access to the creativity of our community and enhances Melbourne's reputation as a cultural capital.

The origins of the Trust date back to the establishment of the children's garden precinct at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and the commissioning of *The Magic Pudding* sculpture in 2000.

Proceeds from the sale of limited edition miniatures of this landmark sculpture contribute to the Trust. Please contact the Melbourne Prize Trust regarding the miniatures.

For further information visit [melbourneprizetrust.org](http://melbourneprizetrust.org) or call (03) 9696 4410

## Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 partners and patrons

### Government Partners



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### Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012 Partners



### Best Writing Award 2012 Patron



Civic Choice Award 2012 & Exhibition Catalogue Partners



### Patrons

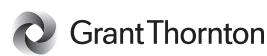
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Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC DBE

Nathan & Pamela Jacobson

### Professional Services



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[Names24.com.au](http://Names24.com.au)

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### Online Content Partner

[artsHub.com.au](http://artsHub.com.au)  
keeping you informed

### Exhibition Signage & AV

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architectural & environmental signage

**MICROHIRE**

### Exhibition Consultant

Coleby Consulting

### Banners & Trophies



## ENTRY FORM

– Please staple entry fee here

Please tick the category entered (more than one category may be entered):

Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012

Best Writing Award 2012

## AUTHOR APPLICATION

This section must be completed for all entries (please print clearly)

First Name

Address

Mobile

Email

Last Name

Postcode

Tel.

## AUTHOR NOMINATION

This section must be completed by the nominator (please print clearly)

Name of Nominator

Organisation (where applicable)

First name

Address

Mobile

Email

Last name

Postcode

Tel.

Please sign the Declaration, provide the Best Writing Award 2012 entry details (where applicable), review the Entry Checklist and complete the payment method – see below.

## BEST WRITING AWARD 2012 – ENTERED WORK

Title of work and date of publication (where applicable).

Title of work

Date published

(Between 17 July 2009 and 16 July 2012)

## DECLARATION To be completed by ALL applicants or nominators.

In signing this entry form, the author or nominator certifies that:

- / They have read and comply with the information provided in the entry form,
- / They (the author, where nominated) comply with the eligibility and are an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident and resident of the State of Victoria,
- / They accept as final the decision of the Awarding Committee,
- / They agree to be contacted in relation to this entry,
- / They certify that submitted work is the work of the original author,
- / For the Best Writing Award 2012, the work is published or produced between 17 July 2009 and 16 July 2012.

## Melbourne Prize for Literature 2012

- / A CV and summary of the author's published or produced work.
- / Summary of how the prize would benefit the career of the author and how the funds will be used.
- / A commendation by the nominator (where applicable).

## Best Writing Award 2012

- / Six (6) copies of the submitted published or produced work.
- / The author's inspiration or research for the submitted work.
- / A summary of how the award would benefit the career of the author and how the funds would be used.

## PAYMENT METHOD

Please tick a box indicating which payment method has been used for the \$45 entry fee.

- Personal cheque
- Australia Post money order
- Online using PayPal – please provide the PayPal receipt number below and print off the receipt and include this with your entry material.

PayPal Receipt no.

Signed

Date / / 2012

## ENTRY CHECKLIST

Please ensure the following items are enclosed in a single envelope and mailed or hand delivered to the Melbourne Prize Trust by 5.00pm on 16 July 2012. Late, emailed or faxed entries will NOT be accepted.

- / A fully completed entry form and signed Declaration, along with attached entry fee of \$45 (inc. GST).

- / Six (6) stapled copies of support material for the chosen category.