

**July 2006**

***Facing Percy Grainger – Our New Exhibition***

From 6 July to 15 October the National Library of Australia is proud to be exhibiting *Facing Percy Grainger*, in association with the Grainger Collection from the University of Melbourne. A prolific composer, pianist, folklore collector, musical inventor and social commentator, this exhibition reveals the many faces of a unique Australian. Don't miss it – this exhibition will not be touring.



Unknown photographer  
*Percy Grainger, Fort Hamilton, New York 1917*  
Grainger Collection, the University of Melbourne

**Staffing Changes in the Friends Office**

July sees a big change to the folk who run the Friends Office. Jillian Edwards, Executive Officer of the Friends, has gone on long service leave, and Sharyn O'Brien (formerly of the ACT Writers Centre) has come on board to run the Friends Office in her absence. Hayley Pearson, our Executive Assistant, who many of you would know from the other end of the bookings phone, has (sadly for us!) moved to Melbourne. The good news is we have the lovely Jessica Goldstein to take her place. Jessica will be assisting you with membership enquiries and renewals, and of course, will be taking your bookings for events. Please be mindful though, Jessica only works 15 hours per week. While we do our very best, we cannot

offer the bookings office service that the likes of Ticketek can – we might seem big when we run huge events, but we're only little! Sharyn O'Brien may be contacted on 6262 1551 and Jessica Goldstein (for membership enquiries and bookings) may be contacted on 6262 1698.

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### **Sydney Dance Company**

Thanks to the Canberra Theatre, all Friends of the National Library of Australia may buy tickets to the wonderful new performance by the Sydney Dance Company at concession rates. *Underland* will run at The Playhouse from Tuesday, 18 July until Saturday, 22 July. Performances start at 8pm, with a matinee at 4pm on Saturday. Full-priced tickets: \$48, **Concession (and Friends of the National Library): \$41**. ACT Friends, see enclosed flyer. For reservations, call Canberra Ticketing on 02 6275 2700. (*Warning: the music accompanying this performance contains obscene language*).

### **The White Masai - Deal for Friends**

At once a captivating romance and a breath-taking travelogue into the Kenyan outback, *The White Masai* carries us on an epic journey. Based on the autobiography of Corinne Hofmann, one of the most popular books in Europe of the past decade, it tells the unbelievable - yet true - fish-out-of-water tale of a white European woman who becomes the wife of a Masai warrior. The exotic urban jungle of Mombasa - where the two first fall in love - and the tiny village surrounded by majestic landscapes where they make their home provide a backdrop that is nothing short of extraordinary.

Swiss businesswoman Carola (Nina Hoss) had intended to holiday on the stunning white sand beaches of Kenya for only two weeks. Her plans change dramatically when she meets Lemalian (Jacky Ido), a handsome Masai warrior in traditional tribal garb. She finds herself falling for Lemalian and resolves to stay despite their seemingly insurmountable cultural and language differences and the many bureaucratic hurdles thrown in their way. Although barely able to communicate with her new love, she follows him to his remote village. *The White Masai* is an extraordinary true story, a gripping adventure steeped in humanity and filled with a wonderful sensitivity. In cinemas from 20 July. ACT Friends – the enclosed insert gives you and a friend the chance to see *The White Masai* at Electric Shadows for the cost of only one ticket (see insert for conditions and details).



### **Can you help? Magazines Wanted for the Friends Lounge**

For the past few years, generous Friends have been donating various journals and magazines to the Friends Lounge. Over time, some of these Friends have left Canberra or terminated their subscriptions. We are calling for any of you who subscribe to a journal or magazine, to consider donating them to us once you have finished with them. Journals will be placed on a rack in the Friends Lounge for all to enjoy. At present, some kind Friends are providing us with *The Guardian Weekly*, *The New Yorker*, *Double Helix*, *The London Review of Books* and *Australian Geographic*. Do get in touch with our office if you might be able to help us out with others. Phone Sharyn on 02 6262 1551.



## Friends Bookclub

*Gothic Passion in Wuthering Heights* sparked an interest in many of you to join a bookclub. If you would like to join a bookclub with other Friends, and meet here in the Friends Lounge at the National Library one evening a month, do get in touch. We will need to know your name, contact phone number, address OR email, and your availability in the evenings (Mon-Thurs). We will also need to know if you feel comfortable selecting a book and facilitating a session or if you would rather just be part of the group. Please write to us with these details, and include your permission for us to pass on your contact details to other Friends in the same boat. Address your expression of interest to The Friends Executive Officer, National Library of Australia, Parkes Place, Parkes ACT 2600.



## *The Second-Hand Bookshop Corner*

*My favourite bookshop is Readers Rendezvous in the Cusack Centre off Green Square in Kingston, ACT. Janet is an ex-librarian with a warm personality. Juliana who is in attendance several days a week is also an ex-librarian and is like a 'Mother Superior' to everyone. If you have a problem, it will soon vanish without a trace after talking to Juliana. All the staff serve with a kind smile. The bookshop is a booklover's paradise.*

*Henrietta Danisewitsch  
Red Hill, ACT*

If **you** have a favourite second-hand bookshop you'd like to tell us about, drop us a line:

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## Coming Events July 2006

The full programme for July can be consulted in the What's On section of the National Library's website at <http://www.nla.gov.au/apps/events/>.

### NLA exhibitions

<p><i>Country &amp; Landscape</i> Til Sunday 9 July, 2006 Visitor Centre</p>	<p>Underpinning Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal attachment to country and landscape respectively were—and these remain with us—deep rooted ideologies and meanings. Country and landscape are not something that is simply seen, but a way of seeing. In this exhibition, using colonial images from the National Library of Australia's extensive collection, we can see how the European mind suffused with the ideal of the picturesque landscape recorded what was seen as the ideal prospect where beauty and economic utility naturally combined. Here was the ideal of open grassy woodland and plains waiting to be occupied.</p>
<p><i>Sir Isaac Isaacs (1855-1948)</i> Til Friday 11 August, 2006 Manuscript Foyer</p>	<p>To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sir Isaac Isaacs, the showcases outside the Manuscript Reading Room on the 2nd floor are displaying items associated with Sir Isaac Isaacs' illustrious career.</p> <p>The display is accessible from 9.00 till 5.00, Monday to Friday</p>
<p><i>Trainspotting: The Buckland Collection on Display Part II</i> Til Sunday, 16 July 2006 Fourth Floor Foyer</p>	<p>To commemorate the sesquicentenary of the running of the first trains in New South Wales and similar anniversaries in other States, the National Library of Australia is presenting <i>Trainspotting</i>, a display of photographs from its Buckland collection, chosen by Mr Bob Parker.</p> <p>Part II of <i>Trainspotting</i> features Victoria, South Australia and the former Commonwealth Railways and will be on display until 16 July 2006. Part I, which was on display until 22 January, covered New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia.</p>

### NLA talks and events

<p>Winter Tales – Are Women's Rights Human Rights? Sun 30 July, 2:00pm – 4:00pm Conference Room \$15 includes afternoon tea</p>	<p>In this Sunday afternoon seminar, Professor Hilary Charlesworth, Director of the Centre for International Governance and Justice at the ANU, discusses this thorny question. In association with the Australian Women's Archive Project.</p> <p>Bookings: (02) 6262 1161</p>
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