

# CONVICTIONS + CONNECTIONS

AUSTRALIAN THEATRE FORUM 2011

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## Theatre industry converges at ATF 2011 – just two weeks away!

Kyle Morrison from Perth's YIRRA YAAKIN Theatre Company, Alison Croggon who runs influential review blog THEATRE NOTES, performance maker and media artist Amitesh Grover from New Delhi, and Kristine Landon-Smith, joint founder and Artistic Director of TAMASHA theatre company in London, are among the remarkable speakers addressing the Australian Theatre Forum 2011: Convictions + Connections, from 14–16 September at Brisbane Powerhouse.

More than 250 of Australia's theatre companies and theatre makers will gather to exchange ideas and to hear from speakers including Rosemary Myers, Darren O'Donnell, Wesley Enoch, Yaron Lifschitz, Sandra Phillips, Lenine Bourke, Paschal Daantos Berry and Candy Bowers.

ATF Curator Fiona Winning is excited that the countdown to the national theatre event of the year has begun: "We're thrilled about the diverse range of delegates from across Australia, including indie theatre makers, state theatre company reps, bloggers and policy makers. The discussions will be exciting and fruitful, determining the priorities for our sector and the paths to pursue them," she said. "The ATF is especially timely as we have a once in a generation opportunity to feed our big vision into current debate around the National Cultural Policy – an urgent discussion for all Australians."

Winning said the Forum is about getting the theatre sector talking and working together. "We all live with rapid change, as a sector we need to collectively embrace it, and decide how to respond, when we can pre-empt and when to lead. We need to challenge each other, share ideas and determine how we want to shape our futures. That's what the Australian Theatre Forum is all about."

Full list of ATF 2011 delegates and speaker details at [australiantheatreforum.com.au](http://australiantheatreforum.com.au)

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