

## The April Salon had punters rolling in the aisles and squirming in their seats

The last SALON was held on Thursday the 7th of April at the back room of Dante's, on the corner of Napier and Gertrude Streets in Fitzroy.

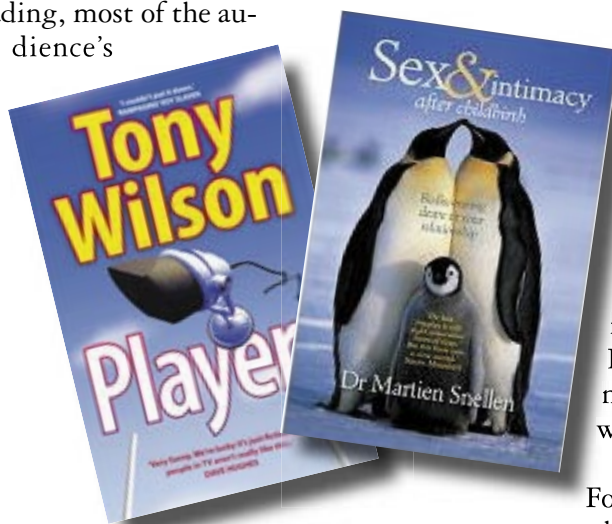
Nat and Paul were together on guitar and vocals for the first time doing renditions of the Waifs, the Indigo Girls, Paul Kelly, and generally bringing a level of decorum to the evening. Next up, Jen Jewel Brown, award-winning poet, journalist and mother of two, interviewed consultant psychiatrist Dr Martien Snellen about his first book, *Sex & Intimacy After Childbirth*. By the time Martien took the mike for his book reading, most of the audience's

red faces had turned to grins and laughter. What that audience doesn't now know about intimacy in a relationship can only be found in the rest of Martien's book.

For a complete change of tack, radio broadcaster and 'Race Around the World' winner, Tony Wilson, hopped on stage alongside David Astle, *Age* crossword compiler and novelist, to discuss Tony's new novel, *Players*, a satirical and hilarious look at sports and the media. The two of them looked like old cohorts, and together enlightened us on some of the things that go on behind the scenes in the entertainment industry. Then Tony kept people in hysterics with his book reading.

We finished the night with book signings, huge raffle prizes which ensured that just about everyone who came ended up with a prize, and Anna Hedigan awarded Alan Griffiths the winner of the infamous Post-It Note Poetry Competition (theme for the night: Text). See next page for his winning entry.

For more info on these books, go to [www.textpublishing.com.au](http://www.textpublishing.com.au)



## Almanac II... Submissions open

Submissions are now open for the next *Almanac*! The theme for the second one is the Nervous System. Checkout the website [www.sleeperspublishing.com](http://www.sleeperspublishing.com) for more details and make sure you submit something for your chance to be in the next one. Submissions close June 30, 2005.

Here's what the *Sydney Morning Herald* said about the current one: "Although there are contributions from established writers such as Adam Ford and Cate Kennedy (including a mouth-watering middle section by Charmaine Solomon on her "totally indulgent last meal", and a brilliantly scathing spray on "Shit-lit" by Gideon Haigh), it's discovering so many talented new voices that makes *The Sleepers Almanac* such a serendipity."

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Paul and Nat at the April Salon



Martien Snellen talks sex and intimacy with Jen

## Manuscripts

We've stopped manuscript appraisals because we simply ran out of time, but we're still searching for a searing heart-stopper to back to the hilt. Send hard copies to us at PO Box 1204, Collingwood VIC 3066. Make sure you include an SSAE if you want it back, make sure you include a bio, a synopsis and a description of your audience.



Tony Wilson and David Astle at the April Salon

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### Post-It Note Poetry Comp WINNER: by Alan Griffiths

Ex text  
Text with your ex  
Text Ex to exit  
My life without ex  
Moving to Tex  
Next to Mex-ico  
Part life now on echo  
Now owes tax  
Her syntax in text  
Reminds me why she's my ex

The Sleepers' runner-up pick: by MJ Hyland

TEXT means putting T'NT around my ex

## Coming Events

- The Emerging Writers' Festival  
The Express Media Emerging Writers' Festival is being held in Melbourne from the 6th to the 8th of May. Some of Sleepers' favourite faces will be there, including the Bedroom Philosopher ([www.bedroomphilosopher.com](http://www.bedroomphilosopher.com)), one of the funniest singing bods to come out of Melbourne – not just right now, but ever. Seriously, watch that space. And checkout: [www.expressmedia.org.au](http://www.expressmedia.org.au)

- The Willy Lit Fest  
Be seen on the 14th of May at the Williamstown Literary Festival. We'll be there so come along and say Hi. Maybe we could go for some fish and chips?

- The Sydney Writers' Festival  
Featuring Alan Hollinghurst and Helen Garner to name but a few.  
23rd to the 29th of May. For more info: [www.swf.org.au](http://www.swf.org.au)

- Exclusive Fundraising Preview screening of 2046  
Sleepers Publishing and the Melbourne Writers' Festival are pleased to bring you an exclusive preview screening of 2046, the companion piece to renowned director Wong Kar Wai's acclaimed *In the Mood for Love*.

A gold coin donation upon entry will support both Sleepers' and the Writers' Festival's fundraising efforts.

Date: Tuesday 24 May, 2005  
6.00pm registrations  
6.30pm screening

Where: Kino Dendy Cinemas  
45 Collins St, Melbourne

Tickets: Gold coin donation. Bookings Essential  
Email [info@mwf.com.au](mailto:info@mwf.com.au) or by phone 9645 9244

- The next SALON  
Put Wednesday the 1st of June in your diaries. Featuring HEAT magazine, with special guest star publisher Ivor Indyk all the way from Newcastle. More info coming shortly.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Former Sleepers SALON crooners, The Kitchen Sink, appeared in *Keating! The Opera* at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, sweeping 3 awards; the Golden Gibbo, the Age critics Award AND the Barry!

Congratulations to Casey Bennetto (pictured, accepting the Age Critics Award) and to all the The Drowsy Drivers cast: Jason Cleeland, Justin Ludowyk, Ross McFerran, Kevin McFerran, Mike McLeish, Enio Pozzebon, Cam Rogers, and to the crew too.

