

Sleepers In Somnia

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What a Coup!

303 was packed out for the November Sleepers Salon. This time around, Sleepers was showcasing HEAT literary magazine to celebrate the release of HEAT 6.

There was a great atmosphere, the interviews were delightful, informative and entertaining, and we were provided with many easy giggles.

The Christmas Salon has moved to Friday December 5. Still at... Bar 303 – 303 High St Northcote from 8pm. Come for some trivia and a bit of Christmas play. The December Salon will be a little bit different, very relaxed and more interactive. More information will follow in the next couple of weeks.

The program:

After live music by Aurora Kurth and Eden Altman, the night kicked off with a welcome from HEAT Melbourne Editor, Antoni Jach.

We were then treated to performances by the following HEAT contributors:

- Paola Bilbrough interviewing PiO about his work, followed by a reading from PiO.
- Michael Farrell reading from his stable of work.
- A short break and the introduction of this month's Post-It Note Poetry Competition.
- Andrea Goldsmith and Dorothy Porter in a live onstage interview together, discussing poetry versus prose, followed by individual readings from both of their recent books.
- Emma Lew reading from her poems.

Watching and listening to the presenters, it became quickly apparent that we are part of a very generous literary community.

Thanks goes out to all of our presenters and to everyone who formed part of a splendid audience.

– Zoe Dattner & Louise Swinn

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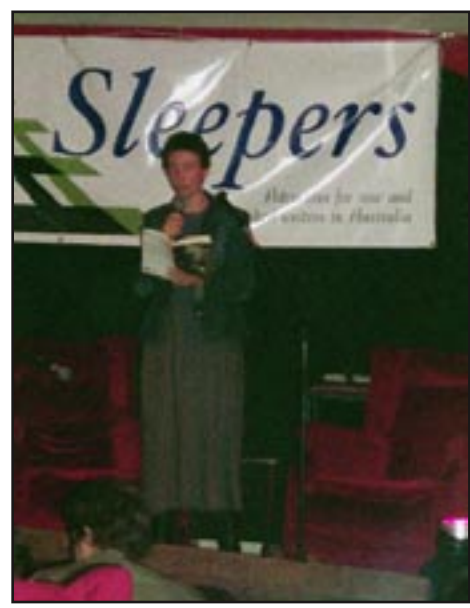
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About HEAT

Ivor Indyk began HEAT with the aim to publish an “active, provocative, literary magazine, one that is both scholarly and appealing at the same time”. Now in its second series and appearing twice a year, HEAT has consistently showcased contemporary writing from Australia and overseas.

The latest edition, HEAT 6, *Happy Days*, features contributions from Delia Falconer, David Malouf, Tim Winton, David Bennett, Hugh Toller, Toby Litt, Emily Ballou, PiO, and an interview with Jonathan Franzen.



Emma Lew



• The 2003 UQ Vanguard Literary Awards

A huge congratulations goes to Passenger (see Glossary) Scott McDermott who has just been judged runner-up in the 2003 UQ Vanguard Literary Award for his short story titled, *Agnes's Battle Against Entropy*. Scott has recently been caught Sleepin' Out (see Glossary).

• Australia Council Grants

Sleepers would like to congratulate two of the October Salon's performers, Edwina Preston and Brad Bryant, on each receiving a \$15,000 grant from the Literature Board of the Australia Council.

Giramondo steals the limelight at the Vic Premier's Literary Awards

Last week, the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards were announced. The fiction award went to previous HEAT contributor, Brian Castro, for his novel, *Shanghai Dancing*, which was published by Giramondo Publishing Co. Emma Lew's book of poetry, *Anything the Landlord Touches*, also published by Giramondo, won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for poetry. Giramondo is run by Ivor Indyk and Evelyn Juers, and is also the publisher of HEAT. Pretty amazing success rate so far!

Salon punters were lucky enough to see Emma Lew in action at the November Salon. A hearty Sleepers congratulations goes to Brian, Emma, Evelyn and Ivor!



Dorothy Porter, Andrea Goldsmith and those mikes...

Thanks and Dedications

We dedicated the November Salon to the editorial teams behind Australia's literary journals, magazines and anthologies. ...Stick with it. Please.

Sleepers raises a glass to thank Ivor Indyk, Antoni Jach, Kerry Watson from Triple R FM, Bar 303, musicians Eden Altman and Aurora Kurth, the Overloaders, and raffle prize-givers – Macmillan Australia, Nova Cinemas and Stella Vassiliou.

Sleepers would like to thank HQ magazine, who have sponsored all of the Salons so far. Free copies of HQ were available to everyone on the night.



Be Seen At...

• GDS Launch

The launch of the summer edition of Going Down Swinging literary journal is to be held at the Old Colonial Hotel – 127 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy on 11th December at 8pm. Entry is \$10 with a book (\$5 sans) – for details go to www.goingdownswinging.org.au

• Babble

Every Wednesday at Bar Open on Brunswick Street, Fitzroy from 8.30, featuring live music, open mike and guest performers. \$5 entry.

The Post-It Note Poetry competition

The theme of this month's competition was Happy Days.

Entries included:

Happiness. I've found it.
Cut the rope, lifted
it down, picked
up the chair it kicked
over. This is
its final note

Andy Jackson

i am cooking for little
bits of kids HELLO FRANK
that's my fish my silverfish
they're cheap to keep
they eat paper they used
to like the saturday extra
ok kids enough pineapple
sauce you'll be sick...

Michael Farrell



Matt Hetherington with his new Sleepers sticker

Sleepers submissions guidelines

Do submit your work. Any length, any genre. Make sure that there are no lazy sentences, no lazy paragraphs, no lazy words. It is your greatest work, on your best day, from the perspective of your most critical self. It will fill your readers with delight. There are no guidelines, we just want to publish the best.

Glossary

Passenger: A person who has attended at least one Sleepers Salon.

Sleepin' Out: The moment of first acknowledgement that one is (unfortunately) A Writer.