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MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE PRESENTS

BOOKMARKS: MELTING MOMENTS

A book club with Anna Goldsworthy



Melbourne Recital Centre is renowned for connecting audiences with one of life's great pleasures: music. In lieu of being able to provide concerts, it's now engaging arts-lovers in the related joy of reading. The Centre is launching the inaugural online book club called **Bookmarks** where readers can share new discoveries and connect in conversation.

The first book the club will read is *Melting Moments* by Melbourne Recital Centre's 2020-21 Artist-& Writer-in-Residence, **Anna Goldsworthy**. Released earlier this year, the novel is Anna's fiction debut, following the success of her critically acclaimed memoir, *Piano Lessons*.

Beginning in 1941, it offers a portrait of a woman's life over more than five decades as a series of key moments. It explores the themes of fate, transience, intimacy and forgiveness. Critics have praised *Melting Moments* as a 'charming novel' (*Artshub*), which paints 'a generous and vivid picture of ... so many women's lives' (*The Australian*), and gives readers 'much to enjoy' (*Australian Book Review*).

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Anna will join the Bookmarks club to host a discussion with readers on Tuesday 29 September via Zoom, making this a great opportunity to engage with the author beyond the page. A concert pianist as well as an author, she is the ideal person to lead the Centre's foray in the world of books.

The award-winning writer said:

'When I first started writing *Melting Moments*, it felt odd to release the work into silence. A reader's encounter with the text is a private consummation - unlike that of a concert audience, whose feedback is immediate and an integral part of the experience. Releasing a book into a pandemic is an even quieter, more private experience. I look forward to breaking that silence for a moment, particularly in my musical home of Melbourne Recital Centre.'

Books are great source of comfort during difficult and uncertain times. Combined with the opportunity to discuss them together with like-minded people, *Bookmarks* is expected to bring back a touch of warmth and social connection to the community, especially to those who miss receiving this at the Centre's concerts.

'Goldsworthy is a superb writer and an exceptional observer of human nature.' *Readings*

'*Melting Moments* is a quiet masterpiece.' *Alex Miller, award-winning Australian author*

EVENT DETAILS

Bookmarks: Melting Moments

Tuesday 29 September 2020, 6.30pm

Online (Zoom)

Anna Goldsworthy speaker

Marshall McGuire moderator

Tickets \$10 (FREE for members & Centre supporters)

Upon booking tickets, attendees receive an exclusive \$5 discount on *Melting Moments* courtesy of Black Inc. Books, book club reading notes and access to the Bookmarks Facebook Group hosted by Anna Goldsworthy.

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