

# MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL

## Melbourne Writers Festival 2008 features writers from the USA

Many notable writers from the United States of America are attending the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival. We expect huge interest in their events and would appreciate it if you could pass on this information to anyone interested who would like to join us. The writers are:


- **Augusten Burroughs** is a number one *New York Times* bestselling author. His new memoir *A Wolf at the Table* is the prequel to *Running with Scissors*.
- **Rachel Cohn** writes for young people. Author of *I, Rachel* first collaborated with David Levithan on *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist*. *Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List* is their second novel. Rachel Cohn's visit is supported by the US Consulate-General Melbourne.
- **Philip Gourevitch** is a New York-based writer, editor of *The Paris Review* and a regular contributor to *The New Yorker*. His latest book is *Standard Operating Procedure – Inside Abu Ghraib*.
- **Tracie Morris** is an interdisciplinary poet who has worked extensively as a sound artist, writer and multimedia performer. Her installations have been presented at the Whitney Biennial and the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning.
- **Mark Sarvas** is the LA-based founder of the popular litblog, *The Elegant Variation*, which *Forbes* and *The Guardian* named among the best blogs. *Harry, Revised* is his first novel.
- **David Rakoff**, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Don't Get Too Comfortable*, is a regular contributor to Public Radio International's 'This American Life', *New York Times Magazine*, and *GQ*.
- **David Sedaris** is one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. His recent collections include *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day* and *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*. **SOLD OUT**

- **Hannah Tinti's** story collection, *Animal Crackers*, has sold in sixteen countries and was a runner-up for the PEN/Hemingway award. Her novel, *The Good Thief*, was recently published by Hachette Australia.
- **Anya Ulinich** was born in Moscow and immigrated to the United States when she was seventeen. She attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and wrote *Petropolis*.
- **Joel Becker, Leah Garrett, Susan Maushart, Kevin Rabalais and Suzanne Shubart** – American authors who now call Australia home.

More than 300 writers will appear at the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival over 10 days from 22 – 31 August. Events are scheduled from 10:00AM until late in Federation Square and other city venues.


Please contact us for more information and we hope you and your friends join us.

### **Bookings**

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