

# media release

# The Aurealis Awards presented by HarperVoyager

## **Aurealis Awards Ceremony**

The Aurealis Awards for speculative fiction published in 2010 will be bestowed at a gala ceremony on the evening of Saturday the 21st of May.

## **Details are provided below:**

| Venue: | <b>The Independent Theatre</b><br>269 Miller Street, North Sydney NSW<br>Or <u>visit online</u> . |   |  |  |  |
|--------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Time:  | 6.30 – 7.30 pm  | ⇒ HarperVoyager cocktail party                              |  |  |  |
|        | 7:30 – 9:15 pm  | ⇒ Aurealis Awards ceremony                                  |  |  |  |
|        | 9:15 – 10:00 pm   | $\Rightarrow$ Post-ceremony celebration                     |  |  |  |
|        | After 10:00 pm  | ⇒ After party at a venue to be<br>announced at the ceremony |  |  |  |
| Dress: | Formal/cocktail   |   |  |  |  |

#### **Purchasing Tickets**

Tickets to the ceremony can be <u>purchased online</u>.

To purchase a ticket, navigate to this site and follow the simple instructions. You will need a credit card to pay.

Tickets are open to the public, although the maximum seating capacity of the theatre is 300 guests. As interest in the ceremony has been strong, we recommend purchasing a ticket well before the event. The entry price includes drinks and refreshments.

#### Ticket prices:

- Tickets purchased on or before 16 April 2011 **\$29 per person**.
- Tickets purchased after 16 April and before 14 May 2011 **\$33 per person**.
- Tickets purchased on, or after, 14 May 2011 **\$36 per person**.
- Tickets will be sold at the door for **\$36 per person** but as the theatre's capacity is limited, seats cannot be guaranteed.

The following individuals are entitled to receive **free entry** to the ceremony:

- Authors who are shortlisted for an Aurealis Award for fiction published in 2010;
- Aurealis Awards judges who reviewed fiction published in 2010; and
- Presenters at the Aurealis Awards ceremony.

To collect your free ticket, please <u>email us</u> before **Friday 13 May 2011**. Please note that free tickets will not granted after this date or at the door.

#### **Accommodation Options**

North Sydney boasts a broad range of accommodation options. The following hotels are offering special rates for attendees of the Aurealis Awards. Be sure to mention that you are attending the ceremony to take advantage of them.

**RYDGES NORTH SYDNEY** – approx. **5 minute walk** from The Independent Address: 54 McLaren Street, North Sydney, NSW. **Reservations:** call (02) 9922 1311 and ask for "Reservations".

Rates:

|          | Bedding Types     | Room only | incl Breakfast   |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Standard | Parkview Queen or | \$149.00  | Extra \$25 per   |
| room     | Twin Room         |           | person per night |

**HARBOURVIEW HOTEL** – approx. **15 min walk** from The Independent **Address**: 17 Blue Street, North Sydney, Sydney, NSW. **Reservations:** <u>book online</u>.

Rates:

|                    | Bedding Types                                 | incl breakfast for 2 | Notes  |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| Weekend<br>Getaway | Queen or Twin<br>(guaranteed<br>Harbour view) | \$199.00             | If 10 bookings made,<br>rate drops to \$185. Must<br>mention the Awards. |

■ VIBE HOTEL NORTH SYDNEY – approx. 25 min walk from The Independent Address: 88 Alfred Street, Milsons Point, NSW 2061 Reservations: 13 VIBE (13 8423) or book online.

Rates:

|                 | Bedding Types | Room only | incl.<br>breakfast x 1 | incl.<br>breakfast x 2 |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Vibe Room       | Queen or Twin | \$159.00  | \$179.00               | \$199.00               |
| Deluxe View     | Queen         | \$179.00  | \$199.00               | \$219.00               |
| Deluxe Suite    | Queen         | \$199.00  | \$219.00               | \$239.00               |
| Executive Suite | King          | \$219.00  | \$239.00               | \$259.00               |

#### **Other events**

The Aurealis Awards Ceremony has been timed to coincide with the <u>Sydney</u> <u>Writers' Festival (SWF)</u>.