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In keeping with the major focus on media at this year's Byron Bay Writers Festival, Director Jeni Caffin proudly announces that David Marr has consented to deliver the Festival's Public Opening Lecture on Friday 27th July.

"David is a hugely respected contemporary media figure, with a career spanning print, radio and television. The great joy of directing this Festival is building a wish list of Australia's most interesting minds and inviting them to attend. I am thrilled and excited every time a "yes" comes back to me!" said Jeni.

Although beginning his professional life as law clerk, David took heed of his calling to journalism and edited the National Times and television's Four Corners before presenting the popular "Arts Today" program on Radio National. He is widely read nationally as senior feature writer at the Sydney Morning Herald. Lovers of Australian literature will be familiar with his commanding biography "Patrick White: A Life". The Festival represents a rare opportunity to meet this witty, passionate and challenging man, in the company of one hundred of the most compelling writers from Australia and beyond.

Early Bird 3-day passes are now on sale and must be purchased at Jetset Byron Bay, telephone 6685 6262 or online at www.byronbaywritersfestival.com