



2007 BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

Festival Writer: **Sophie Lee**

Sophie Lee grew up in Newcastle, NSW. Her father, Dr John Lee, was senior lecturer in Philosophy at Newcastle University and her mother a teacher of Latin and French. Sophie's childhood was largely undisturbed by television, a set being banned from the family household.



Sophie's career in film, television and theatre has spanned twenty years. She has evolved from a family favourite, hosting the popular half hour *Bugs BunnBugs Bunny Show* for the Nine Network, aged twenty, to becoming an accomplished actress in iconic Australian films such as *Muriel's Wedding* and *The Castle*. Sophie's film credits include *He Died With a Felafel in his Hand*, *Bootmen* and *Mimi* and she also starred alongside Kate Winslet and Harvey Keitel in Oscar winner Jane Campion's film, *Holy Smoke*.

Sophie has relished her theatre career, appearing in productions ranging from the 40th Anniversary production of *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* for the Melbourne Theatre Company, directed by Robyn Nevin, to *Gary's House* for the Q Theatre to the title role of Mim in the *Virgin Mim* for the Sydney Theatre Company. She has many varied television credits ranging from comedic to dramatic.

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