



## 2007 BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

### Festival Writer: Chris Masters

Chris Masters is Australia's best-known investigative reporter and is *Four Corners'* longest serving reporter. His first program was the landmark "Big League", a 1983 investigation of judicial corruption, which precipitated the Street Royal Commission.

Chris won his first Walkley Award in the following year for "Search Without Rescue" a report on a failed air-sea rescue in the Bass Strait. In 1985 he won the prestigious Gold Walkley for "French Connections", a report on the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior, and an international exclusive of the program was shown all over the world.

In 1987, Chris's report on Queensland corruption, "The Moonlight State" helped trigger the Fitzgerald Inquiry, the first of a series of national enquiries into policing. Chris is also Adjunct Professor in Journalism at Melbourne's RMIT.

In 2006, he was awarded the degree Doctor of Communications Honoris Causa. Chris has published two books based on his investigative reporting, *Inside Story* and *Jonestown*.

The most eagerly anticipated book of the year - the compelling and probing *Jonestown* - takes us to the hazardous intersection of populism and politics. It reaches deep into a powerful industry and exposes the myth and the magic of a very powerful man.

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