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#### Dear Readers,

Welcome to our inaugural issue of FLE for a change of pace in your jet-set world. Our content is editorial featuring specially selected ideas from Australia and beyond. I look forward to your feedback, email me at fle@charlton.com.au.

Until next time, safe travels and Joie de vivre!

**ESTHER CVEJIC** Editor



### Save the Date

For all your art desires from April 18-20 The Weekend Australian presents the biggest annual Art Fair at the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton. Over 100 galleries and 800 artists worldwide gather under one roof to inspire you. Most works are priced under \$5,000. Call Ticketmaster on 136 100 or visit www.artmelbourne08.com.au.

Ageless chart topper **Neil Sedaka** tours Australia from April 29 until May 11. With a wide canon of compositions, he is also currently working on a Children's CD, adapting his beloved classics to a younger audience which will no doubt add to his legend. Dates: April 29 Adelaide with

Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, phone Bass 131 246 or visit www.bass.net.au; May 2 & 3 Perth with West Australian Symphony Orchestra, phone Bocs Ticketing (08) 9484 1133 or visit www.bocsticketing.com.au; May 6 Melbourne with Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, phone Ticketmaster 1300 136 166 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.au; May 9–11 Sydney with Sydney Symphony, phone SOH Box Office (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com.





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## **Dad Rode a Tiger**

Prolific Australian graphic designer Vince Frost returns to a sell-out design twenty years after its original release. Originally starring an image of his Dad on his Triumph motorcycle titled 'Dad Rode a Tiger', the T-shirts are made from 100% bamboo, are carbon neutral, soft as silk. These t-shirts are naturally hypoallergenic, cooling and anti bacterial. They are priced at \$69.95 for women and \$90 for men. Visit www.frostdesign.com.au or phone [02] 9662 6888.



## **French Chic**

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#### Exclusive FLE reader Luxury Offer!

Three nights for the price of two for \$2,500 OR seven nights for the price of five nights for \$5,500. Includes a complimentary world-class spa treatment for 2 people - one hour royal deluxe massage & oxygen facial treatment. Valid May to November 2008, subject to availability Present this offer upon arrival. For bookings contact the Concierge at Emerald Valley Villa – telephone: + 61 2 66 849 398 or email: concierge@emeraldvalleyvilla.com

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## The Joy of Dance

Working for the first time with Sydney Dance Company on a new commission, Meryl Tankard has produced a powerful work, the highly anticipated INUK 2, to premiere on Saturday March 29, 8.00 pm at the Theatre Royal in Sydney. A tribal dance for the 21st Century, INUK 2 is a virtual journey through the present – a work of intense emotions and physicality, with hypnotic voices drawn from Inuit, Tuvan, Finnish, Portuguese and

Meredith Monk. It's a wild and exhilarating ride, laden with energy, living off the joy of dance. Meryl Tankard is recognised internationally for the originality of her work which is always a highly anticipated event and creating a unique dance aesthetic. Her major commissions include the Opening Ceremony for the Sydney 2000 Olympics and 2004 Sydney Festival commission KAIDAN.

Dates: Mar 29-Apr 19 Theatre Royal Sydney, May 7-10 Canberra Theatre Centre, May 28-31 The Arts Centre, Melbourne. Tickets are on sale through Ticketek.

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## The Spirit of the Bush

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Tickets are now on sale for the main event, the Urban Country Music Concert on Saturday 3 May with Lee Kernaghan, Troy Cassar-Daley, Beccy Cole, the McClymonts, Travis Collins, Kirsty Lee Akers and Talia Whittmann.

Australian of the Year Kernaghan is driven by an unrelenting passion for the bush and has raised the spirits and millions of dollars through *Pass The Hat* and *Spirit of the Bush* concerts and his latest album - released in support of Aussie Helpers, a charity dedicated to farmers affected by drought.

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