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BE ALL CONSUMED AT THE FESTIVAL OF DANGEROUS IDEAS

Australia's original disruptive festival is preparing to engage with live audiences in Sydney this September.

The **Festival of Dangerous Ideas (FODI)** will bring thought-leaders and artists from across the globe to convene at **Carriageworks'** art precinct bringing danger back in-person for one weekend only on **17 and 18 September 2022**.

For this, its eleventh festival, FODI's 2022 program will explore an 'All Consuming' theme. Its characteristically unfiltered and forward-reaching line-up will ask audiences to consider what we consume, what we are consumed by and what *should* or *could* come to consume us.

FODI 2022 will prove a catalyst for critical thinking in an age consumed by environmental disaster, disease, war, political gameplay, identity, addiction, new technology and the 24-hour news cycle. With insightful and challenging commentary and conversation from local and international experts, and agenda-setting changemakers, the return of FODI provides audiences with the opportunity to interrogate some of society's most difficult questions.

Danielle Harvey, Festival Director, FODI, said:

"In an avalanche of information, FODI is a curated festival – nudging audiences to go deeper, beyond hype, to look at what is coming next."

"The festival is for everyone, but we do not try and please everyone. It is a space to consider opinions and ideas you won't always agree with. To hear from people, you might not like. And some you do! It is an invitation to be curious about yourself, your views and the world around you."

"We all know progress happens when we are bold enough to interrogate ideas – when we're able to have uncomfortable conversations and unafraid to question the status quo. I encourage audiences to come and devour dangerous ideas in real-life with us once again."

"Following two years of virtual engagement, FODI 2022 live at Carriageworks marks a much-anticipated return to in-person programming and a weekend stacked with keynote talks, live panels, performance and installation, creating a more immersive experience than ever before. "

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Programmed by Festival Director, **Danielle Harvey**, alongside co-curator's **Dr Simon Longstaff AO**, Executive Director at The Ethics Centre, and **Ann Mossop**, Director of the Centre for Ideas, UNSW Sydney, FODI is an ideas festival for our times: inviting guests to indulge their curiosity, focus their attention and engage with the uncomfortable. Previous programs have featured the likes of Stephen Fry, Lionel Shriver, Christopher Hitchins, Alicia Garza, Salman Rushdie, Pussy Riot, Marcia Langton, Julian Assange and Germaine Greer.

An adapted 2020 program was delivered digitally, with FODI one of the world's first festivals to deliver in a virtual format in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 10,000 live attendees joined online discussions to explore 'Dangerous Realities', with a guestlist that included Masha Gessen, Claire Wardle, Kevin Rudd, and Edward Snowden.

In 2021, *FODI: The In-Between* podcast was recorded in lieu of a live festival. The series features some of the world's most renowned thinkers and theorists, including Naomi Klein, Roxane Gay, Waleed Aly, Sam Mostyn, Slavoj Žižek and Tyson Yunkaporta, discussing if we really are experiencing the end of an era. .

The Festival of Dangerous Ideas is presented by The Ethics Centre, a not for profit that encourages people to examine all aspects of life. A home-grown Sydney festival, FODI has taken over a number of iconic locations including Sydney Opera House, Cockatoo Island and Sydney Town Hall. The 2022 event will see the festival held at Carriageworks for the first time.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

- The Festival of Dangerous Ideas 2022 runs from 17-18 September at Carriageworks, Sydney
- The 2022 festival program combines art, installation and ideas
- The theme of the 2022 event is 'All Consuming'
- The program will include live international guests
- The event will be presented in-person for the first time since 2019
- The full 2022 program will be launched late July
- The Festival of Dangerous Ideas is presented by The Ethics Centre

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