

MEDIA RELEASE**Internationally renowned Australian author Richard Flanagan on tour in India**

- ⤴ Imaginative, controversial, straight-talking writer
- ⤴ Published in 26 countries, winner of numerous major prizes including the Commonwealth Writers Prize.
- ⤴ Focus on colonial history, environment, love, race, post-9-11 culture.
- ⤴ Delhi: Habitat Centre; Turtle Cafe at Full Circle Book Store Greater Kailash I; Indian Association for the Study of Australia conference.
- ⤴ Jaipur: DSC Jaipur Literature Festival

Internationally-acclaimed Australian author Richard Flanagan tours Delhi and Jaipur in January 2012, as part of the Asialink Touring Program, supported by the Australia International Cultural Council and the Australia Council for the Arts. He will discuss his best-selling books and their vivid exploration of Australian culture recent and past. His work, published in 26 countries, ranges across immigrant stories, love between white convicts and Aboriginal women, the secret life of Charles Dickens, and the fierce paranoia of cities in a post-9-11 world.

Richard Flanagan is a Tasmanian-born writer. His imaginative, risk-taking novels are rooted in an oral story-telling tradition, and in the vivid history and geography of his island home. His razor-sharp non-fiction writing has pushed him to the forefront of some of Australia's most contentious debates.

Richard's work has won numerous awards including the Commonwealth Writers Prize and several Australian Premier's prizes; been named New York Times and Observer books of the year; and even helped kick-start environmental campaigns to protest Tasmania's forests and rivers. Richard was also a writer with Baz Luhrman on the 2008 film *Australia*, and writer and director for the film adaptation of his novel *The Sound of One Hand Clapping*.

Richard Flanagan's recent books include the novel *Wanting* (2008), and a collection of non-fiction *And What do you do, Mr Gable?* (2011).

Richard will be reading from his books, discussing their genesis with invited guests, and answering readers' questions. He is available for media interviews in Delhi on the 18th, and in Jaipur from the 20th-24th. Please contact Catriona Mitchell +91 9910512470 or email Nic Low n.low@asialink.unimelb.edu.au.

Appearances:

18th January – Habitat Centre, Delhi, 7pm, with Deputy High Commissioner Dr Lachlan Strahan.

19th January – United Service Institution of India, Delhi, Indian Association for the Study of Australia Conference, with Professor Gillian Whitlock.

20-24th January – DSC Jaipur Literature Festival, various events.

25th January – Turtle Cafe at Full Circle Bookstore, Greater Kailash I, Delhi, 7pm, with CP Surendran