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TOP PODCASTERS REVEAL THEIR SECRETS

HOW HEDLEY THOMAS' THE TEACHER'S PET 'MADE' THE NEWS · ABC & KIIS FM'S YUMI STYNES SHARES THE SECRETS OF INTIMACY · FULL OZPOD 2018 SCHEDULE RELEASES WITH INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS JULIA LOWRIE HENDERSON (ESPN), VERONICA SIMMONDS (CBC) & ZACK RENEAU-WEDEEN (GOOGLE)

Leading podcast storytellers, producers and innovators from Australia and around the globe join forces in Melbourne on **Wednesday 17 October**, for the <u>OzPod 2018</u> annual podcast conference, hosted by the ABC.

With a timely reminder of the power of podcasting, #InternationalPodcastDay this weekend highlights the potential of the medium being harnessed by a burgeoning cohort of content makers and engaged audiences across the globe – none more so than in Australia.

Australian podcasting is an industry leader on the world stage and the <u>OzPod 2018</u> conference celebrates this to support the growth of an even stronger Australian audio community.

Bringing together Australian podcasters from independent start-ups to media-owned blockbusters, <u>OzPod 2018</u> is an opportunity to share insights, learnings and practical tips on producing world-class podcasts.

<u>Register for a single or group pass now</u> to join Australian and international podcast innovators at the top of their game, alongside emerging players from both independent and commercial media.

International speakers:

- Zack Reneau-Wedeen (Google Podcasts, Product Manager and Co-Founder)
- Veronica Simmonds (CBC Producer, Alone: A Love Story and Sleepover)
- Julia Henderson (ESPN 30 for 30 Producer, Bikram)

Local speakers include:

- Yumi Stynes (ABC Ladies, We Need To Talk)
- Wendy Syfret (VICE Australia and New Zealand, Head of Editorial)
- Patricia Karvelas (**RN** Drive, *The Party Room*)
- Joanne Woo (VP, Communications for GE Australia, Decoding Genius)
- Hedley Thomas (**The Australian**, *The Teacher's Pet*)
- Allan Clarke (ABC Unravel True Crime: Blood on the Tracks)

The full OzPod 2018 schedule is now online featuring sessions on <u>comedy</u>, <u>true crime</u>, <u>branded content</u>, <u>kids & family</u>, <u>news and storytelling</u> – promising opportunities of discovery and understanding for new and established podcast makers.

Don't miss this full day of keynote speakers and breakout sessions, plus networking opportunities.

Tickets selling fast: abc.net.au/ozpod | WED 17 OCT 2018, Melbourne | #ozpod2018

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