

BOOKS with KATE CRAWFORD

Whodunnit hot shots gather at the gallery

IT'S sure to be a dark and stormy night when Mosman Art Gallery hosts a lively crime scene next week.

Four authors are making a special appearance at the gallery on Tuesday to talk about their crime of passion – writing crime novels.

Normally Pages & Pages bookshop at Mosman organises evening talks with one author at a time but the bookshop has decided to host a mini writers' festival and invited four top crime writers for an An Evening of Crime.

They will include Australian author Dr Kathryn Fox, a doctor

with a special interest in forensic medicine.

Dr Fox has treated the victims of violent crimes, such as rape and homicide, and is a committed advocate for the victims.

She has already written three bestselling books and her latest is called *Blood Born*, about the assault of two sisters by the violent Harbourn brothers.

The other writers are Australian author Barry Maitland, Irish author Adrian McKinty, who now lives in Melbourne, and Robert Wilson, who lives in Portugal.

Wilson's book *The Ignorance of Blood* is the latest instalment in his Inspector Javier Falcon

series. Maitland, originally from the UK, was a professor of architecture at the University of Newcastle before retiring to write.

His latest book *Dark Mirror* is the 10th in his series featuring detectives Brock and Kolla.

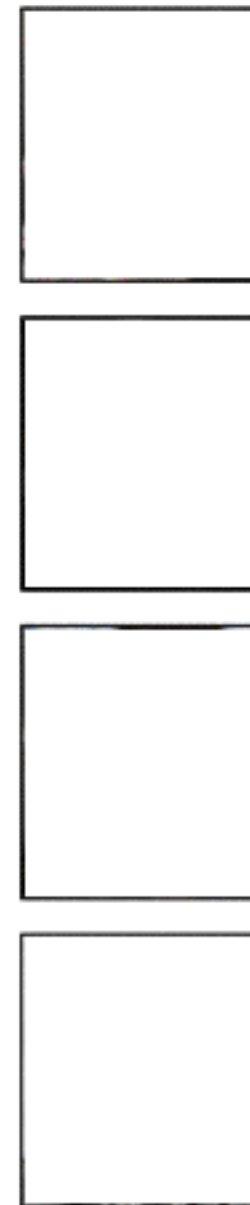
This time, the pair investigate a murder in the London Library.

McKinty will talk about his latest novel *Fifty Grand*, set in Cuba and the ski resort of Colorado.

An Evening of Crime will be held at the Mosman Art Gallery on Tuesday, September 1, at 7pm.

Tickets are \$35 and include drinks and cocktail food.

» Bookings: 9969 9736.



Gallery of great whodunnit writers: (top to bottom) Adrian McKinty, Barry Maitland, Kathryn Fox and Robert Wilson.

Uniquely McIlroy

SOMETHING or somebody is plunging into the shadowy depths of the water – it's all part of the mystery of artist Andrew McIlroy's paintings. His canvases have been described as "silent, still and uniquely contemplative works executed with absolute precision so as to allow the viewer a depth of perspective like no other". McIlroy's work is on show until tomorrow at Art Equity at Barrack House, 16-20 Barrack St, Sydney. Details: 9262 6660.

Sensuous curves

MOSMAN sculptor Feyona van Stom has invited northern beaches artist Liz Muir to exhibit her abstract paintings at van Stom's gallery at Woolloomooloo. Muir's work is "drawn to the figure, facial features and sensuous curves of the skin and gestures". The exhibition continues until Saturday at Gallery 41, 41 Riley St, Woolloomooloo. Details: 0408 226 827.

Kirribilli crew

THE Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Gallery is hosting an exhibition of paintings by artists Mike Frakes, Victoria Spence and Kristan Moule. Details: 0403 997 117.

Sizes 14-26

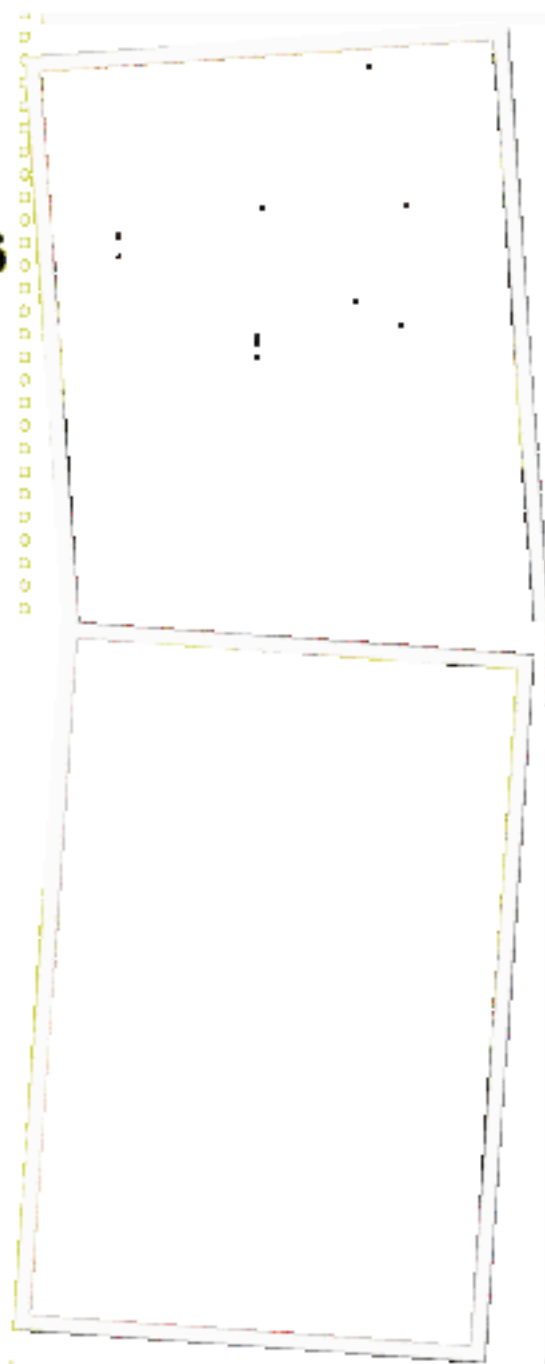
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