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**SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS**  
**NIGELLA LAWSON**  
**IN CONVERSATION WITH ANNABEL CRABB**  
**Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House, Wednesday 20 January 2016**

The woman who put the pleasure back into food, **Nigella Lawson**, will bring her trademark wit and warmth to the Sydney Opera House this summer in the latest in a series of sold-out appearances by contemporary culinary stars, including Yotam Ottolenghi, Alice Waters and Jamie Oliver.

Lawson will take to the Concert Hall stage on **20 January, 2016** for an evening of conversation with the woman who puts the politics into food, the host of the ABC's *Kitchen Cabinet* **Annabel Crabb**.

Lawson's Sydney Opera House appearance coincides with the launch of her first book in three years, *Simply Nigella*, which – as its title suggests – encapsulates Lawson's joyfully relaxed and uncomplicated approach to food.

Her debut cookbook, *How to Eat: The Pleasures and Principles of Good Food*, and television show *Nigella Bites* made Lawson a household name. She has since become a prominent figure on the Food Network, Foxtel and Channel 10. Lawson was named Author of the Year by the British Book Awards for *How to Be a Domestic Goddess: Baking and the Art of Comfort Cooking* – hailed as the book that launched a thousand cupcakes – and was voted Best Food Personality in a readers' vote at the *Observer* Food Monthly Awards in 2014.

**Ann Mossop, Head of Talks and Ideas at the Sydney Opera House**, says “*Nigella Lawson has charmed us all with her approach to food and cooking, and we cannot wait to welcome her to the Concert Hall stage with Ideas at the House favourite, Annabel Crabb. Cuisine is such an important part of Australian culture, and we are excited to be able to bring so many great names of the modern food world to Opera House audiences.*”

Nigella Lawson's new TV series *Simply Nigella* will air on Foxtel's LifeStyle Food from 2 December. Foxtel and LifeStyle Food are proud Media Partners of this event at the Opera House.

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**INFORMATION:**

**What:** Nigella Lawson in conversation with Annabel Crabb  
**When:** Monday 20 January 2016  
**Where:** Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House  
**Tickets:** From \$25  
**More info:** <http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/>



## ABOUT NIGELLA LAWSON:

Nigella Lawson has written nine bestselling cookery books. Alongside her books, TV series, and her Quick Collection apps, she has become a household name around the world. *Simply Nigella* will be accompanied by a prime-time, six-part BBC 2 TV series, plus a one-hour Christmas special. The Nigella Collection has sold over five million copies in the UK alone and comprises:

- *How to Eat: The Pleasures and Principles of Good Food (1998)*
- *How to be a Domestic Goddess: Baking and the Art of Comfort Cooking (2000)*
- *Nigella Bites (2001)*
- *Nigella Summer (2002)*
- *Feast: Food That Celebrates Life (2004)*
- *Nigella Express: Good Food Fast (2007)*
- *Nigella Christmas (2008)*
- *Nigella Kitchen: Recipes from the Heart of the Home (2010)*
- *Nigellissima: Instant Italian Inspiration (2012)*
- *Simply Nigella (2015)*

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## ABOUT ANNABEL CRABB:

Annabel Crabb is one of Australia's most beloved journalists. She is the ABC's chief online political writer, writes a weekly opinion column for Fairfax, is the author of the bestselling book *The Wife Drought* and is a sought-after speaker and presenter. As host of the ABC's first dedicated political cooking show, the enormously popular series *Kitchen Cabinet*, Annabel has broken bread with Australia's most influential political leaders and shared her magnificent desserts in kitchens around the country. Her much-loved podcast *Chat 10, Looks 3* with fellow ABC journalist Leigh Sales celebrated its first anniversary in November 2015. As well as being a writer and entertainer, Annabel is a celebrated baker and mother of three. She lives in Sydney with her partner, Jeremy. Her first cookbook, *Special Delivery*, was co-written with her oldest friend and *Kitchen Cabinet* recipe consultant Wendy Sharpe and published in November 2015.

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