

For

Lovers

A ROMANCE FESTIVAL

BLUSSH

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of Films

& Books

You had me at hello...

We are delighted to welcome you to the inaugural BLUSSH Romance Festival. The idea for a romance festival came about when it was observed that Queensland was producing more romance films and publishing more romance writers than anywhere else in Australia. And it was determined this was cause to celebrate. And so, BLUSSH was born. BLUSSH is for the lovers of love. Through film and literature, the festival will share the magic and beauty of falling in love. Our principal sponsor

Romance Club got it right when it promoted the festival as an event that will inspire you to be hopeful and optimistic, encourage you to be curious and inquisitive, and ignite belief that anything is possible. From 22-25 February 2024, join the lovers, the dreamers, the storytellers, and the romance enthusiasts on the pink carpet, under the chandelier, as we revel in the diverse array of sub-genres, styles, and nuances within the realm of romance, through books and film.


On the shelf – In Conversation



On Fridays, We Read Romance

In conversation with HM Hodgson and Stacey McEwan

A truly entertaining conversation will be had by all, when we unpack fantasy romance with HM Hodgson and Stacey McEwan. Engage with these fantastic authors whose pens weld magic, create incredibly complex worlds, unravel deep and dark characters and set pages on fire with levels of spice that make even a bad girl blussh.


 \$25 / \$22

 Fri 23 at 11am



Prose Progression: In Conversation with Emerging and Established Writers

Join us in celebrating the vibrant literary scene of Brisbane as we engage in a captivating conversation with emerging writers Michelle Beesley and Jordan Claydon-Lewis, alongside the accomplished and talented writer, Anna Campbell. Expertly moderated by Andrea Lewis.


 \$25 / \$22

 Sat 24 at 11am



All Loved Up - in Conversation with Amy Andrews

Amy Andrews is an author with a deep back list, a passion for writing, the romance genre, and connecting with audiences. Her on-stage presence is an enchanting experience, effortlessly captivating the audience and holding them in the palm of her hand. And we can't wait to be held!

 \$25 / \$22

 Sun 25 at 11am

STAY FOR THE AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING AFTER EACH EVENT

Need to buy the book for the author to sign? It's OK, we've got you. Shelf Lovers pop up shop will be on site from Friday through Sunday, with authors books and many more literary gifts to delight!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their continuing connection to land and as custodians of stories for millennia. We recognise the important and ongoing contributions of Indigenous Australians to art and literature, and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.



Opening Night Gala Event – One Perfect Match – Australian Premiere (G)

Join the lovers, the dreamers, the storytellers and romance enthusiasts, for the inaugural opening night gala event of BLUSSH. The pink carpet will be rolled out to welcome all of Brisbane and surrounds to celebrate books and films that embrace romance in all its shades. Opening night film *One Perfect Match* was filmed in Brisbane, including locations in South City Square and produced by the kings and queens of romance, Jaggi Entertainment.

Evening includes a drink on arrival, light meal in the cinema, and an after party.

 \$49

 Thu 22 at 6pm | Film at 7pm



The Great Escaper (M)

Inspired by a true love story, this bittersweet romantic drama stars Michael Caine in his last film role.

 \$18 / \$15

 Fri 23 at 4pm and Sat 24 at 2pm



Romeo and Juliet (M)

Experience the romance of Baz Luhrmann's iconic film based on Shakespeare's tragic love story on the big screen.

 \$18 / \$15


 Fri 23 at 6pm



Twilight (M)

Relive the first chapter of the enthralling vampire saga on the big screen once more. Immerse yourself in the captivating performances of Kristen Stewart as Bella Swan and Robert Pattinson as the vampire Edward Cullen.

 \$18 / \$15

 Fri 23 at 8.10pm



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (M)

Based on the book by Benjamin Alire Sáenz, two teenage Mexican-American loners in 1987 El Paso explore a new, unusual friendship and the difficult road to self-discovery.

 \$18 / \$15

 Sat 24 at 6pm and Sun 25 at 4.15pm




The Gift That Gives (PG)

BRISBANE PREMIERE

In this charming Australian romantic comedy, *The Gift That Gives* unfolds the tale of an author, unrequited love and mysterious anonymous letters whilst navigating a web of romantic intrigue.

 \$18 / \$15

 Sat 24 at 4pm | Q&A with Director Joy Hopwood
Sun 25 at 2.15pm | Brisbane Premiere



Closing Night Film – Greatest Days (M)

Greatest Days closes out BLUSSH and is full of iconic love songs. Based on the *Take That* musical, five best friends have the night of their lives seeing their favorite boy band in concert. Twenty-five years later they reunite for one more epic show by their beloved band.

 \$18 / \$15

 Sun 25 at 7pm

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BLUSSH ticket holders receive
10% off the Talisman dining options.

Enjoy a BLUSSH inspired Gelato
during the festival.

BLUSSH Inspired Markets

Saturday 24 February 10am - 2pm
at South City Square along The Boulevard
148 Logan Rd, Woolloongabba



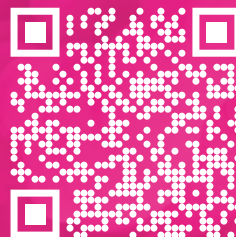
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