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**Ashley Hay** is the author of four books of non-fiction – *The Secret: The Strange Marriage of Annabella Milbanke and Lord Byron* and *Gum: The Story of Eucalypts and Their Champions*, and two collaborations with the photographer Robyn Stacey, *Herbarium* and *Museum* – as well as essays, short stories and journalism.

**Robyn Stacey** lives and works in Sydney. Stacey has exhibited and published her photographic work nationally and internationally since the mid-1980s. Her work is widely represented in public and private collections around Australia including the National Gallery of Australia, the National Portrait Gallery, all state galleries, university collections and Artbank at the same university.

LEFT: one of the series of bird images captured by Robyn Stacey for the book, *Museum*. The Pacific gull is one of hundreds of animal species collected by the Macleays on or near the grounds of Elizabeth Bay House.



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## Macleay Museum Invitation

### Museum

### A Sydney Writers' Festival Event with

**Robyn Stacey**  
**Ashley Hay**

Sneak into the Macleay Museum with photographer Robyn Stacey, who enjoyed unprecedented access to the Museum's peerless natural history collections over more than five years

Join Robyn Stacey and her co-author Ashley Hay as they reveal some of the wonderful creatures and stories they found in this little known repository while making their book, *Museum: the Macleays, their collections and the search for order* (CUP 2007). A unique and gorgeously conceived exploration of Australia's natural history and its scientific past, this beautiful book features more than 100 colour plate pages of Stacey's images, Hay's essay about the passions and obsessions of the Macleay family, and collection notes provided by the Macleay Museum's curators, Jude Philp and Margaret Humphries. Copies of *Museum* will be available at the event.

Friday 23 May 2pm  
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