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# Arts after dark

AI NEEDS INTELLIGENT HUMANS ... OR DOES IT?

Ever spent an evening with an AI robotic drummer, an internationally renowned journalist and some of the nation's leading thinkers in film, culture and education?

Hosted by Peter Greste, award-winning foreign correspondent for the BBC, Al Jazeera and Reuters, the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University invites you to its one-of-a-kind event.

Prepare to be propelled into the fascinating world of AI and how humans can avoid its pitfalls whilst also leveraging its benefits. Artificial Intelligence is now an inescapable part of our world. Whether it drives the virtual assistant in your phone, checks your bank transactions for fraud, or filters candidates for the next job you apply for, we are all interacting with it. But the technology also risks entrenching social inequality, it's open to abuse by malignant actors, and it exposes our privacy. In this world, critical thinking becomes vital - the ability to evaluate and analyse the decisions made by AI, and make sure it serves the common good.

**Dr Richard Savery**, a developer of artificial intelligence and robotics, using music and creativity as a medium to program better interactions, understandings and models, and a current Research Fellow at Macquarie University will kick-start the night with his astonishing creation – the one and only drumming, rapping robot, **Keirzo** – before leading into a riveting discussion with distinguished academics and industry representatives.

#### **PROFESSOR PETER GRESTE**

International journalist with decades of experience reporting in some of the world's most volatile places. Peter is a strong advocate for media freedom following his imprisonment in Cairo while working for Al Jazeera.

#### **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KAREN PEARLMAN**


Industry award-winning film writer, director and editor. Karen's creative documentary, 'I want to make a film about women' was long-listed for an Oscar and nominated for a 2020 Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) award.


#### **PROFESSOR BRONWYN CARLSON**


Esteemed and widely-published expert in Indigenous social, digital and cultural studies. In 2023, Bronwyn was named in Cosmos magazine's prestigious list of the top 52 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders changing the world.


#### **ALISON CAIRNS**

Technology Transformation Partner at EY (Ernst & Young), Alison is an inspiring advocate for social change and education to build a better working world.

 Thursday  
14 September

 5.45pm – 8pm

 Mason Theatre  
14 Sir Christopher Ondaatje Avenue  
Macquarie University

 Refreshments will be served at this event.

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If you have any questions, please contact us at [arts.engagement@mq.edu.au](mailto:arts.engagement@mq.edu.au).

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