

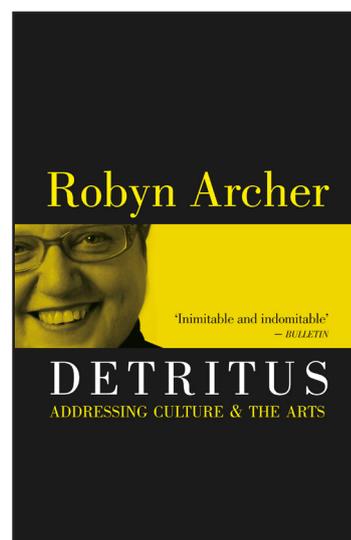
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“Art is not a frill on the frock of life, it is the very fabric: without it we are naked to the often cruel, harsh and unjust elements of life. Art refreshes and inspires through sheer beauty and virtuosity. But art is also the safest place to explore dangerous ideas, and that forum is essential in this critical moment of change for the 21st century” - Robyn Archer

Australian singer, writer, artistic director and public advocate for the arts, Robyn Archer has inspired the arts community and those engaged with it all her life.

In this new release by UWA Publishing, a selection of Robyn’s memorable, influential and inspirational keynote speeches and lectures have been published in an easy-to-read format.

Grappling with the matters of how artists live and work, and what is done with this work in the wider cultural sphere, this collection of Robyn’s speeches is designed to entertain and provoke.

Still heavily involved within the arts community as both an advocate and performer, fans may remember Robyn from her stage successes such as *A Star is Torn* and *Tonight Lola Blau*; or as one of the world’s foremost exponents of German cabaret songs.

She is also known for her writing, including political songs in shows like *Pack of Women* and *Kold Komfort Kaffee*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Robyn Archer AO is a singer, writer, director, artistic director and public advocate of the arts. In all of these roles her reach is global – she is an Officer of the Order of Australia, Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (France), Officer of the Crown (Belgium). Robyn is currently the Artistic Director of The Light in Winter which she created for Federation Square in Melbourne and the Creative Director of the upcoming Centenary of Canberra.

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