

SIR DAVID ADJAYE OBE AT THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

"Buildings are deeply emotive structures which form our psyche." Sir David Adjaye OBE

Celebrated architect **Sir David Adjaye OBE** will give a talk at the Powerhouse Museum on Wednesday 15 February in his only public appearance while in Sydney.

An architectural prodigy, the British-Ghanaian architect recently turned 50 but has already amassed an impressively long list of designs across the world. Adjaye was the Lead Designer behind the new addition to the Smithsonian Institution, the **National Museum of African American History and Culture**, which President Barack Obama opened in September 2016. Thirteen years in the making, the highly anticipated Museum fills the last available space on the National Mall in Washington DC.

Following his OBE award in 2007, Her Majesty the Queen knighted him in 2016 for services to architecture. A prolific designer of public spaces David has designed numerous museums, libraries, arts centres and community spaces.

MAAS Director, **Dolla Merrillees**, said this is a unique opportunity to hear from a world-renowned thought-leader. "David Adjaye is representative of the future of public architecture. It is an honour to hear from one of the world's leading thinkers on designing public spaces" she said.

"Adjaye's contribution to civic space and buildings is on a global scale," says **Professor Charles Rice**, Associate-Dean (Research) at UTS's Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building. "His insights will be especially valuable at a time when Sydney is grappling with the issue of how buildings play a cultural role."

David Adjaye will present an Australian exclusive lecture on his practice followed by a conversation will be NSW Government Architect **Peter Poulet**. With over 30 years' experience Peter's award-winning projects have spanned private and public works in Australia and overseas. Peter and Sir David will discuss their thoughts about architecture as well as Sir David's key and current projects.

Event details:

What: Sir David Adjaye OBE lecture and in conversation with Peter Poulet

When: Wednesday 15 February, 6.30pm

Where: Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007

Tickets: \$65 adult, \$45 concession and MAAS Member

Read more: <https://maas.museum/event/cultural-architecture-david-adjaye/>

Head shot of David Adjaye available here:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7z6ibloqmkcl703/AADLXaiVWVLRbkvQUks06v_aa?dl=0

The event is supported by the Office of the Government Architect and UTS's Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building.

About the Museum of Arts and Applied Sciences

The Powerhouse Museum, alongside Sydney Observatory and Museums Discovery Centre, is part of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), Australia's contemporary museum for excellence and innovation in applied arts and sciences. The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences has a vast and diverse collection of over 500,000 objects.

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