

Speakers & Performers (Confirmed) – Sorry Day UK 2007

MC - Chris Robinson

Chris is an Indigenous Australian and British Citizen living in UK, former ABC broadcaster focusing on Indigenous Affairs, and Koori Radio broadcaster, and member of Sorry Day organising committee for past three years.

Francis Firebrace

Francis Firebrace of the Yorta Yorta people is an Aboriginal storyteller, inspirational speaker, performer and artist. He combines story, art dance and philosophy and is accompanied by didgeridoo player Phil Jackson. Francis and Phil have performed at Sorry Day UK for the past 2 years. For more information: <http://www.newagemultimedia.com/>

Geoffrey Robertson QC

Geoffrey Robertson has been counsel in many landmark cases in constitutional, criminal and media law in the courts of Britain and the commonwealth and he makes frequent appearances in the Privy Council and the European Court of Human Rights. In 2002, Justice Robertson was appointed as an appeal judge for the new UN war crimes court in Sierra Leone, and served as that court's first President. This specialised judicial position is part-time, and he maintains his professional work as a Queens Counsel, based in London at Doughty Street Chambers – the leading UK human rights practice that he heads. Mr Robertson recently represented the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre in their landmark case against the Natural History Museum.

<http://www.geoffreyrobertson.com/index.html>

Tristram Besterman

Tristram has been a UK Museum professional for 30+ years. He has published on and led development of museum ethics in UK for two decades. When he was Director of the Manchester Museum he oversaw the return of Indigenous remains to Australia in 2003. He was an adviser to the British Museum in 2005 on the return of Tasmanian remains in 2006. Tristram is currently member of DCMS Human Remains Advisory Service.

Sam Cooke

Sam is an Aboriginal woman and the Executive Producer of Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Theatre Company, which is currently in UK. Sam will talk on the importance of living culture and the newly acknowledged role of women in Aboriginal society.

www.yirrayaakin.asn.au

http://www.ozco.gov.au/arts_in_australia/artists/artists_ccd/yirra_yaakin/

Joanne Lathan

Joanne is the UK promoter for Bob Randall's film Kanyini

<http://www.kanyini.com/>

Brigitte Anderssen

Brigitte is an Australian social worker, singer-songwriter, performing artist and member of the Sorry Day organising committee for past three years.

Kay Walton

Kay is an English Artist, teacher and poet who has lived with the Yolngu people of Arnhem Land.

Rikki Shields

Rikki is an Indigenous Australian writer and poet living in London. He will be asking the audience to join with him and his children in a kangaroo hunt dance.

<http://www.mantrika.co.uk/>

Other

There will be various other performances by Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian and British musicians, poets and writers.