



Parliament House
Legislative Assembly Chamber

Saturday 17 October 10am — 6pm
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Melbourne Festival and the Wheeler Centre presents
**GEORGE ORWELL'S 1984: A Live
Reading**

Those who control the present control the past, and those who control the past control the future.

As part of a series of events responding to the exclusive season of Headlong's *1984* at part of the 2015 Festival program, *George Orwell's 1984: A Live Reading* invites audiences to revisit Orwell's prescient novel of power and politics.

Presented by the Wheeler Centre and Melbourne Festival, it's a live reading in a very apt setting—the Legislative Assembly Chamber in Victoria's Parliament House.

Over eight hours, up to 30 people will take their place at the Speaker's chair to bring Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* to life in a marathon relay reading.

Join the readers for a little or a long while at the heart of power; sit in the chairs of state leaders in the debating area, or scrutinise every movement from the galleries upstairs.

Don't miss the opportunity to experience *Nineteen Eighty-Four* as read by your favourite political commentators, politicians past and present, satirists, journalists and celebrities.

An exciting line up of readers will be announced closer to the event, and members of the public can find out how they can take part in the reading, by visiting: www.festival.melbourne

Headlong's critically acclaimed production of *1984* is at Arts Centre Melbourne, Playhouse from 16-25 October. Other special events responding to this production include: with University of Melbourne *Language, Performance and Power: Reflecting on 1984 in 2015* at Clemenger Auditorium on 21 October; with ACMI, *Aural Contract: The Voice Before the Law* with artist Lawrence Abu Hamdan, curated by Liquid Architecture on 18 October; and the *Eyes Without a Face: Surveillance in Cinema* program at ACMI from 8-25 October.