



Melbourne Writers Festival 2008 features Chinese writer

Notable Chinese writers **Lijia Zhang** and **Ouyang Yu** are attending the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival. We expect huge interest in her events and would appreciate it if you could pass on this information to anyone interested who would like to join us. Lijia Zhang's visit has been supported by the Australia-China Council.


Lijia Zhang worked for a decade in a Chinese missile factory before studying English and becoming an acclaimed international journalist and writer. She lives in Beijing with her two daughters.

Ouyang Yu has published over 40 books of fiction, literary criticism, translation as well as, poetry in Chinese and English. His most recent publication is *On the Smell of an Oily Rag: Speaking English, Thinking Chinese and Living Australian*. Ouyang Yu came to Australia from China in 1991. He graduated from La Trobe University with a PhD in Australian literature. Ouyang also edits Australia's only Chinese literary journal, *Otherland*, and writes and teaches part-time in China and Australia

More than 300 writers will appear at the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival over 10 days from 22 – 31 August. Events are scheduled from 10:00AM until late in Federation Square and other city venues. The full program is available online and in *The Age* on Friday, July 18. Early bird discounts are available until August 2.


Please contact us for more information and we hope you and your friends join us.

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