



MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL

Melbourne Writers Festival 2008 features German writers

Notable German writers **Andrea Maria Schenkel**, **Michael Hofmann** and **Thomas Wohlfahrt** are attending the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival. We expect huge interest in their events and would appreciate it if you could pass on this information to anyone interested. Thomas Wohlfahrt and Andrea Maria Schenkel's visits are supported by the Goethe-Institut Australien.

Thomas Wohlfahrt is the founding director of the Literaturwerkstatt Berlin. He has initiated and directed major international projects including the Literature Express Europe 2000, poesiefestival berlin and the lyrikline.org website.

Andrea Maria Schenkel lives with her family in Bavaria, Germany. Schenkel ousted J.K. Rowling from the top of the German best seller list. Her first two novels, *Tannöd* and *Kalteis*, simultaneously took the top spots. Crime fiction, based on fact, Schenkel's thrillers are acclaimed across Europe. The first *Tannöd* (2006) was awarded the German Mystery Prize 2007, the Friedrich Glauser Prize 2007 and the Corine Readers Award 2007. *Kalteis*, her second novel, (2007) also won the 2008 German thriller Prize. The English translation of *Tannöd*, *The Murder Village*, was released in June 2008.

Michael Hofmann was born in Freiburg in 1957 and was educated in England - he now lives in London and Hamburg. He is the author of several books of poems and a book of criticism, *Behind the Lines*, and the translator of many modern and contemporary German authors, including Joseph Roth, Wolfgang Koeppen, Durs Grünbein and Thomas Bernhard. Penguin publish his translations of Kafka's *Amerika/ The Man Who Disappeared* and *Metamorphosis and Other Stories*, and Ernst Junger's World War One memoir *Storm of Steel*. He edited the anthology, *Twentieth Century German Poetry*. His *Selected Poems* are published this year.

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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