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LEHTE II: A dynamic performance of bodies, space and sound.

Heide Museum of Modern Art presents *Lehte II*, a site-specific performance by Jude Walton for dance, piano and archival film that responds to the architecture of the iconic modernist building 'Heide II'. This six performance season commences Friday 16 October, 2015.

In 1963 Heide founders John and Sunday Reed commissioned McGlashan and Everist architects to design a house-gallery for their growing art collection. Known as Heide II, it is now recognized as one of Victoria's most influential modernist buildings.

Jude Walton re-imagines this beautiful building as a performance, taking its physical materials and dimensions and transforming them into scores for piano and dancers. The sounds and movements within the empty Heide II are dependent on the building's unique acoustics and spaces, and what they evoke in the listener-viewer.

Walton asks us to consider how architecture can live and breathe in a new way, through a sensorial experience of space transmitted through the bodies of dancers and musicians. The performance lays out a temporal unfolding of the building: its walls, floors, windows. **Lehte II** expands on Walton's initial performance in May 2014 by extending into the exterior terracing and courtyards of Heide II. It grows from the inside out and brings the outside in through the expanse of glass and the reflections, linking the interior to the garden and the landscape of the parklands beyond.

The work is directed and choreographed by Jude Walton in collaboration with the performers. Four dancers—Phoebe Robinson, Fiona Bryant, Sally Grage-Moore and Michaela Pegum—join pianist Kym Dillon, who composed and plays the architecturally based 'Scores for Piano'.

The 50-minute work engages the audience with a dynamic exchange between bodies, building and sound.



Friday 16 October, 2–3pm, plus Q&A with artistic director Jude Walton

Friday 16 October, 4–5pm

Saturday 17 October, 2–3pm

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Sunday 18 October, 2–3pm

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Cost: Adult \$22, Member/Concession \$18

Venue: Heide II

Heide Museum of Modern Art

7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen, VIC 3105

Bookings essential: 9850 1500 or heide.com.au

Jude Walton is available for interview.

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