*** PARTICIPANTS NEEDED! ***

We are looking for people who speak a Chinese dialect to take part in a live performance of Ai Weiwei's work *Remembrance:*

Sunday, August 18, 2013 Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) 317 Dundas Street West - Toronto



Remembrance, 2010 Voice recording listing the names of students who died in the Sichuan earthquake Running time: 3 hours, 41 minutes Collection of the Artist © Ai Weiwei

On Sunday, August 18, the AGO will host a live reading of the names of the 5,200 schoolchildren who lost their lives in the 2008 Sichuan earthquake, as commemorated by Chinese artist Ai Weiwei in his artwork entitled *Remembrance*.

We invite everyone who speaks a Chinese dialect to register to participate in this community art performance, which will take place in the exhibition *Ai Weiwei: According to What?*

The performance, entitled "Say their Names, Remember", will be directed by Gein Wong, artistic director of Eventual Ashes.

For more information and to register to participate, please visit <u>www.ago.net/aiweiwei-names</u>, or call 416-979-6660, ext. 477.

On May 12, 2008, a massive earthquake in China's Sichuan province took the lives of approximately 90,000 people, including more than 5,000 school children. Ai Weiwei launched a "citizens' investigation" and posted the names of the children who passed away on his website. The Chinese government immediately took these names offline. Undeterred, Ai Weiwei created two works of art: *Names of the Student Earthquake Victims Found by the Citizens' Investigation* (2008 – 2011), a wall with the young victims' written names, and *Remembrance* (2010), an audio recording of their names. Both works will be on display in the exhibition *Ai Weiwei: According to What?*, on view at the AGO August 17 – October 27.

Ai Weiwei: According to What is organized by Mori Art Museum, Tokyo and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

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