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## Faraday's Candle

**Shed a little light on the humble candle**

**More than 150 years ago, Michael Faraday saw beauty and wonder in the chemistry of a candle. His observations remain true today and the lessons are both simple and profound. Join Faraday at St Paul's Cathedral for a truly illuminating theatre performance.**

Society has changed, technology has advanced, language has evolved, but the phenomena underpinning a candle remain constant. Today, candles are rarely seen outside birthday cakes, churches, romantic dinners and power failures, but are no less fascinating. In fact, these contexts provide an insight to the enduring value of the candle; celebration, worship, emotion and the ever-present need for light.

Built around one man's genius for observation and experimentation, 'Faraday's Candle' uses simple technology to explore natural phenomena and the processes of science.

'Faraday's Candle' is written and performed by Bernard Caleo. Caleo has been writing and performing historical and fact-based theatre since 1995, when he developed the Night Tours for the Old Melbourne Gaol. He works part time for Museum Victoria and spends the rest of his time creating comic books.

Michael Faraday regularly presented public lectures to both adults and children and was passionate about encouraging people to question, experiment and ask 'Why?' See Faraday brought to life in this unique performance.

This event is brought to you by re-science as part of the Inspiring Australia program.

<http://re-science.org.au/science-event/faradays-candle-2885>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4jqZKe7sq4>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernard\\_Caleo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernard_Caleo)

### Faraday's Candle

#### VENUE

St Paul's Cathedral  
Cnr Swanston & Flinders St  
Melbourne, Victoria 300

DATES: 22-24 and 29-30 Sept

TIME: 8.00pm, Sat 2.00pm (60min)

#### TICKETS

Full: \$23.00

Concession: \$18.00

Group: \$20.00

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