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20th Annual The Word On The Street Toronto
Sunday, September 27, 2009 - Queen's Park
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Free Admission
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The Word On The Street offers sonic exploration at its 20th festival!

(Toronto) – **The Word On The Street** will host two musically-themed venues at its 2009 festival: the globally inspired **World Music Stage** and the songwriting-focused **EYE WEEKLY Music Stage**.

Presented by **Citytv/OMNI** and featuring **Small World Music**, the **World Music Stage** will offer a sonic tour around the globe. Enjoy Cameroonian artist **Njacko Backo's** blending of traditional and modern sounds or groove along to Balkan/Jazz fusion by **The Thing Is**. See the past and future of Latin, funk and house music with **Rebel Rhythm** or discover traditional sounds from Zimbabwe with **Masaisai**.

Joanna Moon will give passionate life to the gypsy soul with a flamenco twist, while **High Plains Drifter** will offer a captivating performance of funk and world beats. Enjoy **Nomadica's** electrifying fusion of Roma, Balkan and Middle Eastern sounds and revel in **DJ Medicineman's** unique cross-cultural mixology throughout the day.

The world of indie music will be filtered through a literary lens at the **EYE WEEKLY Music Stage**. Songwriters **Bruce Peninsula**, **Sandro Perri** and **Ghost Bees** will delve into their songwriting process, give some of the stories behind their lyrics and delight with their haunting melodies.

On the bookish side of things, **Stuart Berman** from *EYE WEEKLY* will appear to discuss his new Broken Social Scene history, *This Book is Broken*. Harbourfront programmer **Dalton Higgins** will present his new book *Hip-Hop World* with musical performances by a range of artists who represent some of the many forms of hip hop alive in Toronto today. **Joe Pernice**, formerly of the Scud Mountain Boys and The Pernice Brothers, will read from his highly-anticipated new book *It Feels So Good When I Stop* and **Damian Rogers** will share poems from her new collection, *Paper Radio*.



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About The Word On The Street

Every year on the last Sunday of September, in Vancouver, Kitchener, Toronto and Halifax, The Word On The Street unites the country in a national celebration of literacy and the written word. Annually attracting more than 200,000 visitors to its Queen's Park location, The Word On The Street in Toronto is the largest book and magazine festival in Canada. The 2009 edition is set for September 27, 2009.

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