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**20<sup>th</sup> 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 a lively glimpse into Toronto's comics scene**

(Toronto) – **The Word On The Street** is proud to partner with the **Toronto Comics Arts Festival** for the third consecutive year to present some of our country's top creators at the **Comics and Graphic Novels Tent**. Whether you're a long-time fan or new to the medium, you'll find something to enjoy!

Start your day off with family fun from **Owlkids** as two of their favourite creators, **CTon** and **Brian McLachlan**, show kids how to create their own comics. As a special bonus, the first 100 kids age 12 and under that attend this panel will receive a gift bag filled with great comics! Afterwards, **Jim Munroe**, **Tara Tallan** and **Claudia Davilla** will explore the challenge of finding balance while trying to raise a family and create comics at the same time.

Learn about the many ways you can create comics with **Georgia Webber**, **Ruth Tait** and **steflenk**. As a special treat, all of these authors will be available for one-on-one consultations! Later on, hear readings from three new riveting graphic memoirs from **Tory Woolcott**, **Lesley Fairfield** and **Adam Bourret**.

Just what makes a comic Canadian anyway? Join **Bryan Munn** and **Salgood Sam**, editors of the blog *Sequential*, along with **Brad Mackay** and **Jeet Heer** from The Doug Wright Awards and **Kevin Boyd** from The Joe Shuster Awards, as they discuss the state of Canadian comics. Continuing with this patriotic trend, enjoy readings from three fantastic new comics set in Canada by **Willow Dawson**, **Jeff Lemire** and **Evan Munday**.

Round out your day as one of the most popular panels of 2008 returns! Webcomics creators **Faith Erin Hicks**, **Emily Horne**, **Ryan North** and **Kean Soo** will engage in a spirited discussion of the possibilities that the Internet may hold for the future of comics.

**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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