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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 announces its 20th festival line-up!

(Toronto) – **The Word On The Street** is thrilled to announce a star-studded line-up, plus three new venues for its 20th festival celebrations!

New Venues for 2009:

Cooks 'n' Books Stage

The Word On The Street is proud to present its first cooking stage! This venue will host lively food demonstrations and sampling led by some of our country's top chefs.

11:00 – 11:45	Jean-Pierre Challet and Jennifer Decourte , <i>One Pot French</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Brian Morin , <i>The Beerbistro Cookbook</i>
1:00 – 1:45	Jennifer McLagan , <i>Fat</i>
2:00 – 2:45	Jeff Crump and Bettina Schormann , <i>Earth to Table</i>
3:00 – 3:45	Laura Calder , <i>French Taste</i>
4:00 – 4:45	Jane Rodmell , <i>All The Best recipes</i>
5:00 – 5:45	Mairlyn Smith , <i>Ultimate Foods for Ultimate Health...and Don't Forget the Chocolate!</i>

Money Matters Tent

Another first for the festival, this venue is devoted to the world of money today. Some of Canada's top financial experts will be on hand to dispense advice on everything from surviving the recession to RRSPs.

11:30 – 12:00	Richard Atkinson , <i>Don't Just Retire – Live It, Love It!</i>
12:00 – 12:30	John Stephenson , <i>Shell Shocked: How Canadians Can Invest After the Collapse</i>
12:30 – 1:00	Angela Self of The Smart Cookies , <i>The Smart Cookies' Guide to Making More Dough and Getting Out of Debt</i>
1:00 – 1:30	John Lawrence Reynolds , <i>Bubbles, Bankers & Bailouts</i>
1:30 – 2:00	Gordon Pape , <i>Tax-Free Savings Accounts: A Guide to TFSAs and How They Can Make You Rich.</i>
2:00 – 2:30	Joseph Heath , <i>Filthy Lucre</i>

- 2:30 – 3:00 **Garth Turner**, *After the Crash: How to Guard Your Money in These Turbulent Times*
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Pat Foran**, *Smart Canadian's Guide to Saving Money: Pat Foran is On Your Side, Helping You to Stop Wasting Money, Start Saving it, and Build Your Wealth*
- 3:30 – 4:00 **Gail Bebee**, *No Hype – The Straight Goods on Investing Your Money*
- 4:00 – 4:30 **Patricia Lovett-Reid**, *Get Real*
- 4:30 – 5:00 **David Trahair**, *Enough Bull: How to Retire Well without the Stock Market, Mutual Funds, or Even an Investment Advisor*
- 5:00 – 6:00 Discussion panel with contributors from **MoneySense**, "What We Learned from the Great Crash of 2009"

World Music Stage

Programmed in partnership with **Small World Music**, this venue will host a blend of music from around the globe!

DJ Medicineman (playing at quarter to the hour, every hour from 10 - 6)

- 11:00 – 11:45 **Joanna Moon**
- 12:00 – 12:45 **High Plains Drifter**
- 1:00 – 1:45 **Masaisai**
- 2:00 – 2:45 **Nomadica**
- 3:00 – 3:45 **Rebel Rhythm**
- 4:00 – 4:45 **The Thing Is**
- 5:00 – 5:45 **Njacko Backo**

Adult Programming

Scotiabank Bestsellers Stage

The Scotiabank Bestsellers Stage is the flagship venue at The Word On The Street and features some of the biggest names in Canadian literature.

- 11:30 – 12:10 **Elizabeth May**, *Losing Confidence*
- 12:10 – 12:50 Discussion panel with **Kelley Armstrong**, **Linwood Barclay** and **Robert Charles Wilson**, "Know Your Genre"
- 12:50 – 1:30 **Kenneth Oppel**, *The King's Taster & Starclimber*
- 1:30 – 2:10 **Nino Ricci**, *The Origin of Species*
- 2:10 – 2:50 **Bonnie Burnard**, *Suddenly*
- 3:00 – 4:00 **Margaret Atwood**, *The Year of the Flood*
- 4:00 – 5:00 Discussion panel with past Trillium Book Award winners **Dionne Brand**, **Camilla Gibb**, **Nino Ricci** and **Jane Urquhart**, "The View from Out Here"

Canadian Magazines Tent

Enjoy seminars on everything from hockey to cottages from some of Canada's top magazines!

- 11:15 - 11:45 **Stephanie Simpson McLellan** of *Today's Parent*, "5 Things That WON'T Help You Get Your Children's Book Published (and 3 That Just Might!)"
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Ken Campbell** of *The Hockey News*, "Scoring With Young Readers"
- 12:45 - 1:15 **Liv Judd** of *LOULOU Magazine*, "Deal Hunting for Fashionistas"
- 1:30 - 2:00 **Jeff Minthorn** of *Verge Magazine*, "The New Travellers"
- 2:15 - 2:45 **Rob Engman** of *TAPS*, "FREE BEER* (Do I have your attention now?)"
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Marcia Ruby** of *Alternatives Journal*, "Designing Words and Action to 'Green' Your Community"
- 3:45 - 4:15 **Michelle Kelly** of *Cottage Life Magazine*, "Think You Can't Afford a Cottage? Think Again..."
- 4:30 - 5:00 **Sarah Fulford** of *Toronto Life*, "What Makes *Toronto Life*, *Toronto Life*"
- 5:15 - 6:00 Discussion panel with **Jared Bland**, managing editor, *The Walrus*; **Tara Quinn**, assistant editor and business manager, *Brick, A Literary Journal*; and **Graham Scott**, editor, *This Magazine*, "Magazines in Canada: How to Get Published"

CBC Stage

Enjoy lively literary fun with your favourite personalities from CBC Radio!

- 11:00 – 12:00 **Stuart McLean** and **Jonathan Goldstein**, "*It's Story Time*"
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Eleanor Wachtel** quizzes some of Canada's best authors, "Survival of the Literati - The Great Canadian Literary Quiz"
- 1:00 – 1:30 **Hannah Sung** chats with science fiction writer and futurist **Robert J. Sawyer**, "*It's Scientific...CBC's Online Book Club*"
- 1:30 – 2:00 **Cary Fagan**, "*It's All About Kids...*"
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Stuart McLean** and **Jonathan Goldstein**, "*It's Story Time*"
- 3:00 – 4:00 **Jian Ghomeshi**, in conversation with Canada Reads defender actor **Nicholas Campbell** and author **Brian Francis**, "Canada Reads"
- 4:00 – 5:00 **Brent Bambury**, "Tiptoe through the Titles Quiz Show"
- 5:00 – 6:00 **Brent Bambury**, "Canada Writes"

City of Toronto Tent

Nominees for the **2009 Toronto Book Awards** read from their nominated works in addition to past year's winners, **Katherine Govier**, **Glen Downie** and **Joe Fiorito**. Stay tuned for the shortlist announcement in September!

Comics and Graphic Novels Tent

Presented in partnership with the **Toronto Comic Arts Festival**, this lively tent features a series of discussion panels and presentations from some of the best creators in Toronto's comics and graphic novels scene.

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| 11:00 - 11:15 | Christopher Butcher , "All About Comics & Graphic Novels: A Brief Introduction" |
| 11:15 - 12:00 | CTON and Brian McLachlan , "Creating Comics with Owlkids!" |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Panel discussion with Jim Munroe , Tara Tallan , and Claudia Davilla , "Creating Comics and Raising a Family: Finding Balance" |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Panel discussion with Georgia Webber , Ruth Tait and steflenk , "No Rules, No Budget, All Fun! How and Why You Should Make Comics!" |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | Readings by Tory Woolcott , <i>Mirror Mind</i> ; Lesley Fairfield , <i>Tyranny</i> ; and Adam Bourret , <i>I'm Crazy</i> , "Graphic Memoirs: Three New Works" |
| 3:00 - 4:00 | Panel discussion with Bryan Munn , Salgood Sam , Brad Mackay , Jeet Heer and Kevin Boyd , "Sequential Presents: Oh, Canada. Surveying the Landscape of Canadian Comics" |
| 4:00 - 5:00 | Readings by Willow Dawson , <i>100 Mile House</i> ; Jeff Lemire , <i>Essex Country</i> ; and Evan Munday , <i>Quarter-Life Crisis</i> , "Sequential Presents: Three New Comics Set in Canada" |
| 5:00 - 6:00 | Discussion panel with Faith Erin Hicks , Emily Horne , Ryan North and Kean Soo , "Webcomics" |

Diaspora Dialogues Tent

Diaspora Dialogues will offer an "urban mash-up" of readings, music, spoken word and other artistic demonstrations that reflect the complexity of our culturally-diverse metropolis.

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| 11:00 – 1:00 | Readings by emerging writers Tanya Bryan , Kearie Daniel , Chang Liu , and Leslie Shimotakahara , alongside award winning writers Marjorie Chan , Emma Donoghue , Lee Maracle and Shyam Selvadurai , "Readings from Diaspora Dialogues" |
| 1:00 – 4:30 | Performances and readings by Afua Cooper , Archer Pechawis , Amani , Martha Baillie , Fides Krucker , Nik Beeson , Waawaate Fobister , Leah-Simone Bowen , Peter |

Bailey, Donna-Michelle St. Bernard and more, "Toronto Mash-Up"
 4:30 – 6:00 Panel discussion with **Archer Pechawis**, **Stacey May Fowles** and more "Mash-Up" writers and performers, moderated by **Helen Walsh**, with live illustrations created by **Jibola Fagbamiye**, "Art, Revisited: Exploring Re-interpretation"

EYE WEEKLY Music Stage

Focusing on the art of song, this venue will feature interactive segments on hot new music-related books and musical performances by local bands.

12:00 – 12:45 **Sandro Perri**
1:00 – 1:45 **Stuart Berman** in conversation with **Dave Morris**, *This Book Is Broken: A Broken Social Scene Story*
2:00 – 2:45 **Bruce Peninsula**
3:00 – 3:45 **Dalton Higgins**, *Hip Hop World*
4:00 – 4:30 **Joe Pernice**, *It Feels So Good When I Stop*
4:30 – 4:45 **Damian Rogers**, *Paper Radio*
5:00 – 5:45 **Ghost Bees**

Great Books Marquee

The place to be for the most exciting and dynamic books of the year, this venue features a variety of hot spring and fall titles including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

11:00 – 12:00 Readings and discussion with **Kathryn Borel Jr.**, *Corked*; **Jane Christmas**, *Incontinent on the Continent*; and **Deirdre Kelly**, *Paris Times Eight*, "Globetrotting"
12:00 – 12:30 **Ray Robertson**, *David*
12:30 – 1:00 **Leon Rooke**, *The Last Shot*
1:00 – 1:30 **John Bemrose**, *The Last Woman*
1:30 – 2:00 **Barry Callaghan**, *Beside Still Waters*
2:00 – 2:30 **Cordelia Strube**, *Lemon*
2:30 – 3:00 **Emily Schultz**, *Heaven Is Small*
3:00 – 3:30 **Darrell Bricker** and **John Wright**, *We Know What You're Thinking: From Dollars to Donuts—Canada's Premier Pollsters Reveal What Canadians Think and Why*
3:30 – 4:00 **Rick Smith** and **Bruce Lourie**, *Slow Death by Rubber Duck: How the Toxic Chemistry of Everyday Life Affects Our Health*
4:00 – 5:00 Readings and discussion with **Jacob McArthur Mooney**, *The New Layman's Almanac*; **A. F. Moritz**, *The Sentinel*; and **Matthew Tierney**, *The Hayflick Limit*, "The Alchemy of Language"
5:00 – 5:30 **Lauren Kirshner**, *Where We Have To Go*

5:30 – 6:00 **Zoe Whittall**, *Holding Still for as Long as Possible*

Proud Voices Tent

Co-presented with **Pride Toronto**, **Proud Voices** will feature a variety of works in celebration of the queer community.

- 11:00 – 12:00 Discussion panel with **N. Gitanjali Lena**, **Derek Scott**, **Elizabeth Ruth** and **Rachel Epstein**, *Who's Your Daddy and Other Writings on Queer Parenting*
- 12:00 – 1:00 Spoken word with **Beth Anne Fischer**, **Tanya Neumeyer** and **Truth Is** of the **Toronto Poetry Slam**
- 1:00 – 1:30 **Jeffrey Round**, *The Honey Locust*
- 1:30 – 2:00 **Anne Hines**, *Parting Gifts*
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Nairne Holtz**, *This One's Going to Last Forever*
- 2:30 – 3:00 **Emma Donoghue**, *The Sealed Letter*
- 3:00 – 4:00 Discussion panel with **Paul Bellini**, **Steve Bereznai**, **Terry Goldie** and **Sukie Lee**, *Second Person Queer*
- 4:00 – 4:30 Readings by **Greg Kearney**, *Mommy Daddy Baby* and **Debra Anderson**, *Code White*, "The 2009 Dayne Ogilvie Memorial Grant"
- 4:30 – 5:00 **Billeh Nickerson**, *McPoems*
- 5:00 – 6:00 Spoken word with **Duncan Armstrong**, **Yehuda Fisher**, **Krystle Mullin** and **Kinga Nowak** of the **Toronto Poetry Slam**

Toronto Star Tent

Back by popular demand, the **Toronto Star** offers thought-provoking presentations from some of their most beloved writers.

Wordshop Marquee

This venue will offer a day of writing workshops covering craft and career strategy for aspiring writers featuring the esteemed faculty of **The Humber School for Writers**.

- 11:00 - 11:45 **Cynthia Good**, "The Insider's Guide to Getting Published in Perilous Times"
- 12:00 - 12:45 **Anthony De Sa** and **Anar Ali**, "Do I Have to Hide the Truth When I Write about People I Love?"
- 1:00 - 1:45 **Helen Heller**, "What Do I Have to Show An Agent to Get Her Interested in Me and What Can She Do For Me That I Couldn't Do Myself?"
- 2:00 - 2:45 **Karen Connelly**, "A Life In Letters - Can A Writer Really Make A Living?"

- 3:00 - 3:45 **Jack David** and **Kim Moritsugu**, "How Am I Doing So Far? An Assessment of One Minute of Prose"
 4:00 - 4:45 **Robert Rotenberg**, "It's a Crime!"
 5:00 - 5:45 **Andrew Westoll** and **Richard Poplak**, "The Young and the Restless - Travel Writers or Writers Who Travel?"

Children's Programming on KidStreet

Children's Activity Tent

This venue will feature creative crafts and interactive presentations inspired by new children's books and music.

- 11:00 – 11:30 An inuksuk building activity with **Mary Wallace**, *I is for Inuksuk*
 11:45 – 12:15 A drawing activity with **Barbara W. Klunder**, *The Animals' Day: An Island Alphabet*
 12:30 – 1:00 Learn about cooking and decorate a cupcake with **Elisabeth de Mariaffi**, *Eat It Up!*
 1:15 – 2:00 A thrilling science demonstration by **Mad Science**, "Spin, Pop, Boom"
 2:15 – 3:00 Rock out with **Little Fingers Music**
 3:00 – 3:30 Explore the power of the word in hip hop culture with **Literacy Through Hip Hop**, "Literacy Through Hip Hop Idol!"
 3:30 – 4:30 Meet a turtle, lizard, python and more with **Reptilia**
 4:30 – 5:00 Learn interesting bug facts with **Helaine Becker**, *The Insecto-files*
 5:15 – 6:00 Enjoy beautiful harmonies and playful instrumentation with **The Funky Mamas**

Children's Reading Tent

Authors and illustrators present some of the best Canadian children's books of 2009.

- 11:00 – 11:20 **Tamara James**, *The World Is Your Oyster*
 11:20 – 11:40 **Nicholas Oldland**, *Big Bear Hug*
 11:40 – 12:00 Written by **Joanne Schwartz**, illustrated by **Laura Beingessner**, *Our Corner Grocery Store*
 12:00 – 12:30 **Cary Fagan**, *Jacob Two-Two on the High Seas*
 12:30 – 1:00 **Charles Pachter**, *Canada Counts: A Charles Pachter Counting Book*
 1:00 – 1:30 **Ruth Ohi**, *Chicken, Pig, Cow on the Move*
 1:30 – 2:00 **Barbara Reid**, *Perfect Snow*
 2:00 – 2:30 **Patricia Storms**, *The Pirate and the Penguin*
 2:30 – 3:00 **Adrienne Kress**, *Timothy and the Dragon's Gate*
 3:00 – 3:30 **Kean Soo**, *Jellaby, Monster in the City*

3:30 – 3:45	Tim Beiser , <i>Bradley McGogg, the Very Fine Frog</i>
3:45 – 4:00	Andrew Larsen , <i>The Imaginary Garden</i>
4:00 – 4:30	Bill Slavin , <i>Stanley's Beauty Contest</i>
4:30 – 5:00	Frieda Wishinsky , <i>On the Case</i>
5:00 – 5:30	Robert Paul Weston , <i>Zorgamazoo</i>
5:30 – 6:00	Natale Ghent , <i>The Odds Get Even</i>

Little Readers Tent

Featuring segments by early-literacy experts, this venue will offer storytelling, rhyming activities and music for kids age 0-3 while tricks and tips are dispensed to parents on how to introduce early-literacy into their daily schedule.

11:00 – 11:30	Storytelling and song with Sandra Carpenter-Davis , "Again, Again, Again!"
11:30 – 12:00	Storytelling with Aubrey Davis , "Yankel No Neck"
12:00 – 12:30	Learn about developing pre-literacy skills in your child with TPL librarians Cameron Ray and Leigh Turina , "Stories and more from the Toronto Public Library"
12:30 – 1:00	Storytelling, rhymes and traditional Celtic songs with Carol Ashton and Wendy Tinkler , "The Kitchen Party"
1:00 – 1:30	Storytelling with mother and daughter duo Sally Jaeger and Erika Webster , "Lullabies & LapRhymes"
1:30 – 2:00	Storytelling and song with Theo Heras and Kent Price , <i>What Will We Do with the Baby-o?</i>
2:00 – 2:30	Learn about developing pre-literacy skills in your child with TPL librarians Cameron Ray and Leigh Turina , "Stories and more from the Toronto Public Library"
2:30 – 3:00	Traditional rhymes, songs and stories from around the world with The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program , "The Moon is Round"
3:00 – 3:30	Songs, fingerplays and more with Kathy Reid-Naiman , "Tickles and Tunes"
3:30 – 4:00	Participation songs and rhymes with Debbie Carroll with Banjo Bob , "We Love Music - We Love to Dance!"
4:00 – 4:30	Classic Mother Goose rhymes plus stories from <i>Ten Small Tales</i> with Celia Lottridge , <i>Mother Goose</i>
4:30 – 6:00	Explore books hand-picked by Toronto Public Library staff that help develop early literacy skills in the " Ready for Reading " Lounge

TVOKids

Favourite personalities from **TVOKids** take the stage for a day of fun-filled literacy-focused entertainment including music, stories, readings and interactive sessions.

11:00	TVOKids Extravaganza
12:00	Melvin's Marvellous Words LIVE
12:30	Gisèle Reads!
1:00	TVOKids Extravaganza
2:00	Pop It! Dancers
2:30	Enviro Girl Q&A
3:00	TVOKids Extravaganza
4:00	TVOKids Reads!
4:30	Jackie's School of Dance
5:00	Tumbletown Book Club
5:30	Polkaroo

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.

Please add this information to your listings. Images are available upon request. We are presently confirming interviews. Please check www.thewordonthestreet.ca for updates.

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