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The Word On The Street Vancouver Announces 2009 Line-Up

August 6, 2009. Vancouver. Vancouver's The Word on the Street is back for its 15th year with another full *free* day of indoor and outdoor author events, exhibits, performances, a marketplace, and all-round reading excitement—**Sunday, September 27 at Library Square** (Homer and Hamilton Streets between Robson and Georgia).

The line-up of talent for The Word On The Street Vancouver's 2009 festival was announced today by program director **Fernanda Viveiros**. "This year's festival will feature a number of well known Canadian literary figures alongside emerging voices, most notably short story writers whose books are receiving high praise from reviewers," says Viveiros who joined the festival in early 2009. "**Jowi Taylor** will present his new book, *Six String Nation*, with performances by **Alex Varty** and **Jim Byrnes** on our Mainstage, and for the first time we'll be hosting a **LongPen launch—for Margaret Atwood's new novel, *The Year of the Flood***. We're very excited about this year's roster of writers, performers and presenters and are anticipating record attendance."

And, new this year, festival goers will enjoy a special outdoor festival **collaboration with the 6th annual Global ComedyFest** Vancouver, a celebration of comedy and the written word at The Word On The Street. Check out www.comedyfest.com for more information.

Among the 100+ authors and acts booked for The Word On The Street 2009, others announced today include: **Michael Turner** (*8 x 10*); **Annabel Lyon** (*The Golden Mean*); **Thomas Trofimuk** (*Waiting for Columbus*); **Elizabeth Bachinsky** (*God of Missed Connections*); **Ian Gill** (*All That We Say Is Ours: Guujaaw and the Reawakening of the Haida Nation*); **Robyn Harding** (*Mom, Will This Chicken Give Me Man Boobs?*); **Janet Love Morrison** (*The Crazy Canucks*); **Caroline Adderson** (*Bruno for Real*); and, **Andrea Spalding** (*Dance Baby Dance*, a book for babies).

Plus, there'll be a massive *marketplace* with books, magazines, and other products for sale; *The Word Under the Street* where zines and comics are showcased; *The Family Literacy Tent* where useful information about families, literacy, and lifelong learning can be found; *Magazine Mews* where authors such as Poet Laureate **Brad Cran**, **Grant Buday**, **Evelyn Lau**, and others will read and present from their works published in Canadian magazines; *The Kids Tent* and *Raise-a-Reader Corner* with programming for the younger set; and, panels, demos, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, roving street performers, and more. The Word On The Street is truly a day where there is something for everyone!

FREE, accessible, and fun for all ages, Vancouver's annual celebration of reading brings visitors face to face with our vibrant writing and publishing community from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the last Sunday of September. The Word on the Street is one of Canada's biggest annual book and magazine events with festivals taking place in Vancouver, Toronto, Kitchener, and Halifax simultaneously.

THE WORD ON THE STREET

One Day Only | 11am to 5pm | Sunday September 27, 2009 at Library Square
Admission: **FREE!!** Full details soon at: www.thewordonthestreet.ca