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AUTHORS AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS CRIME FICTION, POETRY AND MORE IN MARCH

With appearances by John Banville, Jo Nesbø, Alan Bradley and others

TORONTO, February 22, 2010 ---- Authors at Harbourfront Centre (AUTHORS) is proud to present five stellar events in March, including an onstage interview with Man Booker Prize-winner **John Banville** (Mar. 3), a reading by award-winning playwright, documentary filmmaker, and YA novelist **Drew Hayden Taylor** (Mar. 10), two evenings chock-full of **murder and mystery** (Mar. 17 & 24), and the **2nd annual Open Poetry Stage** (Mar. 31).

On **March 3**, Man Booker Prize-winner (for *The Sea*) **John Banville** (Ireland) reads from his latest novel *The Infinities* – an Homeric tale of family and loss – and takes part in an onstage interview with Humber School for Writers' Artistic Director **Antanas Sileika**. Rachel Harry hosts.

On **March 10**, three authors take the stage to read from their new works: **Horacio Castellanos Moya, Drew Hayden Taylor and Patrick Taylor**. El Salvadoran Horacio Castellanos Moya presents *Dance with Snakes*, a dark tale in which violence and comedy intertwine as a man and his venomous companions go on a killing spree in post-civil-war El Salvador. Award-winning playwright, documentary filmmaker, and YA novelist Drew Hayden Taylor (Canada), shares his first novel for adults, *Motorcycles & Sweetgrass*, a story of magic, family, and a mysterious stranger, in a sleepy Anishnawbe community. Patrick Taylor (Canada/Ireland) reads from *An Irish Country Girl*, the Ireland-set story of housekeeper Mrs. Kinky Kincaid.

Linwood Barclay, Michael Collins and Jo Nesbø take part in an evening of murder and mystery on **March 17**. Internationally bestselling author of seven critically acclaimed novels, Linwood Barclay (Canada) presents his latest thriller, *Never Look Away*, about a husband whose wife disappears, along with everything he thought he knew about their life together. Extreme athlete Michael Collins' (Ireland/USA) (he's completed both the North Pole Marathon and Everest Challenge Marathon) reads from *Midnight in a Perfect Life*, in which a writer's journey towards fatherhood evokes shadows from his past. Norway's Jo Nesbø shares *The Snowman* – his fifth Inspector Harry Hole Mystery to be translated into English.

Crime fiction continues to reign on **March 24** when **Alan Bradley and Michael McKinley** read from their new novels. Malta-based Alan Bradley (Canada) presents the second book in the Flavia de Luce series, *The Weed That Strings the Hangman's Bag* (a follow-up to the award-winning, internationally bestselling first installment, *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*). Author of *Hockey: A People's History* (and writer and producer for an episode of *South Park*), Michael McKinley (Canada) shares his debut novel, *The Penalty Killing*, an action-packed murder mystery set in the fast and furious world of professional ice hockey.

Leading into National Poetry Month in April, AUTHORS join forces with *NOW* Magazine to celebrate Canadian poetry at the ***NOW* Open Poetry Stage on March 31**. One of 20 participating poets will win an invitation to read at the 31st annual International Festival of Authors (October 20–30, 2010) and have their book advertised in *NOW*. **The 20 poets selected by random draw will be announced on March 5.**

Bios of all participants are available at www.readings.org under “Events.”

Events take place in the York Quay Centre (235 Queens Quay West). **Tickets are \$8** to the general public, **FREE** for members and students with ID. **Harbourfront Centre Box Office/Information: 416-973-4000**. Or online at www.readings.org.

Since its inception in 1974, Authors at Harbourfront Centre has hosted over 5,000 authors from more than 100 countries, including 17 Nobel Laureates. Our season runs from September to June and includes the annual International Festival of Authors (IFOA) (October 20–30, 2010), including YoungIFOA and IFOA Ontario; and the annual ALOUD: a Celebration for Young Readers with Forest of Reading® Festival of Trees™ (May 12–13, 2010).

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