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**AUTHORS AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE'S WEEKLY PROGRAMMING RETURNS**

**February events include Alan Lightman, Nathan Englander, Kim Thúy and more**

**TORONTO, January 23, 2012** ---- **Authors at Harbourfront Centre's (AUTHORS) 38<sup>th</sup>** season marches on with three events in February including readings by theoretical physicist and novelist **Alan Lightman** (Feb. 15), multiple award-winning author **Nathan Englander** (Feb. 22), and Governor General's Literary Award-winning writer **Kim Thúy** (Feb. 29).

**February 15: Alan Lightman** is the author of five previous novels, a book-length narrative poem, two collections of essays, and several books on science shares. He presents his latest novel, *Mr g*, a profound work that celebrates the tragic and joyous nature of existence on the grandest possible scale. The CBC's Mary Hynes will interview Lightman.

**February 22:** Winner of a PEN/Malamud Award and the Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, **Nathan Englander** shares *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*, a collection of short stories ranging from the provocative to the incredibly dark. Stories include an engaging portrait of two marriages in which the Holocaust is played out as a devastating parlor game and a story where vigilante justice is undertaken by a group of geriatric campers.

**February 29:** Critically acclaimed author **Robert Hough** presents *Dr. Brinkley's Tower*, a sensational, passionate story of jealousy and greed set against the backdrop of Mexico in the 1930s. Translated from the French by Sheila Fischman, **Kim Thúy** presents her Governor General's Literary Award-winning *Ru*, which spans the globe from Saigon to Malaysia, and finally to Quebec, to tell the story of a young girl who feels the embrace of a new community and revels in the chance to be part of the American Dream.

Bios of all participants are available at [readings.org](http://readings.org) under "Events."

**Events take place in the York Quay Centre** (235 Queens Quay West), unless otherwise noted. **Tickets are \$10** to the general public, FREE for members and students with ID. **Harbourfront Centre Box Office/Information: 416-973-4000** or [readings.org](http://readings.org).

Since its inception in 1974, Authors at Harbourfront Centre has hosted over 7,500 authors from more than 100 countries, including 18 Nobel Laureates. Our season runs from September to June and includes the annual International Festival of Authors (IFOA) (October 18–28, 2012), including YoungIFOA and IFOA Ontario; and the annual ALOUD: a Celebration for Young Readers with Forest of Reading® Festival of Trees™ (May 15–16, 2012).

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