

IFOA ONTARIO: GROWING LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Canada's largest literary festival adds eight locations to touring programme

TORONTO, September 1, 2010 --- The **31st annual International Festival of Authors (IFOA)** spreads its literary wings this year and **expands its touring programme, IFOA Ontario, with festival events now in Hamilton, London, Milton, Owen Sound, Picton, Port Hope, Sudbury, and Windsor**, in addition to those already occurring in **Barrie, Burlington, Midland, Orillia, Parry Sound, and Uxbridge** – for a total of **14 cities**. Now in its fourth year, **IFOA Ontario** partners with libraries, bookstores and communities across Ontario to help provide areas throughout the province with access to IFOA's world-renowned events and the Festival's roster of the best contemporary writers from around the globe. **IFOA Ontario takes place from October 21 to November 5.**

Geoffrey Taylor, Director of IFOA, says: "**IFOA Ontario is excited to further build upon the relationships it has fostered over the years, as well as develop new partnerships in an additional eight locations throughout the province. This touring programme would not be possible without the numerous Ontario organizations whose mission it is to bring the written word to their communities.**"

Participating authors include: Trillium Book Award-winner **Camilla Gibb**, Man Booker Prize-winner **Yann Martel** and acclaimed author of the Inspector Banks novels, **Peter Robinson**. Also, to coincide with the festival's **IFOA Noir** programming focus, mystery and crime authors **Giles Blunt, Michael Koryta, Emily St. John Mandel, Michael Robotham, Robert Rotenberg, Chevy Stevens, Louise Welsh, and Eric Wright** take part. For a complete list of participants, please see the schedule of events below.

Bios of all participants are available at www.readings.org under "IFOA."

Tickets to most IFOA Ontario events are \$10, with the exception of IFOA Picton, which is \$15, IFOA Uxbridge, which is \$20, and events that take place at Indigo are FREE. Tickets can be purchased through the box offices listed in the schedule of events below, online at www.readings.org or through the **Harbourfront Centre Box Office at 416-973-4000.**

About IFOA:

For 11 days each October, the IFOA presents a wide range of readings, round table discussions, onstage interviews, book signings and a number of special events featuring the most exciting authors in contemporary literature.

Administered by Authors at Harbourfront Centre, this year's 31st annual IFOA takes place from October 20 to 30, 2010. IFOA also includes IFOA Ontario, a touring programme that now stops in 14 locations throughout Ontario. **Tickets for both IFOA and IFOA Ontario go on sale on September 14.**

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To download high-res images of IFOA participants visit:

media.harbourfrontcentre.com/ifoa

IFOA Ontario Schedule of Events:

IFOA Barrie

Presented in partnership with the **Barrie Public Library** and **Georgian College**

Wednesday, November 3, 7:30pm

READING: Caroline Adderson, Brando Skyhorse, Michael Winter, Alissa York

LOCATION: TBD

TICKETS: Barrie Public Library 705-728-1010

IFOA Burlington

Presented in partnership with **Indigo Books and Music**

Thursday, October 28, 7pm

IFOA NOIR ROUND TABLE: Giles Blunt, Michael Koryta, Chevy Stevens.

Moderator: Jennifer Shannon

LOCATION: Indigo, 1250 Brant Street, Unit 102

TICKETS: Free

IFOA Hamilton

Presented in partnership with **A Different Drummer Books** and **Bryan Prince Bookseller**

Tuesday, October 26, 7:30pm

READING: Eleanor Catton, Adam Gopnik, Robert McCrum, David Rakoff

LOCATION: The Gallery on the Bay, 231 Bay Street North

TICKETS: A Different Drummer Books, 905-639-0925 or Bryan Prince

Bookseller, 905-528-4508

IFOA London

Presented in partnership with **Indigo Books and Music**

Thursday, October 21, 7pm

READING/INTERVIEW: David Bergen, Emma Donoghue. Interviewer: Jennifer Shannon

LOCATION: Indigo, 1037 Wellington Road

TICKETS: Free

IFOA Midland

Presented in partnership with the **Midland Public Library**

Monday, November 1, 7:30pm

READING: Steven Heighton, Patricia Engel, Anne Fortier, Kathleen Winter

LOCATION: Midland Public Library, 320 King Street

TICKETS: Midland Public Library, 705-526-4216

Tuesday, November 2, 7:30pm

ROUND TABLE: Brando Skyhorse, Miguel Syjuco, Michael Winter. Moderator: Bert Archer

LOCATION: Midland Public Library, 320 King Street

TICKETS: Midland Public Library, 705-526-4216

IFOA Milton

Presented in partnership with **Indigo Books and Music**

Wednesday, October 27, 7pm

ROUND TABLE: Camilla Gibb, Paul Harding, Priscila Uppal. Moderator: Jennifer Shannon

LOCATION: Indigo, 1180 Steeles Avenue East

TICKETS: Free

IFOA Orillia

Presented in partnership with the **Orillia Public Library** and **Stephen Leacock Museum**

Tuesday, November 2, 7:30pm

READING: Caroline Adderson, Alexander MacLeod, Michael Robotham, Kathleen Winter

LOCATION: Stephen Leacock Museum, 50 Museum Drive

TICKETS: Stephen Leacock Museum, 705-329-1908

IFOA Owen Sound

Presented in partnership with **The Downtown Bookstore**

Wednesday, November 3, 7:30pm

READING: Sandra Birdsell, Charles Foran, Andrea Levy, Miguel Syjuco

LOCATION: Owen Sound Public Library, 1 Avenue West

TICKETS: The Downtown Bookstore, 519-372-9760

IFOA Parry Sound

Presented in partnership with **Parry Sound Books**

Monday, November 1, 7:30pm

READING: Sandra Birdsell, Katherine Govier, Andrea Levy, Tom McCarthy

LOCATION: Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts, 2 Bay Street

TICKETS: Box Office: 705-746-4466

IFOA Picton

Presented in partnership with **Prince Edward County Authors Festival**

Sunday, October 31, 1pm

IFOA NOIR READING: Michael Koryta, Emily St. John Mandel, Michael

Robotham

IFOA NOIR ROUND TABLE: Giles Blunt, Peter Robinson, Louise Welsh

LOCATION: Books & Company, 289 Main Street

TICKETS: Books & Company, 613-476-3037

IFOA Port Hope

Presented in partnership with **Furby House Books**

Saturday, October 23, 2pm

READING: David Bergen, Aryn Kyle, Dan Rhodes

LOCATION: TBD

TICKETS: Furby House Books, 905-885-7296

IFOA Sudbury

Presented in partnership with **IFOA Sudbury Organizing Committee, The City of Sudbury** and **Laurentian University**

Thursday, November 4, 7:30pm

READING/INTERVIEW: Tom McCarthy, Miguel Syjuco. Interviewer: Charles Foran

LOCATION: Alphonse Raymond Auditorium, 935 Ramsey Lake Road

TICKETS: 705-523-4681

IFOA Uxbridge

Presented in partnership with **Blue Heron Books**

Saturday, October 30, 2pm

INTERVIEW: Yann Martel. Interviewer: Charles Foran

LOCATION: Wyndance Golf Club, 450 Regional Rd 21

TICKETS: Blue Heron Books, 905-852-4282

IFOA Windsor

Presented in partnership with **BookFest Windsor**

Friday, November 5, 7:30pm

IFOA NOIR ROUND TABLE: Peter Robinson, Michael Robotham, Robert Rotenberg, Eric Wright

LOCATION: Art Gallery of Windsor, 401 Riverside Drive West

TICKETS: Art Gallery of Windsor, 519-977-1400