

# The Toronto Literary Calendar

## November 2009

To submit a free event listing, please send event details to [wordlistings@hotmail.com](mailto:wordlistings@hotmail.com).  
Listings for the December 2009 issue are due by November 15.

### Sun., November 1

LAUNCH: Seraphim Editions launches *Confluences*, a new book of poetry by Allan Briesmaster. With a performance by singer Lara Solnicki and brief readings by other Seraphim authors, including Rafi Aaron, Stephen Humphrey, Luciano Iacobelli, Andréa Jarmai, Tanis Macdonald, Stan Rogal, Mary Lou Soutar-Hynes, Linda Stitt and Liz Zetlin. The Rivoli, 334 Queen St. W., back room, 2pm, free, [www.seraphimeditions.com](http://www.seraphimeditions.com).

### Mon., November 2

READING: The Rowers Pub Reading Series has as its November features: Carla Drysdale (*Little Venus*), Kelli Deeth (*The Girl Without Anyone*), Mike Spry (*Jack*) and Moez Surani (*Reticent Bodies*). Harbord House, 150 Harbord St., 2nd floor, 7:30pm (doors at 6), pass-the-hat donation, [rowerspubreadingseries.com](http://rowerspubreadingseries.com).

### Tues., November 3

READING: Maleea Acker, Carla Drysdale and Susan McMaster feature tonight at The Art Bar Poetry Series. Open mic. Clinton's, 693 Bloor St. W., 8pm, pass-the-hat donation, [www.artbar.org](http://www.artbar.org).

READING: The fifty-fourth edition of Strong Words features Electric Jon, Barry Dempster and Gypsy Eyes. Please note that we are moving to a new venue in the new year, and that this will be our second-last reading at the Gladstone Art Bar. Donations of new/used books in resale condition to be collected on behalf of the Toronto Public Library's Book Ends program. The Gladstone Art Bar, 1214 Queen St. W., 7:30pm, pwyc, [www.strong-words.ca](http://www.strong-words.ca) / [www.tpl.toronto.on.ca](http://www.tpl.toronto.on.ca).

### Thurs., November 5

LAUNCH: Exile Editions launches the *Exile Book of Canadian Sports Stories*, an anthology of short fiction by Canadian authors on the subject of sports. Reading from their works are George Bowering, Brian Fawcett,

Barry Callaghan and editor Priscila Uppal. Also reading from the book will be Olympic athletes Billy Bridges and Kevin Light. Exile will donate \$5 from each book sale to the Canadian Athletes Now Fund, a charity that offers financial assistance to our nation's athletes. This event is held in conjunction with Bodyworks Symposium, a two-day symposium at York University, exploring the links between sport, art and culture. The Annex Live, 296 Brunswick Ave., 7pm, free, visit [www.bodyworkssymposium.ca](http://www.bodyworkssymposium.ca) for more info.

### Mon., November 9

LAUNCH: Between the Lines and the Stephen Bulger Gallery invite you to celebrate the launch of Vincenzo Pietropaolo's new book of photography, *Harvest Pilgrims: Mexican and Caribbean Migrant Farm Workers in Canada*, which tells the little-known story of Canada's migrant workers. The photographs in the "Harvest Pilgrims" collection have been highly acclaimed internationally through many publications and exhibitions, including a travelling show curated by the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography that opened in Mexico City. Vincenzo Pietropaolo will present a slideshow of his work on the subject and talk about the project, which has been 20 years in the making. Stephen Bulger Gallery, 1026 Queen St. W., 7-9pm, free, [info@bulgergallery.com](mailto:info@bulgergallery.com), [info@btlbooks.com](mailto:info@btlbooks.com).

### Tues., November 10

READING: Moez Surani, Nathaniel G. Moore and Phoebe Tsang are tonight's features at The Art Bar Poetry Series. Open mic. Clinton's, 693 Bloor St. W., 8pm, pass-the-hat donation, [www.artbar.org](http://www.artbar.org).

### Fri., November 13

CONCERT: Up From The Roots presents the 11th Annual When Brothers Speak Spoken Word Concert. This two-day event brings together North America's top black male spoken word artists in an uncensored

forum of expression. St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, 27 Front St. E., 9pm, \$35-45, contact box office at 416-366-7723.

**Sat., November 14**

**WORKSHOP:** Get the scoop on getting published from the most knowledgeable people in the industry at "From the Horse's Mouth: Strategies for Getting Published." Bring questions and get answers! Brian Henry will moderate; panel will include: Marie Campbell (Agent, Transatlantic Literary Agency); Beverley Daurio (Publisher, The Mercury Press); and Jack David (co-publisher, ECW Press). Ryerson University, 1-4pm, \$84, email [brianhenry@sympatico.ca](mailto:brianhenry@sympatico.ca) for address and reservation.

**Sun., November 15**

**LAUNCH:** By means of extensive research and in-depth interviews, David Matas and David Kilgour developed a persuasive argument that supports allegations of organ-harvesting from Falun Gong prisoners in China. Join us for the book launch of *Bloody Harvest: The Killing of Falun Gong for their Organs*, and meet human rights lawyer and author David Matas. The Women's Art Association Gallery, 23 Prince Arthur Ave., 2-4pm, free, email [info@thebookband.com](mailto:info@thebookband.com) for more info.

**LAUNCH:** Burning Effigy Press Fall 2009 Launch Party. Burning Effigy launches two new chapbook novellas: *Temporary Monsters* by Ian Rogers and *Operation Dickhead* by Mike Bryant. Additional readings by past BE authors, to be confirmed. The Central, 603 Markham St., 7:30pm, free, [www.burningeffigy.com](http://www.burningeffigy.com).

**Tues., November 17**

**READING:** Rocco de Giacomo, Steve Venright and Jason Guriel feature tonight at The Art Bar Poetry Series. Open mic. Clinton's, 693 Bloor St. W., 8pm, pass-the-hat donation, [www.artbar.org](http://www.artbar.org).

**BANQUET:** The 7th Annual Dinner for Berton House Writers' Retreat is a unique event that features a fabulous three-course hobo banquet, a silent and live auction, and entertainment by terrific Canadian talent, including renowned singers Katherine McKinnon and

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Dinah Christie. The event will be hosted by Vicki Gabereau. The Berkeley Church Heritage Event Venue, 315 Queen St. E., cocktails at 6pm; dinner at 7, \$150/ticket, contact [info@writerstrust.com](mailto:info@writerstrust.com) for more info.

**Wed., November 18**

READING: Francine Prose, author of *The Blue Angel* and *Reading Like a Writer*, discusses her career up to and including her new book, *Anne Frank: the Book, the Life, the Afterlife* with author and journalist Ian Brown.

Books will be for sale at this event. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., 2nd floor, 7pm, free, [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca).

**Thurs., November 19**

LAUNCH: Pedlar Press and Gregory Betts launches his plunderverse project, *The Others Raised in Me*. Supermarket, 268 Augusta Ave., 6-8pm, free.

**Sun., November 22**

READING: The Plasticine Poetry series presents a night of poetry featuring Lois Lorimer, Cathy Petch, Jacob Scheier and Rod Weatherbie. Open mic. Hosted by Myna Wallin. The Central, 603 Markham St., 6pm, free, [www.thecentral.ca](http://www.thecentral.ca).

**Tues., November 24**

READING: Join us this evening to hear poetry from rob mclennan and Jacob Scheier at The Art Bar Poetry Series. Open mic. Clinton's, 693 Bloor St. W., 8pm, pass-the-hat donation, [www.artbar.org](http://www.artbar.org).

AWARDS: At this prestigious event, the Writers' Trust will award \$127,000 in prize money to Canadian writers. The winners of seven literary prizes will be announced, including the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize, the Writers' Trust Non-Fiction Prize, the Vicky Metcalf Award for Children's Literature and the McClelland & Stewart Journey Prize. To receive an invitation, send an email request to the address below. The Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W., 5:30pm, free (by invitation), email [info@writerstrust.com](mailto:info@writerstrust.com) for invitation, visit [www.writerstrust.com](http://www.writerstrust.com) for more info on these prizes, and a list of finalists.

## The Mercury Press Fall Launch

AND CELEBRATION OF NEW TITLES

*Hearing, and answering with music,*  
poetry by Guy Ewing

*missing persons,* a novel by rob mclennan

*The October Five,*

a mystery by Mobashar Qureshi

*Herbie Nichols: A Jazzist's Life,* by Mark Miller

*Time and Anthony Braxton,* by Stuart Broomer

PLEASE JOIN US AT

Supermarket

268 Augusta Avenue

(south of College, west of Spadina)

Tuesday, December 1

7:30 p.m.

FREE. WITH BRIEF READINGS BY THE AUTHORS,  
AND LIVE JAZZ BY SCOTT THOMSON AND KYLE BRENDERS

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### TUESDAY

Society of Environmental Journalists hosts monthly Pub Nights on the first Tuesday of every month, with featured guest speaker and informal discussions about environmental journalism and other subjects of personal interest. All interested in environmental journalism and issues welcome! Harbord House, 2nd floor, gather 7-7:30pm (speaker at 8), free, RSVP to [SEJpubnight@saunderseditor.com](mailto:SEJpubnight@saunderseditor.com).

### FRIDAY

The Weekly Writers' Workshop at U of T meets every Friday for critique, discussion, creation, and advice on marketing of original poetry and prose. Workshop features guest authors and is involved in literary events and publications. Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle, 6pm, free, [uoftwritersco-op@hotmail.com](mailto:uoftwritersco-op@hotmail.com).