



## THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS PRESENTS THE 2016 PRELIMINARY LINEUP

**TORONTO, August 9, 2016** ---- Toronto's **International Festival of Authors** is thrilled to present the preliminary lineup for the Festival's **37th edition (Harbourfront Centre, October 20 to 30, 2016)**.

IFOA is the premier event of its kind in Toronto, offering audiences access to favourite authors from around the globe and introducing readers to a curated list of new voices. **The Festival boasts over 200 participants** presenting works of diverse genres from literary fiction to memoir, from poetry to thriller. This fall, we will spotlight **graphic novels, contemporary Irish literature and nonfiction**.

Expect to see Giller Prize winner **Andre Alexis**; Canadian treasures **Margaret Atwood, David Bergen, Charlotte Gray, Yann Martel, David Adams Richards** and **Jane Urquhart**; internationally acclaimed cartoonists **Nina Bunjevac, Micheal Deforge, Nick Drnaso, Jon McNaught, Chris Oliveros** and **Seth**; bestselling authors **Sharon Butala, Takashi Hiraide** and **Jay McInerney**; Pulitzer Prize winners **Robert Olen Butler, Viet Thanh Nguyen** and **Richard Russo**; Poetry NOW winner **Chris Chambers** alongside award-winning poets **Phil Hall, Maureen Hynes, Sylvia Legris, Sarah Pinder, Steven Price** and **Daniel Scott Tysdal**; Spanish novelists **Luisgé Martín** and **Miguel Ángel Hernández**; writer of novel and screenplay for the Academy Award-winning movie *Room* **Emma Donoghue**; Sri-Lankan writer **Sunila Galappatti**; French author and musician **Lola Lafon**; Icelandic art history professor and novelist **Auður Ava Ólafsdóttir**; non-fiction writers **Deborah Campbell, Robert Kanigel, Laurence Scott, Nathan Storrington** and **Samuel Zipp**; actor and swordsman **C.C. Humphreys**; 2016 Man Booker longlisted authors **David Szalay** and **Madeleine Thien**; former CBC radio producer and war correspondent **Susan Perly**; debut novelists **Lynne Kutsukake, Iain Reid** and **Andrew Westoll**; thriller writers **Alexander Maksik** and **Ruth Ware**; 2016 OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature winner **Olive Senior**; Slovenian writer and sociologist **Suzana Tratnik**; three time World Fantasy Award winner **Jeff VanderMeer** and CBC Writers and Company's **Eleanor Wachtel**.

**Additional names will be announced soon. Stay tuned!**

Available again this year is the **Festival Flex Pass**. Purchase a bundle of **6 tickets** for \$90 (plus a service charge), in advance without committing to specific performances, and save! Call the **Harbourfront Centre Box Office** at 416-973-4000 to purchase and for more information. Flex Passes go on sale **September 6th**.

For programming updates visit [ifoa.org](http://ifoa.org) or call the Harbourfront Centre Box Office at **416-973-4000**. Tickets to most events go on sale in September and are priced at \$18/\$15 for supporters/free for students and youth 25 and under (subject to availability). Some exceptions apply. Please refer to individual event listings.

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Since its inception in 1974, IFOA has hosted over 9,000 authors from more than 100 countries, including 22 Nobel Laureates. Our season runs from September to June and includes the annual International Festival of Authors (October 20–30, 2016), including YoungIFOA and IFOA Ontario, and the annual ALOUD: a Celebration for Young Readers with Forest of Reading® Festival of Trees™ (May 2017).

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