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Grab your bookmarks! Toronto's International Festival of Authors Returns with a Stellar Lineup of Celebrated and Emerging Authors

Guests include 2017 Windham-Campbell Prize recipient, André Alexis, Roddy Doyle, Barbara Gowdy and Eden Robinson

TORONTO, August 10, 2017 – Toronto's International Festival of Authors (IFOA) is proud to announce the presenting lineup of authors for the 38th edition of the Festival. Taking place October 19 to October 29 at the Harbourfront Centre, the festival will welcome the world's best writers for readings, one-on-one interviews, thought-provoking panel discussions, special events and free book signings. During the 11 day event, booklovers will have the opportunity to engage with their favorite celebrated authors and discover emerging literary voices from near and far.

IFOA is delighted to welcome award-winning and best-selling Canadian authors **André Alexis, Dionne Brand, Liona Boyd, Claire Cameron, George Elliott Clarke, Emma Donoghue, Barbara Gowdy, Helen Humphreys, Frances Itani, Pasha Malla, Lee Maracle, Anne Michaels, Heather O'Neill, Carol Off, Eden Robinson, Seth, David Silcox, Linda Spalding and Kathleen Winter.**

Visiting Toronto to present their works are international authors: **Chantel Acevedo** (USA), **Sarah Bailey** (Australia), **Mark Billingham** (UK), **Sara Blaedel** (Denmark), **John Boyne** (Ireland), **Chris Brookmyre** (UK), **Mireia Calafell** (Catalonia, Spain), **Vahni Capildeo** (UK), **Catherine Chidgey** (New Zealand), **Setz J. Clemens** (Austria), **Kia Corthron** (USA), **David Coventry** (New Zealand), **Marie Darrieussecq** (France), **Roddy Doyle** (Ireland), **Hideo Furukawa** (Japan), **Mary Gaitskill** (USA), **Norbert Gstrein** (Germany), **Nicola Lagioia** (Italy), **David Machado** (Portugal), **Eduard Márquez** (Spain), **Maja Vidmar** (Slovenia), **Immanuel Mifsud** (Malta), **Sylvain Prudhomme** (France), **Colm Tóibín** (Ireland), **Adrian Tomine** (USA), and **Rohan Wilson** (Australia). Spoken word artists **Dean Atta** and **Deanna Rodger** (UK) will join local slam poets to offer an immersive experience to all present.

For all those who admire the art of poesy, these Canadian poets will awe the imagination: **Gwen Benaway, Ronna Bloom, Roo Borson, Amanda Earl, Michael Fraser, Julie Cameron Gray, Jennifer LoveGrove, John Nyman, Nicholas Power, Stuart Ross, Dane Swan and Catriona Wright.**

Among this year's slate of attending authors are a number of exciting debut novelists including **David Bouchet, Nicholas Eames, K.J Howe, Rachel Manley, Jean E. Pendziwol, Jesse Ruddock** and **Mary Walsh**, as well as emerging writer, Toronto's **Grace O'Connell.**

Audiences will also have the opportunity to discover the power of the short story with **Michelle Berry, Carol Bruneau, Bill Gaston, Diane Schoemperlen** and **Drew Hayden Taylor**, and dive into the many worlds of historical fiction with **Janie Chang, David Layton, Bianca Marais, Alison Pick, Roberta Rich, and Emily Schultz.**

In just over a year, IFOA and the Toronto Arts Council have hosted 25 book launch events, providing support to approximately 60 local authors with career-building presentation opportunities. Join us as we celebrate the literary accomplishments of **Diana Biacora, David Bradford, Claire Cameron, Domenico Capilongo, Nicole Chin, Dalton Derkson, Jane Farrow, Maureen FitzGerald, Joanna Goodman, Barbara Gowdy, Catherine Graham, Irene Guilford, Doyali Islam, Ian Kamau, Raplh Kolewe, Kateri Lanthier, Deb Loughead, Jennifer LoveGrove, Canisia Lubrin, Pasha Malla, Tim McCaskell, Sofia Mostaghimi, Mary Jennifer Payne, Rahim Thawer, Catriona Wright** and many more!

For more information about IFOA and this year's programming and presenting authors, please visit ifoa.org. Stay tuned for the full Festival schedule announcement on **September 19**. Tickets go on-sale the same day.

About Toronto's International Festival of Authors

Since its inception in 1974, **Toronto's International Festival of Authors** 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 19-29, 2017), IFOA Ontario, the annual ALOUD: a Celebration for Young Readers with Forest of Reading® Festival of Trees™ (May) and Toronto Lit Up (year-round).

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