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## Toronto International Festival of Authors' Lit On Tour Programme Connects Ontario Communities with World-Renowned Writers

**The provincial initiative kicks off in Huntsville on September 15, and continues with events across Ontario into November 2019**

**TORONTO, August 13, 2019** — Lit On Tour, an initiative of Toronto International Festival of Authors (TIFA), returns for its 13th edition this year. Lit On Tour partners with libraries, schools and other community organizations to connect readers province-wide with immersive literary activities. The unique touring event allows participants outside of Toronto the opportunity to take part in enriching activities that might not otherwise be available in their region. Events include book signings, readings, authors in conversation and Q&A sessions that ignite curiosity and enthusiasm for the written word.

Three new stops have been added for the 2019 circuit including Huntsville, Fort Erie and Pefferlaw. A few of this year's distinguished participants include **S. K. Ali**, award-winning author of *Saints and Misfits*, **Maureen Jennings**, whose bestselling books have inspired the popular television shows *Murdoch Mysteries* and *Bomb Girls*, **Terry Fallis**, two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, **Drew Hayden Taylor**, an award-winning Ojibway playwright, and more.

"Lit On Tour provides a rare and unique opportunity for book lovers across Ontario to meet, hear and learn from world renowned writers right in their own backyard," said Geoffrey E. Taylor, Director, Toronto International Festival of Authors. "Creating meaningful dialogue between readers and writers is a special —and often once in a lifetime— experience and we're proud to extend this initiative for book enthusiasts outside of the Toronto community."

Lit On Tour will travel to 15 Ontario cities: **Huntsville** (September 15), **Aurora** (September 19), **Markham** (September 26), **Owen Sound** (October 1), **Bayfield** (October 20), **Midland** (October 23), **Woodstock** (October 25), **Etobicoke** (October 29), **Scarborough** (October 30), **Keswick** (November 1), **Pefferlaw** (November 1), **Sudbury** (November 2 & 3), **Thunder Bay** (November 5), **Cobourg** (November 17) and **Fort Erie** (November 20).

The following authors will be touring Ontario to talk about their latest works and literary careers: **S.K. Ali**, **Kelley Armstrong**, **Dave Bidini**, **Rune Christiansen**, **Terry Fallis**, **Ann Hui**, **Doyali Islam**, **Farah Heron**, **Helena Janeczek**, **Maureen Jennings**, **Amy Jones**, **Roselle Lim**, **Rabindranath Maharaj**, **Anna Maxymiw**,

**Isaac Murdoch, Wilfried N'Sondé, Zalika Reid-Benta, Jennifer Robson, Susan Swan, Drew Hayden Taylor and Gabriela Ybarra.**

Lit On Tour runs on the dedication and enthusiasm of community partners across the province. This year's partners include: **Huntsville Public Library, Aurora Public Library, Markham Public Library, Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, Cultural Services Department - County of Huron, Midland Public Library, Woodstock Public Library, Assembly Hall, Toronto Arts & Culture Services and Humber College, School of Creative and Performing Arts in association with The Humber School for Writers Department of English, University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, Georgina Public Library, Wordstock Sudbury in partnership with Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury, Thunder Bay Public Library Northern Ontario Writers' Workshop (NOWW), Lakehead University, Recreation & Culture Division — Town of Cobourg and Fort Erie Public Library.**

For all locations and event details, visit [litontour.com](http://litontour.com). Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online or through the venues directly.

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About Toronto International Festival of Authors:

The Toronto International Festival of Authors (TIFA) is Canada's largest and longest-running festival of words and ideas. Since 1974, it has hosted over 9,000 authors from more than 100 countries, including 22 Nobel Laureates and countless other award winners. Mandated to advance the art of literature, TIFA connects curious readers of every kind with leading authors and provides forums to showcase Canadian talent to the world. TIFA presents events and programmes all year round and will celebrate the 40th edition of the Festival October 24 – November 3, 2019. Based at Harbourfront Centre. To learn more, visit [FestivalofAuthors.ca](http://FestivalofAuthors.ca).

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