

MALCOLM GLADWELL TO DISCUSS HIS LATEST WORK AHEAD OF 2019 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS

Ida Jessen and Anne Michaels also headline pre-Festival events

TORONTO, August 1, 2019 – The Toronto International Festival of Authors (TIFA) kicks off its 40th anniversary with special preview events featuring bestselling Canadian author **Malcolm Gladwell**, award-winning Danish author **Ida Jessen**, and Toronto's Fifth Poet Laureate **Anne Michaels**. Prior to the Festival, TIFA is hosting ***An Evening with Malcolm Gladwell*** on September 30 where the esteemed author will discuss his latest book, *Talking to Strangers*. In addition, the Festival will host a free pre-festival event with Queen Books on October 22 featuring Danish author **Ida Jessen** in conversation with Toronto's Fifth Poet Laureate **Anne Michaels**. Toronto International Festival of Authors, Canada's largest and longest-running festival of words and ideas, takes place **October 24 – November 3, 2019**, with most events at the Harbourfront Centre.

Hosted by CBC's Matt Galloway, ***An Evening with Malcolm Gladwell*** includes an intellectual adventure and challenging excursion through history and psychology with this #1 bestselling author of *The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, *Outliers*, *David and Goliath* and *What the Dog Saw*. The evening will offer Toronto readers a deep dive into Gladwell's latest book, *Talking to Strangers*, and a personal look into why interactions with new acquaintances often go wrong. This one night only event takes place September 30 at 7:30pm located at the John Bassett Theatre, in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building). Tickets are on sale at FestivalofAuthors.ca for \$35 or \$55 including a signed copy of *Talking to Strangers*. Premium seating is also available.

Book lovers can peer into the minds of award-winning Danish author **Ida Jessen** in ***Conversation with Toronto's Fifth Poet Laureate Anne Michaels***, at a free event on October 22 at 6:30pm, located at Queen Books (914 Queen St E). The two authors will join to discuss Jessen's latest book *A Change of Time* (Archipelago Books). Widely

considered to be the master of psychological realism in contemporary Danish fiction, Jessen's *A Change of Time* is a penetrating study of a woman who, in the wake of her domineering husband's death, must embrace her newfound freedom and redefine herself. This event includes a book signing and wine and refreshments will be served. Guests may register for this free event at FestivalofAuthors.ca.

The 2019 Toronto International Festival of Authors takes place October 24 – November 3, 2019. The full festival lineup will be announced in September.

Tickets for TIFA go on sale on Thursday, September 12 at FestivalofAuthors.ca.

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.

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