

Readings by great writers

By DEBORAH QUAILE

Come be a part of some truly great Canadian adult and children's writing at the 14th Annual Eden Mills Writers' Festival. This year's event will be Sunday, September 8, from noon to 6 p.m.

This year, the cast of adult writers includes Dennis Bock, Christian Bök, George Elliott Clarke, Alan Cumyn, Warren Dunford, Gabriella Goliger, Steve Henighan, Sheila Heti, Alastair MacCleod, Eric McCormack, Barbara McLean, Lisa Moore, Eric Ormsby, Anna Porter, Andrew Pyper, Nino Ricci, Bill Richardson, Daniel Richler, Leon Rooke, Karen Solie, Mary Swan, Richard B. Wright and Mary-Lou Zeitoun.

In addition, the Eden Mills Writers' Festival is reserving one featured spot for the Canadian Poet Laureate whose appointment is expected before the festival. The decision was to be made in July with a formal announcement in September.

Children's writers include Jo-Ellen Bogart, Sonja Dunn, Linda Granfield, Sharon Jennings, Dennis Lee, Loris Lesynski, Barbara Reid, Andrea Spalding, and Paul Yee.

Unpublished authors will be reading from their short stories or poems at the Fringe. As well, several contest winners will be announced at the festival. As part of the Second Annual Ishar Singh Poetry Contest for children, there will be five Grand Prize Winners of \$100 and five Runners-Up of \$50 for their poems on nature. The 2002 Literary Contest also received entries from new, aspiring and modestly published writers aged 16 or over, for either a short story or maximum of five poems. First prize is \$500, second prize is \$200, and third prize is \$100.

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Tickets are \$10 adults, and \$5 for students and children, with a family pass for \$25. Advance tickets at various locations.

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