

The Silver Birch and Red Maple List of Nominations Released

## Outstanding authors create great excitement across Super Conference '99 schedule

YOU CAN SEE THEM the authors in sessions or meet them at the OLA booth on the exhibit floor or talk to them over autographing at the OLA Store. Every day, new authors are being confirmed for appearance at Super Conference '99.

Besides those already announced in the advance registration brochure, the following have agreed to participate:

□ PETER SÍS, author/illustrator of 1997 Caldecott Honour Book, *Starry Messenger*, and award-winning filmmaker (Berlin Film Festival), will talk about his writing in Session #813, about his illustration at the Children's Award Luncheon on Saturday. His filmwork will be one of ten things going on at Friday night's La Ronde at the University of Toronto.



□ ARLENE Chan, author of *Moon Festival*, David Bouchard, author of *If Sarah Will Take Me*, and Sheree Fitch, popular children's poet, author of *There's a Mouse in My*

*House*, share the platform at Session #615. The books are all nominated for the 1999 Silver Birch Award in Non-Fiction to be voted on by the children of Ontario on May 16. Sheree will also read at La Ronde Friday night.

□ WILLIAM Bell, author of *Zack*, Norah McClintock, author of *Sins of the Father* and Gayle Friesen, author of *Janey's Girl* are confirmed for the Red



Norah McClintock

Maple Award Session #720.

□ RICHARD Scrimger, author of *The Nose from Jupiter*, and Andrea Spalding, author of *An Island of My Own* are confirmed so far for Session #321. Scrimger is also expected to read at Friday night's La Ronde.

□ JANET LUNN, author of *The Hollow Tree*, and Kady MacDonald Denton, illustrator of *A Child's Treasurer of Nursery Rhymes*, are 1998 winners of Governor-General's Awards and have been invited to appear at Session #417. Confirmation is still awaited.



Peter Sís



Gayle Friesen

Red Maple Award winner Carol Matas has a scheduling conflict and must withdraw. Adult authors appearing at La Ronde are still to be confirmed by the University of Toronto Book Store.

Watch the Super Conference web site for developments.

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### Extra tickets for Hart House Dinner now available

groups have been engaged. One comes from the Faculty of Music and the other is a delightful Argentinian group called Soul of the Andes, featuring Giovanni Ruiz.

Master puppeteer Don Mills is working on a new puppet, Madame Ola, who will be delighting you



with an evening of fortunetelling. Although there are no charges for the evening at the University of Toronto (other than dinner), Don is hoping delegates will donate a toonie to the Canadian Children's Book Centre as part of their enjoyment of his mad fortune teller.

Children's author Richard Scrimger, will read from his very funny works, as will young people's poet Sheree Fitch. Peter Sís' award-winning films

will be on view – a very different side of this creator.

An adult author is still to be identified by the University of Toronto Book Store, the source of some of Toronto's greatest reading evenings.

The tours of the extraordinary Information Commons at the Robarts Library and of the new electronic library, Inforum, at the Faculty of Information Studies, will go on throughout the evening.

The Faculty of Information Studies will be demonstrating ITER, a new web site for medieval studies.

The Adaptive Technologies Centre will show you the latest state-of-the-art equipment for library patrons with handicaps. You can attend a presentation or come just to try things for yourself. Guides will help.

Given the evening's success, closing dessert receptions are planned for both the Fisher Rare Book Library and FIS.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVANCE REGISTRATION

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### OLA Store has new professional literature as well as materials by speakers

MATERIAL IS being collected from professional library publishers across North America for inclusion in the OLA Store, a major educational highlight of Super Conference.

"The sheer cost of professional literature means that it needs to be seen and not

ordered from a catalog," says OLA President Brian Bell. "This is a great service that everyone should use."

The Super Conference planning team also highlights work by authors and speakers appearing at this year's program. The choice is quite extraordinary.