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The Word On The Street Toronto Announces 2015 Festival Highlights

TORONTO, August 13, 2015 ----- **The Word On The Street Toronto** is thrilled to announce highlights of the author line-up and special events planned for the festival's 26th edition on **Sunday, September 27th**. The festival is proud to feature new works that represent the quality and diversity of Canadian literature on 16 outdoor and indoor stages at The Word On The Street's **new Harbourfront Centre location**.

The **Amazon.ca Bestsellers Stage**, at Harbourfront Centre Theatre, offers something for everyone. **Patrick deWitt** headlines the stage with his first novel since the critically acclaimed, Man Booker Prize-nominated *The Sisters Brothers*. **Undermajordomo Minor** is a gripping and subversive tale, presented at The Word On The Street in deWitt's first Toronto appearance in support of the book.

With the federal election approaching, audiences will gain political insight from experts **Bob Rae** and former Parliamentary Budget Officer **Kevin Page**. Authors **Kim Echlin**, **Kelley Armstrong**, **Kenneth Oppel**, **Neil Pasricha**, Chef **Michael Smith**, and HGTV Canada's **Bryan Baeumler** round out the line-up on the Amazon.ca Bestsellers Stage.

The **Cooks 'n' Books Stage**, one of our new stages supported by Celebrate Ontario, is the festival destination for cooking demos and samples, including an appearance by gourmet street food chef **Matt Basile**. With the lake as a new neighbour, visitors can join **Terry Fallis**, **Susanna Kearsley**, **Lynn Crosbie**, **Andrew Pyper**, and more at **Author Cruises** on the Tall Ship *Kajama*. Visit The Word On The Street's [website](#) for ticket information, or head to an information booth at the festival.

Among the festival's literary treasures, the **Great Books Marquee** features **Austin Clarke**, **Don Gillmor**, **Trevor Cole**, and **Giles Blunt**. The **Vibrant Voices of Ontario Tent**, supported by the OMDC, hosts **Nick Pengelley** and **Nazneen Sheikh**, among other great writers. The **Wordshop Marquee**, featuring the Humber School for Writers, provides informative talks from established authors including **Nino Ricci**, **Robert Rotenberg**, and **Emily Pohl-Weary**.

In the nonfiction **Nothing But The Truth Tent**, witness the personal and professional journeys of journalists **Peter Kavanagh** and **Mark Bulgutch**. Learn the secrets of researching a scandal at the **Toronto Star Tent**, with their team of award-winning investigative reporters.

The Word On The Street's installation art exhibit **Sculpting New Reads** returns this year. Authors **Patrick deWitt**, **Alexandra Grigorescu**, **Erin Bow**, and **Adam Shoalts** will have their literary works interpreted by local artists, and installation pieces based on the books will be on display at the festival's Harbourfront Centre site.

This year the festival will host even more ways for kids and families to learn, have fun, and be active outdoors. As title sponsor of **TD KidStreet**, TD will be giving attendees a chance to have their picture taken for free inside a giant, **12-foot storybook**. Choose from one of three exciting stories to personalize with your photo!

Find entertainment for the whole family at **TVOKids LIVE!** Learn how to create a picture book with **JonArno Lawson** and **Sydney Smith** at the **Children's Activity Tent** in Purina PawsWay, and cartoon with **Evan Munday**.

Celebrate the best children's literary fiction at the **TD Children's Literature Tent** with **Dennis Lee, Barbara Reid, Kyo Maclear, Nicola Winstanley** and more. Middle grade fiction highlights include **Kevin Sylvester** and **Frieda Wishinsky**.

The Word On The Street Toronto is the place to connect with favourite authors and discover new talent. Visit The Word On The Street's [website](#) for the full 2015 programming schedule. This year the festivities take place on **Sunday, September 27st, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Harbourfront Centre.**

About The Word On The Street:

Each September, in the cities of Toronto, Halifax, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, and Kitchener, The Word On The Street unites the country in a national celebration of literacy and the written word. Annually attracting more than 200,000 visitors, [The Word On The Street Toronto](#) is the largest book and magazine festival in Canada. This year's event takes place on Sunday, September 27th, at **Harbourfront Centre**, in association with International Festival of Authors (IFOA).

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