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IFOA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL BIG NAMES FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA

Giles Foden ... Sarah Hall ... Michael Ignatieff ... Garrison Keillor
Orhan Pamuk ... Kathy Reichs ... Michael Turner

TORONTO, September 2, 2009 ---- With less than two months to go until the opening of **IFOA XXX** the 30th anniversary International Festival of Authors (IFOA) announces a further 44 names to add to the existing lineup for its 30th anniversary celebrations this fall. IFOA audiences can expect to see: Nobel Prize winner **Orhan Pamuk**, current Man Booker longlistees **Sarah Hall** and **Colm Tóibín**, 2009 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award-winner **Michael Thomas**, graphic artist of *New Yorker* fame **R.O. Blechman**, Liberal Party leader **Michael Ignatieff**, *Prairie Home Companion* star of page, screen and radio wave **Garrison Keillor**, and the *Pulp Fiction*-style English-language debut from French novelist **Eric Laurent**.

Also added to the roster: graphic novelist **Seth**; publisher-turned Ellroy-esque noir aficionado **Joseph Kanon**; a new *Bones* mystery from **Kathy Reichs**, more Hieronymus Bosch from **Michael Connelly**, and Canadian crime from **William Deverell**; a trip inside Broken Social Scene with **Stuart Berman**; a follow-up to the hugely successful *Bedside Book of Birds* from **Graeme Gibson**; GG-winning poetry from **Jacob Scheier**; from Italy: **Andrea De Carlo** and **Valerio Massimo Manfredi**; from France: **Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt**; from Greece: **Nikos Papandreou**; from Finland: **Elina Hirvonen**. Also: **Lorna Crozier**, **Barry Dempster**, **Ray Ellenwood**, **Lisa Foad**, **Giles Foden**, **Don Gillmor**, **Lauren Kirschner**, **Annabel Lyon**, **Tessa McWatt**, **Lisa Moore**, **Iain Pears**, **Paul Quarrington**, **Claire Holden Rothman**, **Mark Sinnett**, **Ian Weir**, **Colson Whitehead**, **David Wroblewski**.

For festival-goers in grades K–8, YoungIFOA (October 27, 29, 30) now includes TD Canadian Children's Literature Award nominee **Nicola Campbell**, social conscience and social media with **Jennifer Cowan**, overcoming phobias with **Gitty Daneshvari**, a return to Mordecai Richler's beloved Jacob Two-Two series with **Cary Fagan**, and a Toronto-set graphic novel from **Kean Soo** (in addition to the already announced **Lynn Johnston**).

IFOA takes place October 21–31, 2009 at Toronto's Harbourfront Centre: 235, Queens Quay West. Tickets to four special events, including the opening night PEN Benefit with Alice Munro and Diana Athill, are already on sale. Contact Harbourfront Centre Box Office/Info: 416-973-4000 or visit www.readings.org.

The complete IFOA programme goes on sale September 15. Full schedule available online from Sept. 10.

The annual International Festival of Authors (IFOA) (October 21–31, 2009), including YoungIFOA (October 27, 29 & 30, 2009) is part of the annual season programmed by Authors at Harbourfront Centre (AUTHORS). Since its inception in 1974, AUTHORS has hosted over 5,000 authors from more than 100 countries, including 16 Nobel Laureates. Its season runs from September to June and, in addition to its weekly reading series, also includes the annual ALOUD: a Celebration for Young Readers with Forest of Reading® Festival of Trees™ (May 2010).

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