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### Presenters across Canada join Telling Tales 2015 Discover stories, music and culture this fall

**HAMILTON, ON – May 20, 2015:** Hear enthralling stories from around the world, find out what inspires authors to write, discover drawing tips from illustrators, and tap your feet to tales through music. It all happens this fall as we celebrate stories with authors from the east and west coast, as well as many local talented presenters.

**Neil Pasricha**, New York Times bestselling author of *The Book of Awesome*, will be on hand with his stunning new children's book, *Awesome is Everywhere*. **Sheree Fitch**, Canada's female Dr. Seuss, is a wonderful new addition to Telling Tales with well-known titles for our younger audience and tweens. Canada's bestselling Aboriginal author **David Bouchard** will share his passion for stories and Aboriginal culture.

We're also bringing back some fan favourites. Author and illustrator **Werner Zimmermann** returns with his fun interactive stories, and **Richard Scrimger** is a hilarious author with an incredible ability to catch the attention of teens and tweens.

This year's presenters will inspire kids to let their imaginations soar by delighting beginning readers, avid readers, and even reluctant readers. Catch presentations from over 25 Canadian authors, illustrators, musicians and storytellers.

Here's the full 2015 Telling Tales Festival presenter line-up:

<b>Gary Barwin</b>	<b>Carol-Ann Hoyte</b>	<b>John Lukasik</b>
<b>Robert Blunsdon</b>	<b>HPL Puppeteers</b>	<b>Debbie Ridpath Ohi</b>
<b>David Bouchard</b>	<b>Jude Johnson</b>	<b>Gillian O'Reilly</b>
<b>Lance Darren Cole</b>	<b>Jess Keating</b>	<b>Pan Piper</b>
<b>Creative Theatre Company</b>	<b>Wesley King</b>	<b>Neil Pasricha</b>
<b>Lisa Dalrymple</b>	<b>Lynne Kittredge-Fox</b>	<b>Richard Scrimger</b>
<b>Sheree Fitch</b>	<b>Adrienne Kress</b>	<b>Patricia Storms</b>
<b>Alma Fullerton</b>	<b>Monica Kulling</b>	<b>TURKEY Rhubarb</b>
<b>Hamilton Children's Choir</b>	<b>Andrew Larsen</b>	<b>TVOKids' Ranger Kara</b>
<b>Hamilton Youth Poets</b>	<b>JonArno Lawson</b>	<b>Werner Zimmermann</b>

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“We have an all-star line-up that’s sure to please everyone,” explains Susan Jasper, Telling Tales Festival Chair & Founder. “New this year we are thrilled to have TVOKids presenting our Music Stage which will be emceed by Ranger Kara. We’re also very honoured that Hamilton Best Start have chosen to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party with us. As the Festival expands its reach, we are building and establishing new community partnerships to help achieve our goal of encouraging families to share stories and promote a life-long love of reading.”

The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Telling Tales Festival** takes place on **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at **Westfield Heritage Village** in Rockton, Ontario. **Admission is free.** There is **free parking** at the **Rockton Fairgrounds** and our **free shuttle service** will bring you right to the Festival. Please note: there is no parking at Westfield during the Festival. Visitors are welcome to bring their children in strollers and are reminded to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and umbrellas to join in the fun – rain or shine!

### About Telling Tales

Telling Tales celebrates stories. We do this by bringing together Canadian authors, illustrators, musicians and storytellers with their audience – our children. Telling Tales is a free, one-day, outdoor festival, and a year ‘round commitment to promoting literacy and inspiring a love of reading.

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