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### Stories Take You Anywhere

#### Celebrating Canadian stories at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Telling Tales Festival

**HAMILTON, ON – September 7, 2017:** Discover stories about family, friendship, adventure, and Canadian history at this year's Telling Tales Festival. Plus, find out what inspires authors to write, learn drawing tips from illustrators, and listen to musical tales.

Join us this fall for amazing presentations for the whole family – kids, teens, families, book lovers and even reluctant readers. This year's festival features over 30 award-winning Canadian authors, illustrators, storytellers, and musicians who promise to entertain and delight families.

We are thrilled to welcome **Emma Donoghue**, well known for her international bestselling book *Room*. She will be presenting her first children's book *The Lottery's Plus One*. Also for tweens and teens, author **Erin Bow** will talk about her hit books *The Scorpion Rules* and *The Swan Riders* while **Kevin Sylvester** transports tweens to a planet filled with action, adventure, and warfare in his *MINRs* series.

**Ted Staunton** will stretch children's imagination with characters in his new book *Harry and Clare's Amazing Staycation*. **Andrew Larsen** delights children with his tales and is launching his latest book *Goodnight, Hockey Fans*. **Melanie Florence** writes about Indigenous themes and characters, and is introducing a new picture book at the Festival titled *Stolen Words*. Storytellers **Itah Sadu** and **Jean Assamoa** will share their diverse stories that celebrate multiculturalism.

Many of the talented Telling Tales presenters are located right here in Hamilton. Enjoy interactive children's art demonstrations with illustrator **Derek Douglas**, dance along with music by **Jude Johnson**, hear funny stories with author **Joanne Levy**, and enjoy a special reading and activity from author **Nicola Winstanley** as she launches her latest book *A Bedtime Yarn*.

To celebrate our nation's milestone birthday, we have a special Canada Stage which will feature Canadian presenters and their Canada-themed books. **Elizabeth MacLeod** will look at highlights from Canada's fascinating history in her book *Canada Year by Year* while **Paul Covello** will take guests on a journey across the country as he launches his new picture book *Canada 123*.

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**2017 Presenters**

This year’s festival features over 30 award-winning Canadian authors, illustrators, storytellers, and musicians. Plan to be entertained by these talented presenters:

Jean Assamoa	Emma Donoghue	Naseem Hrab	Sandra O’Brien
Robert Blunsdon	Derek Douglas	Jude Johnson	Gillian O’Reilly
Erin Bow	Melanie J. Fishbane	Andrew Larsen	Itah Sadu
Ben Bowen	Melanie Florence	Joanne Levy	Chad Solomon
Judy Brunsek	Linda Granfield	Elizabeth MacLeod	Ted Staunton
Paul Covello	Joyce Grant	Evan Munday	Kevin Sylvester
Creative Theatre Company	HPL Puppeteers	Mr. Chris and the	Nicola Winstanley
Lisa Dalrymple	Hamilton Youth Poets	Gassy Bubbles	Kari-Lynn Winters

**Engage with the Telling Tales community to celebrate #TellingTales2017!**

- We’re sharing stories and giving away books on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Our presenters are showcased on [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Download the [Telling Tales Festival App](#) sponsored by Cogeco
- Check out the [2017 Telling Tales Reading List](#)
- Kids 6-16 can join the [Telling Tales Press Club](#)

**About the Telling Tales Festival**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Telling Tales Festival takes place on **Sunday, September 17<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 is a Canadian, not-for-profit organization committed to delivering outstanding literary programming for children and youth that raises awareness of the importance of literacy in our communities. For more information, please review the [Telling Tales Fact Sheet](#) and visit the Telling Tales website at [tellingtales.org](http://tellingtales.org).

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