

Prolific Author Lee Maracle to Receive the 2018 Harbourfront Festival Prize



Toronto, September 18, 2018 – The Toronto International Festival of Authors today announced that this year’s Harbourfront Festival Prize will be awarded to celebrated Canadian Indigenous author Lee Maracle. A member of the Stó:lō Nation, Lee Maracle is a critically acclaimed author and scholar, a recipient of the Order of Canada, and currently teaches at the University of Toronto, First Nation’s House and at the Centre for Indigenous Theatre. She will receive the Harbourfront Festival Prize, awarded annually in recognition of an author’s contribution to the Canadian literary community, during the Toronto International Festival of Authors on October 22 at 8 p.m., before the Festival Celebration: GGBooks event at the Fleck Dance Theatre. Toronto International Festival of Authors, Canada’s oldest and largest festival of words and ideas, is on from October 18 –28, 2018, with most events at Harbourfront Centre. Tickets are on-sale at FestivalOfAuthors.ca.

“This is such an honour to be recognized by the Toronto International Festival of Authors,” said Lee Maracle, recipient of this year’s Harbourfront Festival Prize. “I have been a participant on many occasions at this festival and am honoured to accept it. This moves me to know that others believe my work is worthy of such attention.”

A jury composed of past Harbourfront Festival Prize recipients, Joseph Kertes and Miriam Toews, along with Toronto International Festival of Authors Director Geoffrey E. Taylor, were tasked with awarding the 2018 Prize to Maracle.

Past recipients of this prize, which was established in 1984, include Margaret Atwood, Dionne Brand, Austin Clarke, Margaret MacMillan, Alice Munro, Michael Ondaatje, Paul Quarrington, Seth, Jane Urquhart and more.

For more information about the Harbourfront Festival Prize and the Toronto International Festival of Authors, or to purchase tickets, visit FestivalOfAuthors.ca.

About Toronto International Festival of Authors

The Toronto International Festival of Authors is Canada's oldest and largest festival of words and ideas. Since 1974, it has hosted over 9,000 authors from more than 100 countries, including 22 Nobel Laureates and countless other award winners. Mandated to cultivate and advance the art of literature, the Festival connects curious readers of every kind with leading international authors, while providing a forum to showcase Canadian talent to the world.

The annual Festival takes place every fall (October 18 –28, 2018). Year-round activities include a speaker series, the Toronto Lit Up book launch series (supported by the Toronto Arts Council), the annual Forest of Reading® Festival of Trees™ (in partnership with the Ontario Library Association), Ontario and international touring programmes and more. The Festival is based at Harbourfront Centre. To learn more, visit FestivalofAuthors.ca.

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