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**JOSÉ ACUELIN** MONTRÉAL 54 ans • 39 ans d'écriture • 24 ans de publications • 15 livres: poids léger • pour un monde si lourd. Il s'allège de plus en plus car il y a plus de violence dans la beauté que de beauté dans la violence. #4



**bill bissett** TORONTO iuv alwayse lovd playing with working with sound from th beginning th sylabul was veree attraktiv 2 me nu book *time* from talonbooks latest cd *this is erth thees ar peopul* w pete dako *blu loon prod* #6



**CHRISTIAN BÖK** CALGARY is the author of *Crystallography* (Coach House Press, 1994), a pataphysical encyclopedia nominated for the Gerald Lampert Memorial Award, and also of *Eunoia* (Coach House Books, 2001), which has gone on to win the Griffin Prize for Poetic Excellence. Bök teaches at U of C. #4



**BRIAN BRETT** SALT SPRING ISLAND is the author of eleven books and the CD *Talking Songs, Night Directions for the Lost*. His most recent book, the prize-winning bestseller, *Trauma Farm*, is a memoir of life on his small farm on Salt Spring Island. #6, 8, 9, 10



**REGIE CABICO** WASHINGTON DC is the Grande-master of Slam USA and is known in that world as a super star. "Like a python in heat, Cabico hypnotizes his audience. Cabico's naked emotionalism and wry theatricality make excellent, smarmy diva material." —*The Village Voice* #8, 10



**MÓNICA CALDEIRO** BARCELONA is a poet and spoken word artist from Barcelona closely linked to feminism, activism, music, dance, and joy. She considers her poetry as the voice of the soul in need to communicate with others, and thus she writes and speaks with her inner fire and vital strength. #7, 11



**RON CHARACH** TORONTO is the author of eight books of poetry. He is the editor of *The Naked Physician*, Canada's only anthology of poetry by medical practitioners. Charach is a psychiatrist with humanistic convictions who finds voice in the letters pages of newspapers throughout Canada. #1



**GEORGE ELLIOTT CLARKE** TORONTO is the E.J. Pratt Professor of Canadian Literature at the University of Toronto, a position established specifically for a poet-professor. He has issued nine poetry texts, three chapbooks, four plays in verse, three opera libretti, a novel, a scholarly essay collection, and has edited two anthologies. He holds six honorary doctorates. #4



**TANYA DAVIS** HALIFAX created videopoem *How to be Alone*, which went viral on the net with 2.5 million hits on Youtube. She has released three albums and her first book, *At First, Lonely* (Acorn Press), will be launched in June. #3



**PAUL DUTTON** TORONTO is a poet, novelist, essayist, musician, and oral sound artist. He has read and performed, solo and ensemble (the Four Horsemen, CCMC, Quintette à Bras), throughout the Americas and Europe. Most recent works are *Several Women Dancing* (novel) and *Oralizaciones* (CD). #4



**TANYA EVANSON** VANCOUVER is an interdisciplinary artist and arts organizer. She is rooted in poetry with branches in spoken word, music and dance. Open your arms if you want to be held. #6



**IAN FERRIER** MONTRÉAL is the founder of the Spoken Word label *Wired on Words*. He has released three CDs. His poems have appeared in anthologies from such Montréal presses as Conundrum's *Impure-Reinventing the Word* and Vehicule's *Poetry Nation*. #3



**JOHN GIORNO** NEW YORK met Andy Warhol, who became an important influence for Giorno's developments in poetry, performance and recordings. He was the subject of Warhol's first film *Sleep*, and has collaborated with William Burroughs, Patti Smith, Laurie Anderson, Philip Glass, Robert Rauschenberg and Robert Mapplethorpe. Giorno is the author of 10 books, and has produced 59 LPs, CDs, tapes cassettes, videopaks and DVDs for Giorno Poetry Systems; using the telephone (Dial-A-Poem), recordings (Giorno Poetry Systems), and multiples (poem prints). He founded the AIDS Treatment Project and is a pioneer in the development of Tibetan Buddhism in the West. #6



**ROSEMARY GRIEBEL** CALGARY has worked for the Calgary Public Library for 20 years. Her poems have been heard on the CBC's read in national journals, and in chapbooks by Leaf Press. Rosemary has won *FreeFall* magazine's national poetry contest three times. #1



**HEATHER HALEY** VANCOUVER is the author of collections *Sideways* and *Three Blocks West of Wonderland*. Haley most recently toured eastern Canada and the U.S. in support of her critically acclaimed *AURAL Heather* CD of spoken word songs, *Princess Nut*. #7



**LOUISE BERNICE HALFE** SASKATOON *Sky Dancer* made her writing debut with *Writing the Circle: Native Women of Western Canada*. Her other books, *Bear Bones and Feathers*, *Blue Marrow* and *The Crooked Good*, have all received numerous nominations and awards. #3



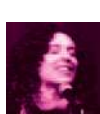
**KAIE KELLOGH** MONTRÉAL is a word-sound systemizer. He is the author of two collections of poetry, *Lettricity* (Cumulus, 2004) and *Maple Leaf Rag* (Arbeiter Ring, 2010), and the recording, *Vox:Versus*. He has performed and published internationally. #6, 8, 10



**JEN KUNLIRE** CALGARY has grown and developed her own brand of conscious & passionate poetic verse since 2008. She is thrilled to be performing for a third time at the Calgary International Festival of Spoken Word. #7



**VICTOR LA GOUNDA** BARCELONA Victor La Gounda is a poet verse lip harmonic order floating gutural gas phonetic mosquito blood bowel and ghost. For him, poetry should be based on strength, honesty and guts. #2



**ELYSE MALTIN** TORONTO founded the London, Ontario Slam and acts as National Director for Spoken Word Canada. Elyse has featured at events across Ontario and in Vancouver, and is a member of the outspoken duo *The Queens of Inappropriate*. #7, 11



**STEVE MILLER** VANCOUVER has won both the 2009 VanSlam semi-finals and the 2009 Vancouver Story Slam semi-finals. He was on the 2009 VanSlam team and placed fifth at the 2009 IWPS slam in Berkeley CA. #4, 11



**SARAH MURPHY** CALGARY launched her most recent book, *Last Taxi to Nutmeg Mews* in 2009. Her sound art/spoken word CD is entitled *when bill danced the war*. In 2008, she received the Golden Beret Award and in 2003 the Howard O'Hagan Award for her inter-media book: *die tinkerbelle die*. #5



**JIM NASON** TORONTO is the author of two books of poetry: *If Lips Were as Red*, and *The Fist of Remembering*, the latter a emotionally rich and honest account of the death of his partner from cancer. He currently lives and works as a social worker in Toronto. #1



**BILLEH NICKERSON** VANCOUVER is the author of three collections, including *McPoems* (Arsenal Pulp). His new cycle of poems, *Impact: The Titanic Poems* will be published by Arsenal Pulp. He lives in Vancouver, where he teaches creative writing at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. #5



**TYLER PERRY** CALGARY T. B. Perry's debut collection of poetry, *Lessons in Falling*, came out with B-House Publications this year. He teaches junior high in Calgary and was the captain of Calgary's 2010 poetry slam team. [tbperry.com](http://tbperry.com) #3



**MARY PINKOSKI** EDMONTON was the winner of the 2008 National CBC Poetry Faceoff. Mary's first chapbook was *Set List: poems for lonely microphones* (red nettle press), and her second chapbook is, *My Heart & Other Small Gifts*. [marypinkoskipoetry.com](http://marypinkoskipoetry.com) #7



**ANDRÉ PREFONTAINE** CALGARY was on the 2010 Calgary SLAM team and competed on a national level, and will be representing Calgary at the individual SLAM. His first chapbook will be released by B-House. #5



**ROBERT PRIEST** TORONTO poet and songwriter. His words have been debated in the legislature, quoted in the Farmer's Almanac, and turned into the hit, *Song Instead of a Kiss* by Alanah Myles. His most recent book, *Reading the Bible Backwards* rose to #2 on the Canadian charts. His song went viral: [youtube.com/greatbigfaced](http://youtube.com/greatbigfaced) #3



**KIRK RAMDATH** CALGARY is a Trinidad-born Canadian poet and the organizer of the *Passion Pitch* series, and the editor of *Wax Poetry and Art Magazine*. Kirk's first collection of poems, *Love in a Handful of Dust* (Frontenac House) will launch at this year's festival. #1



**ÉLIZ ROBERT** MONTRÉAL is a poet and translator who loves to create amongst people of various languages. French, Spanish and English are the flavors her tongue most often savors. *Translating throughout*.



**DEANNA SMITH** MONTRÉAL is a member of the Throw Poetry Collective's 2009–2010 Slam teams. Deanna is Montréal's 2010 Grand Slam Champion. #7, 11



**STEVEN ROSS SMITH** BANFF has published 11 books. His recent work: a book length poem entitled *fluttersong 4: adagio for the pressured surround* (NeWest Press, 2007). Smith is Director of Literary Arts at The Banff Centre. #8, 10



**EUGENE STICKLAND** CALGARY has enjoyed a ten year stint as ATP's playwright-in-residence, writing six plays for the company, along with others for other theatres across Canada. Eugene is presently a feature columnist for the Calgary Herald, and was recently appointed playwright-in-residence at Calgary's St. Mary's University College. #4



**QUINCY TROUPE** NEW YORK Quincy Troupe is an award-winning poet, best-selling author, editor, and professor emeritus at the University of California, San Diego. He is the author of *Miles: The Autobiography of Miles Davis. The Pursuit of Happiness*, a biography, was a New York Times bestseller for over 40 weeks. #5 + Workshop.



**MAGPIE ULYSSES** BC has performed at hundreds of venues, house parties, high schools, music and word festivals throughout North America. Magpie has been a member of two National Champion Poetry Slam teams, and is the winner of Vancouver's 2008 CBC Poetry Face Off. [magpieulysses.com](http://magpieulysses.com) #5, 11



**ANNE WALDMAN** NEW YORK is the author of over 40 books of poetry, and is the editor and co-editor of numerous anthologies. She is the co-founder (with Allen Ginsberg) of the renowned Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics at the Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. There she is chair and artistic director of The Summer Writing program. #9, 10



**SHERI-D WILSON** CALGARY the "Mama of Dada," has seven collections of poetry; her most recent is *Autopsy of a Turvy World* (Frontenac House, 2008). She is the artistic director of The Calgary Spoken Word Festival, director of the Spoken Word Program at The Banff Centre, and editor of *The Spoken Word Workbook: inspiration from poets who teach*. [sheridwilson.com](http://sheridwilson.com) #5, 8, 10



### EVENT 1 Calgary Quartet Launch

Tuesday, March 29, 7 PM, **FREE**  
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115 – 9 Avenue SE

Ron Charach (Toronto)  
Jim Nason (Toronto)  
Rosemary Griebel (Calgary)  
Kirk Ramdath (Calgary)  
MC: David Scollard (Calgary)

Guest editor Richard Harrison calls the 2011 Quartet "Words to live within."

*Presented with: Frontenac House*

### EVENT 2 ProArts Society Insta-Translation Innovation

Wednesday, March 30, Noon, **FREE**  
Corner of 7th Avenue & 1st Street SE

Sheri-D Wilson (Calgary)  
Victor La Gounda (Barcelona)  
with Éliz Robert (Montréal)  
MC: Damon Johnston (Calgary)

Transformation! ¡Transformación! Bilingual Poetry!  
¡Poesía bilingüe! Come witness "Insta-Translations," poems transform into Spanish, and poems transform into English. Éliz Robert will present spontaneous, on-the-spot, poetic translations. Sensational.

*Presented with: ProArts Society*

### EVENT 3 Extra-Sensory In-vox-ication

Wednesday, March 30, 8 PM, **\$10**  
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115 – 9 Avenue SE

Ian Ferrier (Montréal)  
Louise B. Halfe—Sky Dancer (Saskatoon)  
Tyler Perry (Calgary)  
Robert Priest (Toronto)  
Tanya Davis (Halifax)  
Spoken Word Youth Choir (Edmonton)

*Director: Gail Sidonie Sabat*

Words, licks, phrases & riffs; poetry and music shifts. Harmonization. In-vox-ication.

### EVENT 4 Smart Men Hot Words

Thursday, March 31, 8 PM, **\$10**  
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115 – 9 Avenue SE

José Acquelin (Montréal)  
George Elliott Clarke (Toronto)  
Christian Bök (Calgary)  
Paul Dutton (Toronto)  
Steve Miller (Vancouver)  
Eugene Stickland (Calgary)

Come cruise the Chippendale's of poetry!

### EVENT 5 Feast O'Fools

Friday, April 1, 8 PM, **\$12**  
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115 – 9 Avenue SE

Billeh Nickerson (Vancouver)  
André Prefontaine (Calgary)  
Sarah Murphy (New Brunswick)  
Quincy Troupe (New York City)  
Sheri-D Wilson (Calgary)  
Magpie Ulysses (Vancouver)

Is it possible to die of laughter? Hot-stars and foolish-pranksters fill this April Fool's celebration with poetry fools-gold.

### EVENT 6 Bright Catz with that Zamizdat Scat

Saturday, April 2, 8 PM, **\$12**  
Auburn Saloon, #163 115 – 9 Avenue SE

bill bissett (Toronto)  
Brian Brett (Salt Spring Island)  
Tanya Evanson (Vancouver)  
John Giorno (New York City)  
Kaie Kellough (Montréal)

Pushing our universe at ever increasing speeds, this never before seen star-cluster of artists will have you swirling toward the galaxy's core.

### EVENT 7 Wild Woman - Morning Magic

Sunday, April 3, 11 AM, **\$10**  
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115-9 Avenue SE

Heather Haley (Vancouver)  
Jen Kunlire (Calgary)  
Mary Pinkoski (Edmonton)  
Mónica Caldeiro (Barcelona)  
Elyse Maltin (Toronto)  
Deanna Smith (Montréal)

### WORKSHOP with Quincy Troupe

Saturday, April 2, Noon-3 PM, **\$60**  
Location: TBA

*Presented with The Writers Guild of Alberta*



## KNOLL BLOG

Wil Knoll is an emerging theatre artist and hard core technology geek based in Calgary. He will tweet and blog throughout the festival, at the events and behind the scenes. Find out what happens in the secret passages by following his exploits in real life on:

**twitter:** @wintr  
**twitter:** @CSWF  
**Blog:** calgaryspokenwordfestival.com/blog

### EVENT 8 Faculty Fresco - Fresh Produce

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 PM **DONATION**  
The Banff Centre, The Club

Brian Brett (Salt Spring Island)  
Regie Cabico (Washington, DC)  
Kaie Kellough (Montréal)  
Steven Ross Smith (Banff)  
Sheri-D Wilson (Calgary)

This event will be the Banff launch of *The Spoken Word Workbook: inspiration from poets who teach*

*Presented with The Banff Centre*

### EVENT 9 & the Beat Goes On... with Anne Waldman

Friday, April 8, 7:30 PM, **\$15**  
The Banff Centre, The Club

Brian Brett (Salt Spring Island)  
Anne Waldman (New York City)  
MC: Sheri-D Wilson & Steven Ross Smith

Be there or be e=mc square.

*Presented with The Banff Centre*

*Tickets at The Banff Centre Box Office*

### EVENT 10 Outriders, Renegades & Rebels (Panel)

Saturday, April 9, 7:30 PM, **FREE**  
The Banff Centre, Kinnear Centre, Rm #305

Brian Brett (Salt Spring Island)  
Anne Waldman (New York City)  
Regie Cabico (Washington, DC)  
Kaie Kellough (Montréal)  
Steven Ross Smith (Banff)  
MC: Sheri-D Wilson

*Presented with The Banff Centre*

### EVENT 11 Student Speak

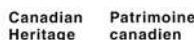
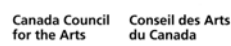
Friday, April 15, 7:30 PM, **DONATION**  
The Banff Centre, The Club

w/Participants of the Spoken Word Program  
MC: Faculty

This year 15 participants spend two weeks at The Banff Centre cultivating their craft under the instruction of: Brian Brett, Regie Cabico, and Sheri-D Wilson. Workshops are led by Kaie Kellough, Steven Ross Smith, and Anne Waldman.

*Presented with The Banff Centre*

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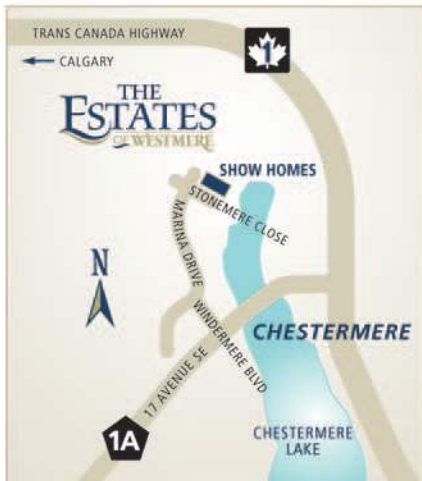
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