

LIVING Words

A literature series highlighting works from those living and working in the AIDS movement.

LIVING Words will present a variety of thoughtful and thought-provoking authors (well-known and obscure) from all over the world, each in some way reflecting the wide range of social effects and personal realities of the AIDS pandemic. There will be plenary poetry readings, several large readings open to the public and a Literary Lounge (where any delegate can come to commingle with fellow writers from all over the world to share their work and their own stories with one another). LIVING Words will offer not only a wide audience for the compelling and diverse stories of the struggle with AIDS, but will leave a lasting legacy of shared experiences and a heightened sense of community and hope.

LIVING Words Presented by Abbott Laboratories Canada

Monday 14 August, 2006

Time to Deliver

The goal of this poem is to increase the awareness of the impact on HIV/AIDS and to encourage community awareness in the fight against the pandemic.

Venue : MTTC-Plenary Session Hall

Time : 08:30 – 08:35

Poet: Jane Nakalyowa

Country: Uganda

LIVING Words: The Healing Power of Narrative

A roundtable discussion on the process of therapeutic writing as it relates to people living with HIV, led by Allan D. Peterkin, MD, FCFP, FRCPC, a psychiatrist at the Clinic for HIV-Related concerns at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Excerpts from related work will be presented as part of this event.

Venue : Glenn Gould Studio

Time : 20:00

Author: Dr. Allan D. Peterkin

Country: Canada

Tuesday 15 August, 2006

Poetry on AIDS

These readings assist those coping with the HIV/AIDS epidemic to take action. HIV/AIDS involves human pain and exaltation as well social and political struggle and

interpersonal interactions and these poems will inspire those in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Venue : MTTC-Plenary Session Hall

Time : 08:30

Author: Sam Friedman

Country: USA

With This Heart

This reading reiterates the conference's main theme of it being TIME TO DELIVER. It aims to reach out to people who have yet to come to terms with the human toll of the global epidemic. Also it aims to encourage those who have yet to find within themselves the compassion that drives one toward actions and who have yet to realize that they are a necessary part of the capacity building that is required to deliver on the promises the world has already in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Venue: Global Village-Main Stage

Time: 10:15 – 10:45

Writer: Timothy Spillane

Country: USA

Paul Chiasson

Paul Chiasson is a Yale-educated architect whose expertise is the history and theory of religious architecture. He was born on Cape Breton Island and is a direct descendent of the Acadians who were among the first European settlers in the New World. He has taught at Yale, at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and at the University of Toronto. Chiasson's discovery of the remains of an ancient Chinese settlement on Cape Breton Island is a direct result of his ancestral interest in the island's history and of his unique ability to understand the unusual architectural forms that the ruins represented – remains that had been previously misunderstood or overlooked.

Venue: Global Village-Main Stage

Time: 12:15 – 12:45

Country: Canada

The Gathering Tree

This reading aims to educate children about the prevention methods and awareness of HIV/AIDS; the storyline is based in Aboriginal culture.

Venue : Yonge-Dundas Square

Time : 13:15 -13:30

Author(s): Larry Loyie & Constance Brissenden

Country: Canada

LIVING Words – Open Mic Night

Authors, writers and poets from LIVING Words will host this evening's improv of literary readings. This evening is open to the general public and all delegates to gather and share their hidden talents of stories and literary works. For more information and to sign up for this event please visit the Literary Lounge in the Global Village.

Venue : Drake Hotel

Time : 21:30 - 23:30

Wednesday 16 August, 2006

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Ann Silversides

Ann is a veteran journalist and broadcaster who has written about AIDS since the 1980s. She specializes in health policy and has contributed many radio documentaries to CBC's "Ideas" program on subjects ranging from grief to adoption. Her book *AIDS Activist*, about the academic and activist Michael Lynch and the early AIDS years in Canada, has been described as "an important work of historical recovery."

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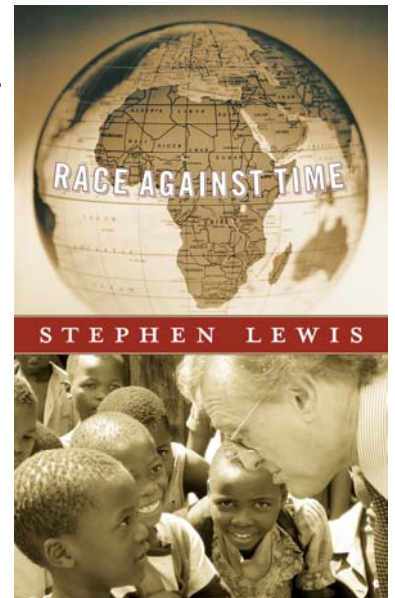
Anne-christine d'Adesky is an US-based journalist, novelist, documentary filmmaker, AIDS and human rights activist. She has specialized in covering health issues, including HIV/AIDS, since the early 1980s. Ms. d'Adesky currently serves as Executive Director of **AIDS, Medicines & Miracles**, a national AIDS group based in San Francisco that promotes a holistic model of AIDS education and care.

Stephen Lewis is the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, a post he's held since June 2001. He is a Commissioner for the World Health Organization's Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. Mr. Lewis is also a Senior Advisor to the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, and a Senior Advisor for Health and Human Rights to the Harvard School of Public Health. Mr. Lewis serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), and is the chair of the board of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Venue : Harbourfront Concert Stage

Time : 20:00 – 22:00

Author(s)/ Country : Stephen Lewis (Canada) and Anne-christine d'Adesky (USA) and others (Various Regions)



Thursday 17 August, 2006

Journey to Vietnam

Writer Michael McColly and photographer Tuong Nguyen combined efforts to tell the story of Vietnam's efforts at responding to the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic. Their multi-media presentation blends documentary film and photography with a personal narrative and storytelling.

Genre : Literary and Film

Venue : Olympic Spirit Toronto

Date : Thursday 17 August, 2006

Time : 19:30 – 20:00

Artist(s) : Michael McColly & Tuong Nguyen

Country : USA

Our Way Through

Our Way Through: is a book of writings, poems and photographs of people living with HIV in Ottawa. This visual and literal presentation will show the reality of living with HIV in Canada.

Venue : Visit the Literary Lounge in the Global Village for updates

Time : 20:00 – 20:30

Group : Gustavo Hannecke of AIDS Committee of Ottawa

Country: Canada

Rafael Campo

Rafael Campo teaches and practices general internal medicine at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, where his medical practice serves mostly Latinos, gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered people, and people with HIV infection. He is the author of *The Other Man Was Me*, which won the 1993 National Poetry Series Award; *What the Body Told*, which won a Lambda Literary Award for Poetry; and *The Poetry of Healing: A Doctor's Education in Empathy, Identity, and Desire*, a collection of essays. His work has also been featured on the National Endowment for the Arts website and on National Public

Radio. He has lectured widely, with recent appearances at the Lannan Foundation, the Library of Congress, the 92nd Street Y, and other prestigious venues. He is also the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Literature degree from Amherst College. His newest collection of poetry, *Landscape with Human Figure*, was published in April 2002, and won the Gold Medal from ForeWord in poetry.

Venue : Visit the Literary Lounge in the Global Village for updates

Time : 20:30 – 21:30

Writer : Rafael Campo

Country: USA

For more information and updates visit the **Literary Lounge** in the Global Village. This Lounge acts as the information hub for all literary-focused activities throughout the conference week. A message board will also allow writers to connect with each other and sign up for spots for the Open Mic Night at the Drake Hotel.