



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **First annual Calgary Children's Book Fair & Conference to launch this week**

(Calgary, AB) – The first annual Calgary Children's Book Fair and Conference launches this Saturday and features over 20 local children's authors and illustrators.

The Children's Book Fair represents a fabulous opportunity for children to meet local writers, chat with them about their work and obtain an autographed and personally inscribed book. Throughout the day, participating authors will read from their work and answer questions from the audience.

The event will feature the very first Children's Fiction Writing Award. In a recent call for entries, children in two age categories, eight to twelve and twelve to fifteen, unleashed their own incredible imaginations to create unique stories in the genres of science fiction, fantasy and mystery. The winning entries, announced on Saturday, will be published in an illustrated anthology.

The conference also provides a professional development opportunity for authors, illustrators, publishers and industry professionals with topics including character development, science fiction and fantasy writing, the art of illustration, marketing and promotion, methods of research and publishing a novel.

### **This week's CalgaryCulture.com highlights:**

For more information about these events, visit [CalgaryCulture.com](http://CalgaryCulture.com) and follow us on Twitter [@CalgaryCulture](https://twitter.com/CalgaryCulture).

Listings on CalgaryCulture.com are free for all Calgary artists and arts organizations, and all Calgarians are encouraged to sign up for the free newsletter from CalgaryCulture.com – it's the easiest way to tap into the dozens of arts events, festivals and cultural celebrations happening each week in Calgary.

### **[Calgary Children's Book Fair and Conference](#)**

Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association  
Nov 14

The Calgary Children's Book Fair and Conference represents a fabulous opportunity for children to meet local writers, chat with them about their work and obtain an autographed and personally inscribed copy of a favourite book. All participating authors will also be reading from their own work, followed by a short question and answer period, throughout the day.

### **War Brides: One-Way Passage**

Glenbow Museum

Until Feb 14, 2010

During the Second World War, the single largest immigration in Canadian history took place when 44,000 young women and 23,000 children came to Canada, the young brides and children of Canadian military stationed overseas. Inspired by her own mother's experiences as a war bride, Calgary-based artist Bev Tosh's compelling work presents a moving portrayal of the leaps of faith taken by thousands of war brides in order to build new lives far from home.

### **Murder on the Nile**

Vertigo Theatre, 161, 115 - 9 Avenue SE

Nov 14 – Dec 12

When a sensational young heiress flees to an Egyptian riverboat for a private honeymoon, she's shocked to see a boatful of familiar faces—including her jilted best friend, whose former fiancé she recently married. Bullets follow blackmail and bodies follow bullets in this jagged love triangle with razor-sharp edges.

### **Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**

Pumphouse Theatre, 2140 Pumphouse Ave SW

Until Nov 14

Innocence twists into vengeance on the cobblestone streets of 19th century London. Come along on a sophisticated, macabre and uncompromising tale as Benjamin Barker, a barber, becomes Sweeney Todd, the demon butcher, and his landlady, the local pie proprietress, goes from making "The Worst Pies in London" to creating a culinary crime described only as "God that's Good." This barbarous ode to vengeance accomplishes the rare task of offering intense drama, darkly side-splitting humour and a ripping musical score.

### **The Creative Industries: The Business of Arts**

Calgary Chamber of Commerce

Nov 13

Heritage Minister James Moore is nurturing the long-term vibrancy of Canada's Creative Industries with a five-year investment plan. Plus, how can the government help the creative industries keep up with the changing technological landscape - and, in fact, embrace change so that Canadians compete with the best in the world? Find out how the Creative Industries are contributing to Canada's economic recovery, and what's next for this robust and growing economic sector.

### **Mount Royal Conservatory's Wyatt Artist in Residence Series: Vogler Quartet**

Mount Royal University's Leacock Theatre

Nov 13

The Vogler Quartet, founded in East Berlin in 1985, will be joined by special guests, pianist Jascha Nemtsov and clarinetist Alexander Fiterstein, Friday, November 13, for the premiere of Mount Royal Conservatory's 2009 / 2010 Wyatt Artist in Residence Concert Series.

### **The CPO presents The Best of Broadway**

Jack Singer Concert Hall

Nov 14 & 15

Witness a glorious meeting of classical giants! Inspired by overwhelming demand, your CPO encores its critically-acclaimed interpretation of Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony, as violinist Sarah Chang, one of the world's most captivating artists, joins the Orchestra for Brahms' formidable Violin Concerto.

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