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## FREE STUDENT TICKETS FOR AUTHORS AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE EVENTS

**TORONTO, September 15, 2008** ----- As **Authors at Harbourfront Centre's** 35<sup>th</sup> season gets underway, we are once again delighted to offer **free tickets to students to all regularly priced events** (subject to availability), including the weekly reading series and the **International Festival of Authors (IFOA)** (October 22 – November 1, 2008). Students must present their student ID at the Harbourfront Centre Box Office to receive this special offer. Please note that some exceptions apply.

This season's weekly reading series includes a stellar line-up of bestsellers, award-winners and up-and-comers, including Whitbread Award-winning author **Hanif Kureishi** (September 15), critically acclaimed author of *The Town That Forgot How to Breathe* and *Inside* **Kenneth J. Harvey** (September 17), and hotly anticipated debut novelist **Andrew Davidson** (September 24).

Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, IFOA, Canada's #1 literary happening, encompasses eleven days of readings, interviews, thought-provoking round tables, and chances to meet the most inspiring and talked-about authors on today's literary scene. **120 authors from 15 countries** are confirmed to participate in this year's Festival. The IFOA lineup includes Canadian heavyweights **David Bergen, Joseph Boyden, Austin Clarke, Rawi Hage** and **Farley Mowat**; non-fiction from **R.F. Foster, M.G. Vassanji** and **Frank Westerman**; debut fiction from **Joe Dunthorne, Lauren Groff, Ross Raisin** and **Nathan Whitlock**; poetry from **Paul Durcan** and **Harry Clifton**; a graphic novel from **Lynda Barry**; and eagerly-anticipated new work from **Damon Galgut, Hari Kunzru, Dennis Lehane, Paul Quarrington, Peter Robinson** and **Meg Wolitzer**.

For a complete list of participants and events, and for additional information, the public may visit [readings.org](http://readings.org) or call the Harbourfront Centre Box Office at 416-973-4000.

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Since its inception in 1974, Authors at Harbourfront Centre has hosted more than 5,000 authors from 100 countries, including 15 Nobel Laureates. Our season includes a weekly reading series (September to June); the annual International Festival of Authors (IFOA) (October 22–November 1, 2008), including YoungIFOA (October 28, 30, 31, 2008); the annual ALOUD: a Celebration for Young Readers (May 4–6, 2009); and Forest of Reading® Festival of Trees™ (May 13–14, 2009).

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