

**Press Release from Winterset in Summer 2010 Board of Directors.  
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***Margaret Atwood, Linden MacIntyre and Michael Crummey among featured authors at upcoming Winterset in Summer Literary Festival 2010.***

Winterset in Summer Board of Directors is pleased to announce the line-up for the 2010 Festival Weekend, to be held August 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> at the Beaches Heritage Center in Eastport.

Kathy Hodder, Chair of the Winterset in Summer Board of Directors, says this coming festival will be exceptionally exciting. "We have a superb line-up of outstanding authors committed to attend this coming festival. We are delighted that internationally acclaimed Canadian author Margaret Atwood will be a featured guest, as will Giller Award-winner Linden MacIntyre, along with our nationally and internationally acclaimed Newfoundland and Labrador-based authors, such as Michael Crummey, Annamarie Beckel, Bernice Morgan, and Kevin Major."

The committee is also delighted to announce that Graeme Gibson, author of "The Bedside Book of Beasts," will give a special luncheon presentation hosted by National CBC radio host Carol Off. Also included on this year's program is a special *en plein air* (in the open air) session with Newfoundland artist Gerry Squires working with local artists in Salvage. Gerry Squires will also participate in a session entitled "Lost Voices," which will focus on writing dedicated to the native peoples of Newfoundland and Labrador. He will talk about his sculpture of Shawnadithit, representing the spirit of the Beothuk. This session will be hosted by award-winning author and journalist Marie Wadden.

Anne Budgell, retired broadcaster and journalist, will host the session featuring the CBC's Fifth Estate host, Linden MacIntyre, who will discuss "The Bishop's Man," which won him the prestigious Giller prize for 2009.

"We will be making further announcements concerning our line-up within the next few months," added Chair Kathy Hodder. "The announcement of the 2009 Winterset Award Finalists will be made in February and, as always, the three finalists will be interviewed by the popular veteran CBC radio host Michael Enright at the Saturday night panel. This is always a festival highlight. Mr. Enright, who is our founding festival host, will also interview Ms Atwood in a one-on-one panel."

Winterset in Summer 2010 will host several book launches and offer lots of opportunity to meet distinguished authors, while continuing its tradition of showcasing fresh talent at the New Voices panel which will again be hosted by Dr. Noreen Golfman, Dean of Graduate Studies at Memorial University and highly regarded arts commentator. In addition, musical composition will be featured by Newfoundland artists during the festival.

Tickets will go on sale in April 2010. For more information on the program, contact Kathy Hodder at [info@wintersetinsummer.ca](mailto:info@wintersetinsummer.ca) or go to [www.wintersetinsummer.ca](http://www.wintersetinsummer.ca)