



Winterset in Summer Literary Festival Announces its August 12-14, 2016 line up

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Eastport, NL – The Board of Directors of Winterset in Summer Literary Festival is pleased to announce the line-up for this summer's program on the beautiful Eastport Peninsula. Now in its 15th year, the Festival is well recognized for providing public access to the highest standard of literature and associated arts from Newfoundland and Labrador and from other parts of Canada and the world.

On August 14th, the 100th Anniversary of Beaumont Hamel will be commemorated at the Festival. International award winning writer/historian, **Margaret MacMillan**, will be featured in a one-on-one discussion with noted political writer and commentator, **Richard Gwyn**. Writer **Frank Gogos** and sculptor **Morgan MacDonald** will be hosted by the Rooms' archivist **Larry Dohey** in discussion about how their work and their family's War service influenced their writing. **Barbara Doran**, award winning Newfoundland film producer, will be showing her latest documentary film depicting the epic and tragic story of the Beaumont Hamel massacre. In addition, on August 12, **David MacFarlane**, award winning author of the much beloved story, *the Danger Tree*, will join **Douglas Cameron**, two-time Juno nominee, for a dramatic and music based performance of *The Door You Came In*. This production brings portions of David's book to life, much of which dealt with his family's experience during World War 1.

The Festival will also highlight some of Canada's and Newfoundland and Labrador's best writers. On August 12th, three of the Scotiabank Giller Awards winners: **Lynn Coady**, **Will Ferguson** and **Elizabeth Hay**, will discuss their works with **Anthony Germain**, noted CBC host. On August 13th, BMO Winterset Award winner **Sara Tilley** and Award finalists **Stan Dragland** and **Leslie Vryenhoek** will be in conversation with host **Michael Enright** of CBC. The BMO Winterset Award honours excellence in writing by Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

The Festival will also interweave other visual and performing arts throughout the week-end. Some of Newfoundland Labrador's best new musicians and writers will discuss their work with host **Jamie Fitzpatrick** on August 13th. Back by popular demand is an En Plein Air session on the 13th; this year with noted artist and musician, **Scott Goudie**, as well as some of the artists from the Eastport Peninsula, all of whom will paint throughout the historic and scenic community of Salvage.

As always, a number of informal and formal social events occur throughout the Festival week-end including community suppers, receptions, book signings, impromptu concerts and a children's reading program at the Terra Nova National Park Activity Centre with Dawn Baker, Writer in Residence, from August 8 – August 11, 2016, inclusive.

Details of all events can be found on the web site: <http://www.wintersetinsummer.ca>. Tickets are now available for purchase online at www.wintersetinsummer.ca

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