



IX. year of literary festival

## Month of Authors' Readings

1. 7. – 31. 7. 2008 (an author each day)

### GUEST OF HONOUR: CANADA

Goose on the Leash Theatre, Brno, Czech Republic

This year's literary summer in the Central Europe will be in the name of Canadian literature. Exactly thirty two authors from Canada will arrive to Brno to read their works at a literary festival The Month of Author's Readings (the biggest Czech literary event of this kind). There are nineteen authors representing the Anglophone part of the country and thirteen representing the Francophone part of Canada. The festival offers all scents, shades and tones of contemporary Canadian literature. The programme has been compiled with an intention to provide complex and illustrative picture of today's Canadian literary scene and puts an emphasis on overlaps with Czech cultural context and the wider region of all Central.

Each July evening (from July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>) there will be one Canadian author reading at a legendary Brno Goose on the Leash Theatre located in the heart of Brno. The readings start at 6 p.m. with the Canadians followed by Czech authors two hours later.

The readings of Canadian authors will be performed in their native tongue (Czech translations will be projected on a screen by means of stereopticon). All productions will be broadcasted on-line on the web pages of the festival [www.autorskecteni.cz](http://www.autorskecteni.cz) and then will be available later at an archive, where the programme and annotations of single evenings can already be found. After the reading, a moderated discussion, which the audience may enter into with a question, will follow. The entrance fee to all the readings is voluntary.

The Month of Authors' Readings is a literary festival that was established in Brno in the year of 2000. Every year in July one Czech and one foreign author is presented. In 2005, the guest of Honour was Slovak literature, a year later it was Berlin literature and last year it was the Byelorussia's literary scene. The year of 2008 is devoted to Canadian literature and the best it may offer the world within the limits of cultural export.

The festival takes place under the patronage of His Excellency Michael A. Calcott the ambassador of Canada in the Czech Republic.

Festival Partners: Canada Council, Québec Council Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, the Statutory City of Brno, The South Moravian Region, Masaryk University in Brno (Department of Roman Languages, Department of English and American studies, Central European Association of Canadian Studies), Canadian Embassy in the Czech Republic etc.

### **Accommodation:**

If you decide to visit the festival in Brno and experience unforgettable moments with literature we are ready to help you and offer the following services:

- accommodation reservation (various prices, eventually inexpensive accommodation for students, cca 17€/night; accommodation with a good deal for groups of students in sleeping bags – from 3€/night),
- interpreting and translating service,
- festival catalogue, every possible information,
- help on the spot.

More information on The Month of Authors' Readings can be found at [www.autorskecteni.cz](http://www.autorskecteni.cz) or email [jitka@autorskecteni.cz](mailto:jitka@autorskecteni.cz), (mob. 00420/ 739 610 760).

### Program – Canadian section:

1. 7. Lee Henderson	11. 7. J. - F. Chassay	22. 7. Madeleine Gagnon
2. 7. Marcus Youssef & Gullermo Verdecchia	12. 7. Martine Audet	23. 7. Alison Pick
3. 7. George Eliot Clarke	13. 7. Élise Turcotte	24. 7. Louise Desjardins
4. 7. Sheila Heti	14. 7. Sylvie Massicotte	25. 7. Ken Babstock
5. 7. Jason Sherman	15. 7. Hélène Rioux	26. 7. Francois Barcelo
6. 7. Nicole Brossard	16. 7. Pascal Millet	27. 7. Thomas Wharton
7. 7. Denise Desautels	17. 7. Aritha van Herk	28. 7. Sharon Butala
8. 7. Eden Robinson	18. 7. André Roy	29. 7. Madeleine Thien
9. 7. Louise Dupré	19. 7. Jan Zwicky	30. 7. Ray Robertson
10. 7. Lee Maracle	20. 7. Robert Bringhurst	31. 7. Michael Crummey
	21. 7. Lynn Coady	