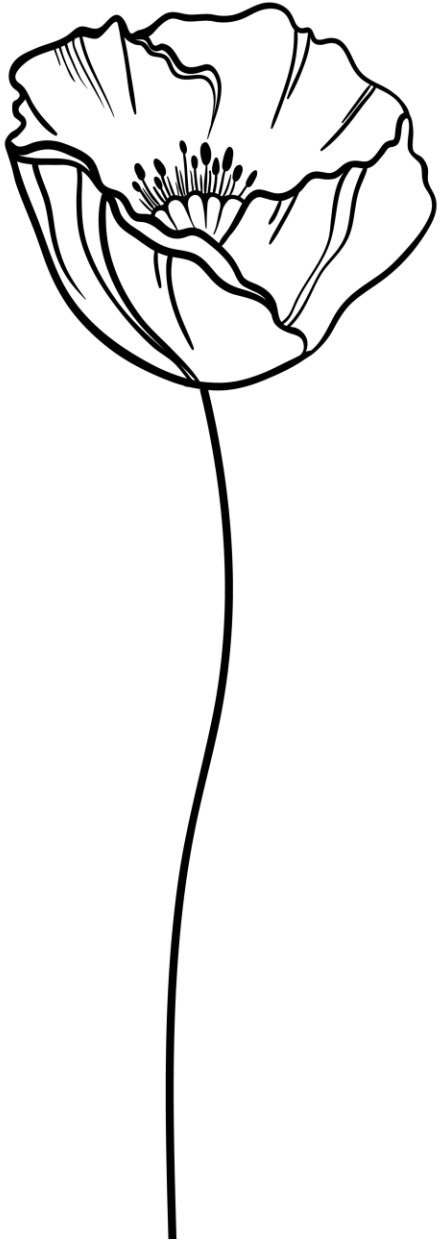


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Event Details

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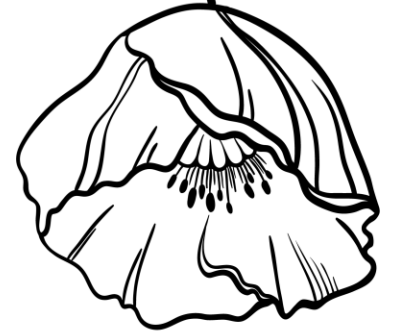
Reception: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Location: Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Address: 100 Front Street W

Ballroom: Concert Hall, Level C





Welcome

Our 50th anniversary celebrations begin tonight. Writers' Trust of Canada has been a steadfast advocate for our national literature and trusted literary voices since 1976.

The Trust was created by Canadian authors, for Canadian authors. That spirit and vision have been written into our story for the past 50 years and will drive our activities for the next 50. From amplifying the bold ideas of emerging writers to sustaining established authors through times of uncertainty, we have remained committed to preserving and expanding what it means for readers to choose Canada.

Writers' Trust has grown and flourished since 1976 thanks in large part to your generosity. Your support makes it possible for Canadian writers to stand tall on the national and international literary stages. We are so grateful for your contribution.

On behalf of everyone at Writers' Trust, thank you and enjoy the evening.

Marla Lehberg
Chair, Board of Directors
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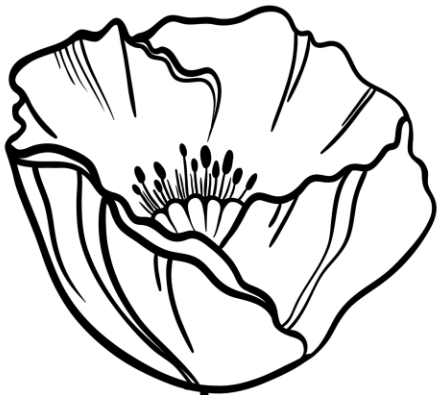
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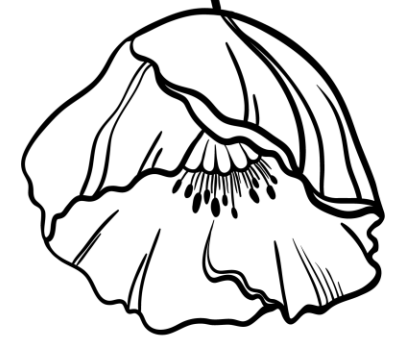
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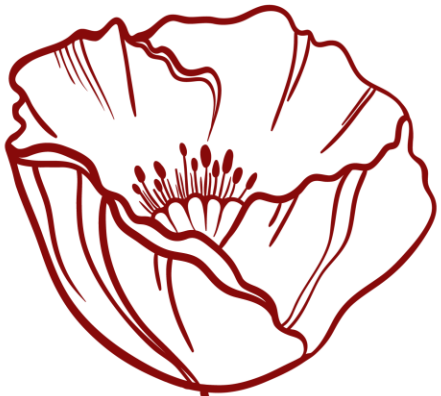
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Featured Authors

Each table at the Storytellers Ball features a best-selling Canadian author and includes a copy of their latest book for you, that you can have signed as you enjoy dinner and conversation.



Tara Marsh Glass

Event centrepieces are being designed by local Canadian artist, Tara Marsh. A graduate of Sheridan College's celebrated Glass program, Tara is a member of the Glen Williams Glass Collective in Glen Williams, Ontario.

Handblown glass flowers rise from sculpted copper stems with a quiet, deliberate beauty. The bases are weathered BC driftwood, shaped by time and tide, that ground each work in a sense of place and story. Designed for a writers' gathering, these sculptures invite reflection, spark conversation, and honour the art of storytelling through materials that speak of transformation, resilience, and imagination.

Several of the centrepieces will be available to be won through Mystery Shelf. Be sure to purchase your chance when you arrive at the Storytellers Ball!



The Epilogue

Plan to stay after dinner for more entertainment, a Spirit of York spirits tasting, great late-night snacks, and the opportunity to connect with your favourite writer.





About Writers' Trust

Writers' Trust of Canada was founded in 1976 by writers — Margaret Atwood, Pierre Berton, Graeme Gibson, Margaret Laurence, and David Young — with a goal to make Canada the best place in the world to be a writer. 50 years later, it is Canada's leading charitable organization that advances, nurtures, and celebrates Canadian writers and writing. Through a portfolio of programs including 13 literary awards, financial grants, career development initiatives for emerging writers, and a writers' residency, Writers' Trust ensures that readers have the very best Canadian writers to choose from.

Canada's writers receive more financial support from Writers' Trust than from any other non-governmental organization in the country.

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