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Annual Telling Tales Festival Comes to Westfield Heritage Village This Month – See and Hear Canada’s Best-loved Children’s Authors and Musicians!

Hamilton, ON – September 1, 2011 – Featuring more than 25 children’s authors, illustrators, storytellers and musicians, the Telling Tales Festival provides an unsurpassed day of entertainment and fun for the whole family and raises much-needed funds for local literacy programs. Mark your calendar for Telling Tales on **Sunday, September 18** from **10:00** until **4:00**. Rain or Shine. Admission is Free.

Just Announced: Paul Langille to Perform Gordon Lightfoot’s *Canadian Railway Trilogy*

In honour of *Canadian Railway Trilogy* being named one of five finalists for the [2011 TD Canadian Children’s Literature Award](#), award-winning Hamilton musician [Paul Langille](#) will perform the song of the same name at Telling Tales at 1:00 at the new T. H. & B. Railway Station stage, located at the Jerseyville Railway Station, where the towering T. H. & B. Locomotive 103 is the backdrop. Beautifully illustrated by Ian Wallace, the book, based on Gordon Lightfoot’s classic song about the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, includes the original music and lyrics, a brief history of the railroad, notes on the illustrations and further reading.

Telling Tales is also pleased to present two additional authors from this year’s TD Canadian Children’s Literature Award shortlist – Alma Fullerton, author of *Burn*, and Erin Bow, author of *Plain Kate*; along with Jo Ellen Bogart and Barbara Reid, author and illustrator of *Gifts*, the title chosen for the [2011 TD Grade One Book Giveaway Program](#), which every grade one student in Canada will receive this fall.

That’s Not All!

Situated at eight performance stages interwoven among the historic buildings that give the authentic pioneer Westfield Heritage Village its charm, will be presentations by these favourites and newcomers, including: Tim Beiser, Rebecca Bender, Robert Blunsdon, Eddie Douglas, Jude Johnson, Jean Little, Lesley Livingstone, French author Mireille Messier, Robin Muller, Mahtab Narsinham, Gillian O’Reilly, Ken Roberts, Itah Sadu, Kean Soo, TURKEY Rhubarb, Robert Paul Weston, among others.

Don’t Miss These Festival Favourites:

- Winners of this year’s Bookmark Contest, a joint project presented by the **Hamilton Public Library**, *The Hamilton Spectator* and Telling Tales. Awards will be handed out at the bandstand at 1:00 p.m.
- **The official kick-off for [Adult Basic Education Association’s Lifelong Learning Week](#)**, and an announcement of the recipient of the **Kim Brooks Memorial Award**.
- The Telling Tales giant [Book Swap and Shop](#) – bring your gently used children’s books and pick up a new-to-you book or two for just a loonie or a toonie.

- A wide selection of presenters' books and CDs available for purchase at **Bryan Prince Bookseller's** tent
- A chance to chat with historic and literary characters such as Anne of Green Gables, Alice in Wonderland or Winnie the Pooh!
- Activity centres, contests, prizes and more...

Take the Bus to Telling Tales

Complimentary bus service to Westfield Heritage Village will be available from Lime Ridge Mall, Eastgate Square, Centre Mall and downtown at the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board parking lot (corner of King Street East and Bay Street South). Buses depart pick-up locations at 10:00 and leave the festival at 3:00. This service is provided courtesy of **ArcelorMittal Dofasco** and **First Student Canada**.

Festival-goers that do choose to drive will find plenty of parking at Rockton Fairgrounds. From there, simply jump on a shuttle bus sponsored by **Hillfield Strathallan College** to head straight to Telling Tales.

Check www.tellingtales.org for complete details including presenter schedules and busing information.

About Telling Tales: A Family Festival of Stories:

Now in its third year, Telling Tales: A Family Festival of Stories is jointly hosted by the Hamilton Conservation Authority, the Hamilton Public Library, and Rotary International. Key financial support is provided by TD Bank Group, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and a growing list of local Rotary clubs. For a full list of community partners, sponsors, and in-kind donors, please visit www.tellingtales.org.

Festival media partners include The Hamilton Spectator, Corus Entertainment (CHML, Y108 and Vinyl 95.3FM), and CHCH Television.

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