



WordFest announces two special events for November

(August 29, 2011 – Calgary, AB) On August 24, 2011, **WordFest** announced the full Festival line-up for the 16th annual WordFest, which runs from October 11-16. Outside of the more than 60 events during the six day festival, WordFest is also hosting two special events in November featuring **Adrienne Clarkson** (November 1) and **Wade Davis** (November 9).

On **Tuesday, November 1**, WordFest presents Adrienne Clarkson at the **Central Library, John Dutton Theatre** (616 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, AB) at **7pm**. The event will feature the former governor general of Canada presenting her new book, *Room For All of Us*, followed by a signing. Clarkson's book is a collection of personal stories that explore the immigrant experience. Tickets are \$15.

On **Wednesday, November 9**, WordFest returns to the **Central Library, John Dutton Theatre** to present bestselling author and adventurer Wade Davis at **7pm**. Wade Davis, a National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, will present his latest book, *Into the Silence: the Great War, Mallory and the Conquest of Everest*. Tickets are \$15.

To purchase tickets please visit **wordfest.com** or call **403.237.9068**. Tickets can also be purchased through the EPCOR CENTRE Box Office at 403.294.9494. Copies of *Room For All of Us* and *Into the Silence: the Great War, Mallory and the Conquest of Everest* will be available for sale at the events. Following the readings, the authors will be available to sign their books.

Adrienne Clarkson became Canada's 26th governor general in 1999 and served until September 2005. In her multifaceted career as an accomplished broadcaster and distinguished public servant she has received numerous prestigious awards and honorary degrees in Canada and abroad. In 2005, she founded The Institute for Canadian Citizenship. Clarkson's newest book, *Room for All of Us*, explores the immigrant experience through some extraordinary people who have helped transform Canada

Wade Davis is a world renowned author, anthropologist, ethnobotanist, filmmaker and photographer. Davis currently holds the post of National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, and divides his time between Washington, DC, and northern British Columbia. Davis presents *Into The Silence: The Great War, Mallory, And The Conquest Of Everest*, a monumental work of history and adventure, ten years in the writing.

About WordFest:

WordFest brings readers and writers together in a six-day literary festival that takes place annually in Calgary, Banff and the Bow Valley. The 16th annual WordFest runs from October 11-16, 2011. WordFest features more than 70 writers from the local, national and international stage and hosts more than 60 events. The full Festival line-up is available on wordfest.com.

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WordFest presents more than 70 writers in over 60 events from October 11-16, 2011. For year-round events and updates on everything literary, visit wordfest.com or follow WordFest on Twitter @WordFestTweets or on Facebook.