



Four Giller Prize Finalists Appearing in WordFest Events

(Calgary, AB – October 4, 2011) This morning the Scotiabank Giller Prize announced its 2011 shortlist. Of the six finalists named, four are appearing in WordFest events, with three appearing at the Festival next week.

The Festival runs from October 11-16 and features three of the finalists; **David Bezmozgis**, **Lynn Coady** and **Zsuzsi Gartner**.

The Festival will feature the above authors in a variety of events during the 6-day Festival, which runs from October 11-16. Lynn Coady will discuss the blurring of authorship in online media in *Social Publishing* on October 13. Zsuzsi Gartner will be celebrating the Year of the Short Story (YOSS) at *Keepin' it Short* on October 15 and David Bezmozgis closes the Festival at The Banff Centre on October 16 with *Curtain Call*. See the full [Festival schedule](#) or [purchase tickets](#) at [wordfest.com](#).

WordFest is also hosting Giller Prize finalist **Patrick deWitt** in a special event on December 6 at the Calgary Public Library's John Dutton Theatre at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling 403.237.9068.

The Scotiabank Giller Prize awards \$50,000 annually to the author of the best Canadian novel or short story collection published in English and \$5,000 to each of the finalists. The Scotiabank Giller Prize is named in honour of the late literary journalist Doris Giller and was founded in 1994 by her husband Jack Rabinovitch. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, November 8. This year marks the 18th year of the Scotiabank Giller Prize.

The 2011 Scotiabank Giller Prize finalists are:

David Bezmozgis for his novel *THE FREE WORLD*, published by HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.

Lynn Coady for her novel *THE ANTAGONIST*, published by House of Anansi Press

Patrick deWitt for his novel *THE SISTERS BROTHERS*, published by House of Anansi Press

Esi Edugyan for her novel *HALF-BLOOD BLUES*, published by Thomas Allen Publishers

Zsuzsi Gartner for her short story collection *BETTER LIVING THROUGH PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES*, published by Hamish Hamilton Canada

Michael Ondaatje for his novel *THE CAT'S TABLE*, published by McClelland & Stewart

WordFest brings more than 70 artists from around the world to connect with readers in Calgary, Banff and the Bow Valley from **October 11-16, 2011** in over 60 events that are intimate, interactive and fun. Festival passes and single tickets are now available through WordFest at 403.237.9068 or at [wordfest.com](#).

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