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Margaret Atwood to give Keynote at 2016 Toronto SpecFic Colloquium

2 Feb, 2016, TORONTO - The Chiaroscuro Reading Series is proud to announce that Margaret Atwood will be the keynote speaker at the 2016 Toronto SpecFic Colloquium, an open forum for authors, editors, and readers to discuss the future of the science fiction, fantasy, and horror genres in Canadian literary fiction.



This year's colloquium, to be held on March 12, is projected to be the largest yet, and provides even greater access to the lineup of award-winning speakers. In addition to Margaret Atwood's keynote address, "SF In My Life and Art," talks will include "How We Became LV-426" by A.M. Dellamonica, "How to Punch Like a Three-Armed Mutant" by Peter Chiykowski, "21st Century Ghosts" by Michael Rowe, "ScArt" by Peter Watts, and "What's in the Trunk" by Andrew Pyper.

Since its inauguration in 2010, the Aurora Award-winning Toronto SpecFic Colloquium provides an open space for frank discussion of contemporary genre fiction and Canada's contribution to the field,

which is all too often subsumed into the American market.

"This is the only event which takes a solid look at where enquiring minds on the edge of fiction think the future is going to end up," says Angela Keeley, Colloquium chair, "I want to foster new horizons that excite and shake up our audiences. I want the presenters to bring the future into question, one presentation at a time."

The Toronto SpecFic Colloquium is funded in part by the Chiaroscuro Reading Series ("ChiSeries"), the Toronto Arts Council, and the Ontario Arts Council. This year's sponsors include ChiZine Publications, Simon & Schuster, Penguin/Random House, Tor Books, HarperCollins Canada, Kobo, Bundoran Press, ECW Press, Edge Science Fiction & Fantasy, and Word on the Street. The ChiSeries has organized free monthly readings and workshops in Toronto since 2010, and has expanded to Ottawa, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Peterborough and Guelph in the last few years..

Advance Colloquium tickets (\$30/student & senior; \$40/adult) are on sale now at <http://chiseries.ticketleap.com/>.

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