



STORYTELLERS OF CANADA - CONTEURS DU CANADA FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

The SC-CC Annual Conference for 2007 will be held in Hamilton, Ontario July 4-8. This marks SC-CC's 15th year, and we plan to celebrate in style! This year's theme is Courage, Hope, and Dreams: A Mosaic of Stories, and will feature some of the stories of the Hamilton area, which is rich in history and many cultures. (<http://www.sc-cc.com>)

We will hold our business meetings and some of the **StoryKeeper** sessions at **McMaster University** <http://housing.mcmaster.ca/confs/PDF%20Files/STORYTELLERS.pdf> which has gone out of its way to be welcoming and accommodating. (Directions: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/welcome/directions.cfm>) The first public concert, "Courage, Hope and Dreams", Thursday evening, will take place at historic LIUNA station, a beautifully renovated space which was for many years the main train station in Hamilton. In this spacious and gracious setting we will hear stories from this place. The Saturday evening concert, "Stories at the Heart", will feature stories from across our great nation and will be presented at the Temple Anshe Sholom.

We will launch the fifth **StorySave** (www.storysave.ca) CD: René Fumoleau.

We will take a trip to visit sites and hear **Freedom Trail** stories of the Underground RailRoad, culminating with a performance of Leslie McCurdy's stunning one-woman show *The Spirit of Harriet Tubman*, a story in theatrical form.

Pre-conference activities include a **Master Class** for three days, **July 1st through 3rd**, entitled "Digging Deeper: Mind, Body and Soul," taught in English by Jan Andrews and Jennifer Cayley (<http://www.sc-cc.com/english/master-class.htm>), as well as the Board Meeting and (subject to confirmation) the working group on presenting and marketing.

The evening prior to the conference will feature a **Gala reception** honouring our funders and sponsors, and giving us an opportunity to interact with other National Arts Service Organisations. Space is limited in this event, so register early if you wish to attend! Early birds only get this delicious worm.

Here are a few more things about Hamilton, for those who might wish to come early or stay late, or take the day between Master Class and Conference to explore the area.

- Tourism Hamilton www.hamiltonundiscovered.com is a place to begin, or <http://www.hamilton.worldweb.com/SightsAttractions> and here are some more features:
- Hamilton is built on the Niagara Escarpment, a World Biosphere Reserve, and has over 60 waterfalls and cascades within its boundaries
- <http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/ArtsSportsAndRecreation/outdoor/HamiltonWaterfallsVideo.htm>
- There are conservation areas and Provincial Parks nearby, as well as climbing opportunities on the Escarpment
- <http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/ArtsSportsAndRecreation/outdoor/Trails.htm>, an Escarpment Trail, Waterfront & Beach Trails, and sections of the Bruce Trail www.bruce-trail.org
- The Royal Botanical Gardens has formal gardens, wilderness trails, a Mediterranean Garden, and countless other joys <http://www.rbg.ca>
- Dr. Dave's Custom Wine Tour of Niagara http://www.sc-cc.com/english/pdf/Dr_Dave_Wine_Tour.pdf
- Hamilton has many museums and galleries, including historic Dundurn Castle, Whitehern, Hamilton Military Museum, Battlefield House, the Museum of Steam and Technology, the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, the Art Gallery of Hamilton, and countless smaller galleries.
- www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/CityandGovernment/CultureandRecreation/Arts_Culture_And_Museums/HamiltonCivicMuseums/
- Hamilton's multicultural community provides a stunning array of possibilities for dining
- Lake Ontario is here; there are tours of the harbour, historic ships to visit (HMCS Haida anchors here http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/haida/index_e.asp), and waterfront parks and trails
- Hamilton is at the entry to the Niagara wine country, home of award-winning wines. Self-guided wine tours are a treat! <http://winesofontario.org>. And check out the link to "Dr. Dave's Custom Wine Tour" on the Conference site.

Hamilton is easy to get to: WESTJET (www.westjet.com) flies right into our accessible little municipal airport from all directions, VIA rail (www.viarail.ca) arrives in Aldershot, a mere skip and jump away, buses of course arrive in the city core, and highway 403 slices right through the city, running near to McMaster.