



## TAKING IT TO THE STREETS — ON PEN'S DAY OF THE IMPRISONED WRITER

**What:** The Toronto public are invited to show support for jailed authors on PEN International's 30<sup>th</sup> Day of the Imprisoned Writer.

**When:** **Tuesday, November 15, 2011: 2 pm – 4 p.m.**

PEN Canada will take to the streets of Toronto and invite pedestrians to show their support for the immediate release of two of its Honorary Members: the Iranian human rights lawyer and journalist Nasrin Sotoudeh, recipient of the 2011 One Humanity Award; and Dawit Isaak, one of ten Eritrean journalists who have been held without formal charges or trials since September 2001.

**On November 15, PEN International's 30th Annual Day of the Imprisoned Writer**, teams of PEN Canada volunteers between **2 pm and 4 pm** will invite members of the public to have their photographs taken with large portraits of these writers as a gesture of support. With their consent, these photos will be uploaded to various websites supporting this cause. They also will be given detailed case information and the names and addresses for authorities to whom petitions and appeal letters should be sent.

To show your support for these writers, look for PEN Canada volunteers at the following locations.

**Nasrin Sotoudeh** – An Iranian human rights lawyer known for her outspoken advocacy of women's and children's rights, currently serving a six year sentence in Evin prison for "propaganda against the regime".

**Dawit Isaak** – Imprisoned immediately after the Eritrean government's crackdown on independent media in 2001, he has been held for over ten years without due process and is believed to be in poor mental and physical health.

**Union Station (Front and Bay) – 2 pm**

**Nathan Philips Square (by the pond) 2 pm**

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