

PEN CANADA

for FREEDOM of EXPRESSION

PEN Canada partners with Diaspora Dialogues for Word on the Street!

Join PEN Canada on Sunday, September 30th as we celebrate Word on the Street with 2 readings.

Location: Diaspora Dialogues Tent, in the middle of Queen's Park

Don't forget to visit the PEN booth, on Queen's Park Crescent East at St. Joseph, for exciting deals and raffles!

11:30am: A Taste of the TAXI Project

Premiering October 2007 in Toronto, *The TAXI Project: Exploring Freedom of Expression Through the Arts* is a new initiative by PEN Canada and The Art for Real Change (ARC) Collective that will explore issues of exile and freedom of expression. The centrepiece is a 30 minute theatrical production that will be written by members of the Writers in Exile Network, and directed by award-winning Toronto director Weyni Mengesha and dramaturged by Erica Kopyto.

Join local artists and writers in exile as we tantalize you with readings, excerpts and performances from the TAXI Project.

12:15pm: Exile and the Imaginary

4 writers will explore the themes of exile, home, and the imagination.

Daniel Heath Justice, author of *Wyrwood*, *Kynship* and *Our Fire Survives the Storm*

Farzana Doctor, author of *Stealing Nasreen*

Petronila Cleto, journalist and writer

Andrea Hila, journalist and writer

Hosted by Michael Helm