

Welcome to Diaspora Dialogues

Diaspora Dialogues supports the creation and presentation of new fiction, poetry and drama that reflect the complexity of the city through the eyes of its richly diverse writers. Publishing and mentoring activities, as well as a monthly multidisciplinary performance festival, help encourage the creation of a literature that is vibrant and inclusive, while bringing these works to a wide audience. Diaspora Dialogues is supported by Maytree, Canadian Heritage, Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, the City of Toronto through the Toronto Arts Council, the George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation, TO Live With Culture, the Vital Toronto Fund at the Toronto Community Foundation, and RBC Foundation. Diaspora Dialogues Literary Scavenger Hunt

September 26, 2010, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

How confident are you in pitting your literary knowledge against fellow Torontonians? Ready for a literary scavenger hunt from one end of Queen’s Park to the next? Ready to get up close and personal with a writer?

Join Diaspora Dialogues @ this year’s Word on the Street, for a Sunday afternoon chase of literary clues, lines of poetry, personalized readings, books open and waiting for your contribution – and all manner of literary oddities.

Complete the hunt and win a prize. All prize winners will be automatically entered into the Grand Prize draw, taking place at the end of the day.

Featuring Anthony De Sa, Priscila Uppal, Farzana Doctor, Shawn Micallef, Marianne Apostolides, Kyle Greenwood, Dawn Promislow, and more.

Future City at Scotiabank Nuit Blanche

October 2, 2010, 6:57 am – Sunrise During this year’s Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, Diaspora Dialogues, the Humber School for Creative & Performing Arts and the Gardiner Museum will create the public square of a future Toronto in a lively and multifaceted project called Future City.

This public city square belongs to an alternate Toronto run by artists. Here, your civic responsibility requires you to give a little (art) in order to get a little (art). Writers, artists, and performers will inhabit and animate this square in amusing interactions, and you will have the opportunity to engage in rewarding ways if you choose.

An exchange of short "fortune cookie" length poems; a photo mosaic to which you can give your likeness; and improvised interactions with artists and musicians are just some of the ways the square of the future will be designed to make everyone a useful part of this imagined city.

To join the Scavenger Hunt at The Word On The Street, pick up the instructions from the Diaspora Dialogues tent, or download it ahead of time from www.diasporadialogues.com (available September 24).

The hunt can be started at any point after 11 am; we recommend about an hour to complete it but how many clues you choose to pursue is up to you! All completed entries must be handed in to the Diaspora Dialogues tent by 5 pm; the Grand Prize draw will take place at 5:45 pm (the winner does not need to be present at the draw).

To visit Future City at Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, drop by the Gardiner Museum anytime after the sun goes down on Saturday, October 2 and add your voice to our vision of a future Toronto!