

Awards Gala 2011 News Release #1 from The Word Guild

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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR CANADIAN CHRISTIAN WRITING AWARDS GALA

The Word Guild's black-tie gala will reward excellence by Canadians writing from a Christian worldview.

TORONTO— Tickets are now on sale for the sixth annual Canadian Christian Writing Awards Gala. This black-tie event, hosted this year by British Columbian author and speaker Grace Fox, will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the headquarters of World Vision Canada—1 World Drive, Mississauga, Ontario.

This premier national event honouring Canadian writers who are Christian will present awards for outstanding career achievement, and for the best novels, non-fiction books, articles, poems and scripts published in 2010. The evening will include a catered reception following the awards presentation. Guests will be able to meet many of their writing colleagues, fellow members of The Word Guild and Write! Canada registrants, as well as applaud and support the prize-winning writers.

One highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Grace Irwin Award. The \$5,000 award —donated by retired book publisher John W. Irwin (nephew of the award's namesake) and his wife Eleanor —represents Canada's largest literary prize for writers who are Christian. It will celebrate the best book published in 2010 by a Canadian author who writes from a Christian worldview.

As usual, the evening promises to be exceptional and a lot of fun for the diverse group of more than 200 amateur and professional writers, journalists and authors expected to gather from across the country. Together with family, friends, reading fans and members of the Canadian publishing industry, they will celebrate the breadth and depth of work published by Canadian Christians throughout the previous year.

Awards will be presented in 32 categories, including best nonfiction books, novels, articles, columns, poems, blog posts, scripts and song lyrics.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend — members of the public, friends and relatives of the awards finalists, Write! Canada registrants, booksellers, librarians, aspiring writers and more.

Tickets may be purchased online at: <http://www.thewordguild.com/awards/awards-gala/> or send a cheque to The Word Guild, PO Box 1243, Trenton ON K8V 5R9. Email

address is required, since the tickets will be mailed electronically. Pre-purchase ticket price is \$15.00 for the general public, \$10.00 for Word Guild members. At the door \$20.00 for everyone.

ABOUT THE WORD GUILD

The Word Guild is a growing team of nearly 400 Canadian writers, editors, speakers, publishers, booksellers, librarians and other interested individuals who are Christian. From all parts of Canada and many denominational and cultural backgrounds, they are united in our common passion positively to influence individuals—and ultimately the Canadian culture—through life-changing words that bring God's message of hope.

The Word Guild encourages the exploration of God-given gifts and talents; provides opportunities for people to work together; and fosters excellence in the art, craft, practice and ministry of writing, editing and speaking.

In addition to Write! Canada, its annual flagship event, The Word Guild sponsors a number of awards programs for published and unpublished writers, including Canada's largest literary prize for writers who are Christian, the \$5,000 Grace Irwin Award. It also holds an annual black-tie writing awards gala in Toronto and regional Write! events in locations such as Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Halifax, Montreal, and London, Ontario.

Three categories of membership, renewed yearly, are available: professional writers and editors; associate members, who are beginning to put together a body of published work; and affiliates working in publishing, bookselling, libraries, etc. Membership benefits include discounted rates for Write! Canada.

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