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Regina's First Literary Saloon to Be Held November 7

Join us for an evening of readin' and writin' at the first ever *Regina Literary Saloon* on Friday, November 7th at 7:30 p.m. at The Exchange, 2431 8th Avenue.

The *Regina Literary Saloon* is a new take on the very popular Literary Salons organized by the Saskatchewan Book Awards to showcase winners following its annual Awards Gala. This year's inaugural pre-Gala Saloon features readings by some of Regina's nominated authors in a festive event with a Wild West flavour, enlivened by cowboys, cowgirls, home-on-the-range finger foods and beverages. A highlight is the auction of memorabilia donated by well-known SK authors.

Four finalists for the awards to be presented at the Gala will read from their nominated works:

- Gerry Hill (*My Human Comedy*)
- Dan Macdonald (*MacGregor's Hard Ice Cream and Gas*)
- Alison Lohans (*This Land We Call Home*)
- Jeanne Pelletier (*The Story of the Rabbit Dance*)

Jeanne Pelletier will accompany her reading with a unique treat, a demonstration of the Rabbit Dance.

The 16th Annual Awards Gala takes place on Saturday, November 29 at Regina's Conexus Arts Center when the winners of all 14 awards are announced. This year's guest speaker is Maria Campbell, award-winning author and activist. Shortlisted writers will also read at the Saskatoon Brunch at 11:30 a.m. on November 23 at the Delta Bessborough Hotel; Humboldt Reading Event at 7 p.m. on November 6 at the Bella Vista Inn; and Swift Current Reading Brunch at 12 noon on November 16 at the Days Inn. Radio-Canada is hosting the nominees for the Prix du livre français on November 7 in Saskatoon, and a French-language reading is being held in Bellevue on November 9. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Book & Brier Patch. Tickets for all SK Book Awards events, including the Regina Literary Saloon, can be purchased on-line at tickets@bookawards.sk.ca, or you may call 791-7744.