



About Lambda

Lambda builds bridges of understanding among people of the LGBTIQI community and with other equality-seeking groups and with general society.

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CELEBRATING LAMBDA AT 25

Queer Generations

TWENTY-SIXTH AUGUST 2010

AT SEVEN O’CLOCK

OTTAWA CITY HALL FOYER



Hosting by Michael Bhardwaj

GABRIELLA GOLIGER

READING FROM HER NOVEL ~ GIRL UNWRAPPED ~

SEAN ZIO

~ GUY-LOVING POEMS ~

BLAINE MARCHAND

DEBUTING HIS POETRY IN ~ THE CRAVING OF KNIVES ~

LUNA ALLISON

~ SPOKEN WORD ARTIST, STORYTELLER, & JAZZ POET ~

A Celebration of Writers at Different Stages and Ages



About the Host

Michael Bhardwaj began his career with the CBC five years ago. Since then, he has contributed to local and national shows, including *Ottawa Morning*, *The Current* and *Definitely Not the Opera*. Today, Michael is happy to call *In Town* and *Out* his home. Every Saturday morning from 6 to 9, he brings you a mix of local events and music to start the weekend on the right note.

About the Participants

Gabriella Goliger is author of *Girl Unwrapped* (Arsenal Pulp Press), her touching and compelling lesbian coming of age novel set in Montreal in the late 1960s. Her first book, *Song of Ascent*, a collection of linked short stories (Raincoast Books), won the 2001 Upper Canada Writer's Craft Award. She was co-winner of the 1997 Journey Prize for short fiction, a finalist for this prize in 1995, and won the Prism International Award in 1993. Her work has been published in a number of anthologies including *Tide Lines: Stories of Change by Lesbians* (1991), *Our Lives: Lesbian Personal Writings* (1991), *Best New American Voices 2000* and *Contemporary Jewish Writing in Canada* (2004).

Sean Zio began writing and performing spoken word in 2004 and has since been featured in a number of events including *Outspoken* (2006), the *Dusty Owl* and *Muse Reading Series*, the *Counter Cultural Carnie* fundraiser for *Camp Ten Oaks* (a summer camp for children of LGBTQ parents) and the *Festival Voix d'Americques* in Montreal (2007). A strong believer in community activism, he opened for the musical group *Lal* at a *Books to Prisoners* event at the University of Ottawa (2008). He has worked as a creative writing instructor for the City of Ottawa and currently runs a weekly creative-writing, open-membership group in *Old Ottawa South*. He makes his living as a professional editor/writer and is a key organizer of Ottawa's craft and zine fair, *Ravenswing*.

Blaine Marchand is returning to Ottawa from an overseas assignment where he will read from *The Craving of Knives* (Buschek Books), a mature, sensual and courageous collection of poetry. This work follows *Aperture*, from the same press (2008). Blaine is also a novelist, a non-fiction writer, and a former newspaper columnist (the popular "Queeries," 1992-2005) for *Capital Xtra*. He has won several literary awards including the *Archibald Lampman Award* for *A Garden Enclosed* (1991). He was a co-founder of *Sparks Magazine* and *Independent Ottawa Writers*.

Luna Allison will find a way under your skin with a catchy riff or turn of phrase. Known for her ability to captivate audiences with her heartfelt lullabies and hilarious diatribes, she released her first recording, *Urban Lullabies*, on the *Wired* imprint in 2006 and has since appeared at numerous venues, festivals across North America, and on *CBC Radio*. Recently she was involved as curator of *Ottawa Westfest* and *Ladyfest*. Luna is currently working on staging a two-act spoken word play on sexual abuse, in collaboration with Montreal media artist *Coco Riot*.