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NEWS RELEASE

INTERNATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED CRIME WRITER, PETER ROBINSON, PERFORMS IN WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG – May 26, 2011 – The Winnipeg International Writers Festival is pleased to announce that Peter Robinson, creator of the Inspector Banks novels, will appear on stage at the CanWest Global Performing Arts Centre (MTYP) on Saturday, June 11, at 8:00 p.m. The evening includes an extended reading from his newest novel, *Bad Boy*, as well as live music and an on-stage interview with Festival Director Charlene Diehl.

Robinson was born in Yorkshire, England—the setting for his Inspector Banks novels—but has been based in Canada since coming here to attend graduate school. Over the past two dozen years, he has published nineteen novels in the Banks series, and his work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the prestigious Grand Prix de Littérature Policière, the Edgar Award, Denmark's Palle Rosenkrantz Award, and several Arthur Ellis best novel awards. In 2002 he was awarded the Dagger in the Library by the British Crime Writers Association. In 2006 he was invited to join the exclusive and prestigious Detection Club, founded in 1928 by a group of mystery writers, including Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, and G.K. Chesterton.

In *Bad Boy*, released by McClelland & Stewart in 2010, Banks' daughter is spirited away by a terrifying young psychopath. Like his other novels, this one has been met with raves from both critics and readers. A reviewer from the Toronto Sun puts it this way: "If you like intelligent mysteries and love a good read, join me as new inductees in the Peter Robinson/Alan Banks fan club. It will be well worth our while."

THIN AIR presents Peter Robinson:

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2011
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: CanWest Global Performing Arts Centre at The Forks
Tickets: \$35, \$30 for THIN AIR Club Card holders
Books: Available at McNally Robinson Booksellers or www.thinairwinnipeg.ca

About Thin Air

In September each year, Winnipeg welcomes writers from Canada and around the world for a week of readings, lectures, interviews, conversations, book launches and other events. That week of literary feasting—which reaches out into the rural areas of the province as well—is THIN AIR, the Winnipeg International Writers Festival. With

programming for adults and children, in English and French, THIN AIR is an infusion of energy into the thriving literary culture of this city.

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