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Each year THIN AIR joins PEN Canada to advocate on behalf of writers who are silenced because of their work.

In 2009 the festival is supporting Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar (formerly Burma). So far the Nobel Peace Prize-winning laureate has been in detention for 14 of the past 20 years. Recently she has been sentenced to another 18 months of detention by the military of Myanmar – <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/world/breakingnews/Suu-Kyi-sentencing-draws-global-condemnation-EU-plans-new-sanctions.html>

A petition will be available all week at the Mainstage and at the Centre culturel franco-manitobain on Friday evening.

More information can be found at PEN Canada at <http://www.pencanada.ca/>