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THIN AIR Winnipeg International Writers Festival

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### **THIN AIR WINNIPEG 2009 ANNOUNCES ITS SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Program to Run September 21 to 25, 2009

Space is running out quickly this year at the THIN AIR Winnipeg International Writers Festival School Programs including the School Stage and Writers to the Schools programs.

This year the School Program runs from September 21 to 25 and involves writers available for school visits and appearing on the Mainstage. Authors are available for students of all ages and of all interests from kindergarten to grade 12.

Writers available to visit schools this year include Jan Andrews, Nick DiChario, Lesley Fairfield, Jake MacDonald, Hal Niedzviecki, Gregory Scofield, C.J. Taylor, Rhea Tregobov and Tim Wynne-Jones.

Authors available on the Mainstage at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People include Deborah Ellis (unfortunately her three stages are already sold out!), Tim Wynne-Jones and Hal Niedzviecki.

There is also a French program that brings the renowned Charlotte Gingras to the Mainstage and France Adams and Serge Patrice Thibodeau to interested schools. To celebrate the hundredth anniversary of Gabrielle Roy's birth the festival is also offering a special tour of her home with storyteller Natalie Labossiere.

Since 1997 the THIN AIR Winnipeg International Writers Festival has brought more than 200 children's and young adult authors to the province of Manitoba to reach tens of thousands of students of all ages. The many award-winning participants include Christopher Paul Curtis (2006), Kenneth Opper (2000 and 2008) and Tim Wynne-Jones (2000, 2004 and this year).

For details about the THIN AIR School Program, please contact Tavia Palmer at (204) 927-7323 or by email at [info@thinairwinnipeg.ca](mailto:info@thinairwinnipeg.ca). More information and on-line registration are available at the THIN AIR website at <http://www.thinairwinnipeg.ca/>.

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