

WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL WRITERS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2018

Friday, July 6th, 2018

PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE ROUNDTABLES

7:45 – 8:45am **REGISTRATION**

8:45 – 9:00am Welcome and Introduction

9:00 – 10:00am **PANEL #1**
Sam Hiyate and agents and publishers

10:00 -10:15am **BREAK**

10:15 -12:30 **ROUNDTABLE No.1**

One agent/editor or publisher will lead a table of at these sessions. Each writer presents 500 words and receives critiques from the leaders and their peers. *(timer and staff at each table. Presenters must provide copies of their work for every person at the table.)* Approximate time per person will be approximately 10-15 minutes per person. Last fifteen minutes will either be a wrap-up by the leaders or they answer questions.

12:30 -1:45pm **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

Enjoy the city. Nearby restaurants have provided pre-conference participants with coupons.

1:45-2:45pm **SAM HIYATE (FOUNDER OF RIGHTS FACTORY)**

2:45-4:45pm **ROUNDTABLE #2**

3:00-6:00pm “Wilkommen, Bien Venue –Welcome!

Official registration for conference

NB Those who attended the roundtables are already registered and do not have to re-register.

6:00-7:00pm Dinner: Keynote Speaker Charlie Angus, former NDP leader
Charles Joseph "Charlie" Angus is a [Canadian](#) author, journalist, broadcaster, musician, and is the NDP critic for [Indigenous and Northern Affairs \(Youth\)](#)[2], and ran as a candidate for leadership of the federal NDP in 2017.

He is the author of seven published books, including an admiring biography of [Les Costello](#), the celebrated [Toronto Maple Leafs](#) player who left professional hockey to become a Catholic priest in Timmins.^[8] Angus's fifth book, *Cage Call*, a photo documentary with photographer [Louie Palu](#), was released in 2007 as part of an award from Portland-based PhotoLucida. His sixth book *Unlikely Radicals: The Story of the Adams Mine Dump War* was short-listed for the Speakers Book Award, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, 2013, and was the runner-up for the Best Regional Non-Fiction (Canada-East), Independent Publisher Book Awards, 2013.

His latest book, *Children of the Broken Treaty* exposes a system of apartheid in Canada that led to the largest youth-driven human rights movement in the country's history. The movement was inspired by Shannen Koostachin, a young Cree woman whom George Stroumboulopoulos named as one of "five teenage girls who kicked ass in history."

7:00- 8:30pm "CULTURAL APPROPRIATION DEBATE"

Join our panel of professionals in a debate about this hot and timely topic. Some of our panelists will include authors Kimberly Batchelor Davis, Claudia Whitsitt, Heather Majaury and Fred Groves.

8:30 – 11:00pm CASUAL GREET AND MEET and AUTHORS BOOK SIGNINGS!!!!!!

Come schmooze and mingle with fellow attendees and always a favourite pastime SHOPPING for BOOKS! Authors will be on hand to autograph.

Saturday, July 7th, 2018

SCRATCHING THE SURFACE

7:30-8:45am Late Registration

8:45 - 10:00am MORNING SPEAKER : **Deborah Dundas from the Toronto Star**

Deborah Dundas is an editor at the Toronto Star and has been contributing reviews here and to other publications for more than 18 years.

10:00-10:15am BREAK

10:15-12:00 **BREAKOUT SESSION**

To be announced

12:30-1:45pm **LUNCH**
SPEAKERS: **Daniel Pyper and Nick Cutter**

Andrew Pyper is the author of eight novels, including the forthcoming *THE ONLY CHILD* (to be published June, 2017 by S&S in the US and Canada, and by Orion in the UK). Among his previous books, *THE DEMONOLOGIST* won the International Thriller Writers award for Best Hardcover Novel and was selected

for the Globe and Mail's Best 100 Books of 2013 and Amazon's 20 Best Books of 2013. LOST GIRLS won the Arthur Ellis Award and was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year, and is being developed for television by Lin Pictures and Warner Bros TV with Pyper acting as Creator and Executive Producer. Two of Pyper's novels, THE DEMONOLOGIST and THE DAMNED, are in active development for feature film. He lives in Toronto. Visit andrewpyper.com.

Craig Davidson is a Canadian author of short stories and novels, who has published work under both his own name and the pen names Patrick Lestewka and Nick Cutter. His style has been compared to that of Chuck Palahniuk. **He is also Nick Cutter!**

2:00-3:15pm BREAKOUT SESSION

To be announced

3:15-3:30pm BREAK

3:30-4:45pm PANEL DISCUSSION: How it Works
Author to Editor to Agent to Publisher

6:15pm **DINNER**

Michele "Wojo" Wojciechowski

Michele "Wojo" Wojciechowski is the author of the national award-winning humor book "Next Time I Move, They'll Carry Me Out in a Box." She created and writes the award-winning humor column, "Wojo's World," and has written and performed stand-up comedy since she was 18—so the past five years. (Hey, stop laughing!) She also loves saying "award-winning." In addition, Wojo has served on the faculty of the Erma Bombeck Writers Workshop, moderated and spoken on panels about humor at the American Society of Journalists and Authors annual conference, and has given countless talks about adding humor to your life to business associations, fraternal organizations, and networking groups. Wojo's writing has appeared in Discover, Reader's Digest, Family Circle, Country Woman, Boys' Life, the LA Times Magazine, Discover Life, Energy Times, Parade, Vanity Fair online, the PBS website Next Avenue, Forbes.com, BaltimoreSun.com, as well as in many other publications and websites. She has appeared on television, radio, podcasts, and in newspapers speaking about everything from how moving can be hilarious instead of a nightmare to returning a book to the library that was 34 years overdue. Oops...

7:15pm -10:00pm COMEDY TONIGHT!

Come join us to hear our brave souls and their Stand Up Routines
This merry band of fearless individuals will be led by the fabulous
Michele **Wojciechowski** !

SUNDAY, JULY 8TH, 2018

DIGGING DEEPER

8:30 - 8:45am Contest and scholarship winners

8:45- 9:45am PANEL DISCUSSION

9:45 - 10:00am BREAK

10:00am - 1:00pm Self-promotion, getting your foot through the door, self-publishing pro's and cons, Amazon.com

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10:00am - 1:00pm Will primarily be for writers who are breaking into the business or are frustrated. There will be a three part component.

Part One: for authors who are writing....planning and writing phase...

Part Two: Publishing...Traditional, Trader E books, Indie, printing on demand.
He is talking to Book in a Box, Seth Godin, Friessen Publishing

Part three: Distribution, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship....this is how to deal with places like Amazon.com, Chapters, small book stores etc....looking at Artisan publicity.

1:00pm Adieu, adieu, adieu!!!