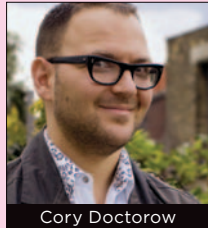
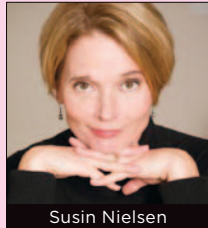


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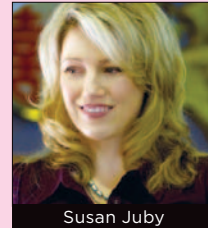
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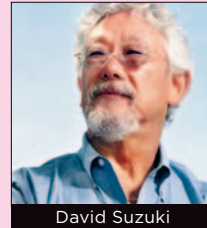
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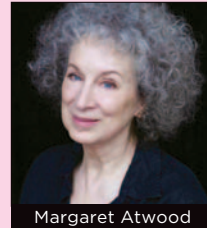
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Susan Juby



David Suzuki



Margaret Atwood

Write On!

For a quarter of a century, the Vancouver Writers Fest (Oct. 16 to 21; page 53) has been entertaining readers. Back in 1988, the fledgling festival was able to attract literary superstar Margaret Atwood—and she's back

this year, with dozens of other authors who keep you up late, turning pages long after bedtime. Sci-fi fans snatch up tickets at warp speed to hear Cory Doctorow in conversation with William Gibson. Teens and tweens

flock to see Kenneth Oppel, Susan Juby and Susin Nielsen. David Suzuki and Tim Flannery attract scientists, eco-warriors and anyone else concerned about the future of the planet. Fans of the whodunit sleuth their

way to see Anne Perry. Lorna Crozier and Patrick Friesen bring poetry to life, while Chip Kidd and Douglas Coupland discuss the design of books. Consider it heaven for bookworms and bibliophiles.—*Sheri Radford*

JOHN PINETTE The American stand-up comic has been making audiences laugh for over 20 years (Oct 26). 7 pm. \$45-\$60. The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts, 777 Homer St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. www.hahaha.com & Map 1: C6

MAYA ANGELOU The acclaimed poet, playwright, producer, director, conductor, actor, author, social activist and three-time Grammy winner (Oct 29). 7:30 pm. \$35-\$95. The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts, 777 Homer St. Tickets 1-866-449-8118. www.uniquelives.com & Map 1: C6

NEIL TUKOK: WHAT BANGED? The TED Talk award-winner and director of Canada's Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics discusses profound questions about the universe (Oct 16). 8 pm. \$25, s/s \$15. The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, 6265 Crescent Rd. 604-822-2697. Tickets 1-855-985-2787. & Map 4: D1

CONCERTS

ALANISMORISSETTE The Canadian-American rocker promotes her new album, *Havoc and Bright Lights* (Oct 4). 7 pm. \$39-\$99.50. The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts, 777 Homer St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: C6

ALLENSTONE The young soul singer from Washington (Oct 27). 7 pm.

\$20. Vogue Theatre, 918 Granville St. Tickets 604-569-1144. & Map 1: C5

ANGÉLIQUE KIDJO Uplifting music from the Grammy Award-winner (Oct 13). 8 pm. \$36+. The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, 6265 Crescent Rd. 604-822-9197. www.chancentre.com & Map 4: D1

ASTRID HADAD Y LOS TARZANES The cabaret diva is accompanied by her brilliant band (Oct 25-26). 8 pm. \$37-\$45. Vogue Theatre, 918 Granville St. Tickets 604-569-1144. & Map 1: C5

BARBRA STREISAND The Academy Award-winning pop superstar performs hits from a career that spans more than half a century (Oct 29). 8 pm. \$90-\$500. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

BLACKIE AND THE RODEO KINGS Canadian folk rockers (Nov 27). 8 pm. \$35-\$45. Vogue Theatre, 918 Granville St. Tickets 604-569-1144. & Map 1: C5

BOB DYLAN AND MARK KNOPFLER The iconic '60s folk/rock artist teams up with the former lead singer of Dire Straits (Oct 12). 7:30 pm. \$39.50-\$124.50. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN AND THE ESTREET BAND The Boss brings his unique brand of heartland rock to Vancouver (Nov 26). 7:30 pm. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

CARRIE UNDERWOOD The country sensation and fourth-season winner of *American Idol* (Oct 4). 7:30 pm. \$45.25-\$65.25. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

CHUCHO VALDÉS QUINTET Afro-Cuban jazz (Nov 2). 8 pm. \$36+. The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, 6265 Crescent Rd. 604-822-9197. www.chancentre.com & Map 4: D1

DAVID BYRNE & ST. VINCENT After collaborating on an album, *Love This Giant*, Byrne and St. Vincent are embarking on a North American tour (Oct 20). 7:30 pm. \$39.50-\$79.50. The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts, 777 Homer St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: C6

EDSHEERAN The 21-year-old singer-songwriter from England embarks upon his first North American headlining tour (Oct 4). 8 pm. \$26.50. Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 630 Hamilton St. at Dunsmuir. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: C6

GLEN HANSARD The Academy Award-winning singer-songwriter promotes his debut solo release, *Rhythm and Repose* (Oct 2). 8 pm. \$33. Vogue Theatre, 918 Granville St. Tickets 604-569-1144. & Map 1: C5

JOSHUA RADIN & A FINE FRENZY The American singer-songwriter, whose music has been used many times on TV shows, teams up with the alt singer-songwriter-pianist (Oct 17). 7 pm. \$29.50. Vogue Theatre, 918 Granville St. Tickets 604-569-1144. & Map 1: C5

JUSTIN BIEBER True Beliebers can't wait to see the Canadian teen sensation perform hits such as "Baby" and "Boyfriend" (Oct 10). 7 pm. \$36.75-\$92.25. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

LEONARD COHEN An evening with Canada's legendary singer, songwriter and poet (Nov 12). 8 pm. \$96.75-\$250. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS Hip-hop duo from the Pacific Northwest (Oct 13-14). 8 pm. \$20. Vogue

Theatre, 918 Granville St. Tickets 604-569-1144. & Map 1: C5

METRIC The popular Canadian indie rockers promote their latest album, *Synthetica* (Nov 10). 8 pm. \$29.50-\$45. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

NEIL YOUNG & CRAZY HORSE The influential Canadian singer-songwriter has been exploring different musical styles for over 40 years (Nov 11). 7 pm. \$47.50-\$183. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

PAUL MCCARTNEY After an absence of almost 50 years, Sir Paul returns to Vancouver to perform hits from his long career, ranging from The Beatles to Wings to solo artist (Nov 25). 8 pm. \$35-\$250. BC Place Stadium, Robson St. at Beatty. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

PUNCH BROTHERS A bold, progressive spin on traditional bluegrass music (Nov 24). 8 pm. \$36+. The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, 6265 Crescent Rd. 604-822-9197. www.chancentre.com & Map 4: D1

RAFFI Uber-popular children's entertainer (Oct 21). 2 and 4:30 pm. \$25-\$55. The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts, 777 Homer St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. www.raffinews.com & Map 1: C6

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers promote their latest album, *I'm With You* (Nov 17). 8 pm. \$39.50-\$69.50. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

THE SMASHING PUMPKINS The alt rockers perform their acclaimed album *Oceania* in full, followed by a set of classics (Oct 7). 8 pm. \$46.75-\$76.75. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

SNOW PATROL AND NOEL GALLAGHER'S HIGH FLYING BIRDS This co-headlining tour features the Grammy-nominated UK rockers and the former Oasis lead guitarist/songwriter's new band (Oct 25). 7:30 pm. \$29.50-\$72.50. Rogers Arena, Pacific Blvd. at Abbott St. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. & Map 1: D6

STEVE WINWOOD The English rocker performs hits such as "Higher Love"

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Every school year, local students bring home almost 90 litres of fake snot from Science World at Telus World of Science (page 59).