2018

LMDA Conference Registration, 2018

Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas

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LMDA is pleased to announce that its next annual conference, “Crossing Borders” will be held in Toronto, Ontario on June 21-23, 2018.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFO

All full-conference registration fees are per person and include one banquet ticket. At this time, online registration has closed. Guests will be able to register in full at the conference. If you have any questions please contact LMDA Administrator Lindsey Barr at lmdanyc@gmail.com.

LMDA Member Registration Link
- $150 (USD) Early Bird LMDA Early Career Member ($200 after April 30)
- $300 (USD) Early Bird LMDA Individual/Institutional Member ($350 after April 30)

LMDA Non-Member Registration Link
- $430 (USD) Non-Member

DAY RATE REGISTRATION FEES - $150/day (does not include banquet ticket)

CONFERENCE HOURS + SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Day 1 - Thursday, June 21st, 10am-6:00pm
Day 2 - Friday, June 22nd, 10am-5:00pm, followed by an LMDA Canada Reception
Day 3 - Saturday, June 23rd, 10am-5:30pm, followed by the LMDA Conference Banquet

Click here for the 2018 Conference Schedule (all events, in calendar form)
Click here for the 2018 Conference Session Manual (with full event descriptions)
GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Handbook: For information on conference logistics, transportation, housing, and local sites and activities, download the:


Conference Venue: The Lucie and Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre (http://www.stayrcc.com/locations/toronto-downtown/meetings-events/), is located in the Canary District at 80 Cooperage Street (https://www.google.ca/maps/place/80+Cooperage+St,+Toronto,+ON+M5A+1H7/@43.6534051,-79.3616732,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89d4cb1590740aad:0xbe15c2b8fd87c56168m279.3572958).

A mix of old and new, the new buildings in the area were built to host to the 2015 Pan/Parapan Am Games Athletes Village. The area is now home to the Cherry St YMCA and the 18-acre Corktown Common (https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/prd/facilities/complex/3499/index.html) park. It is also steps away from the Distillery District (http://www.thedistillerydistrict.com/) (an area full of restaurants, cafes, boutiques, galleries and Soulpepper Theatre (https://www.soulpepper.ca/)). The conference venue is fully accessible, has 3 fully-equipped convertible meeting spaces, a lounge area with kitchen, and free WiFi throughout. There are numerous restaurants, coffee shops and other amenities (http://www.canarydistrict.com/retail/) in the area and the 514 Cherry/KingSt Streetcar is also nearby.

Conference Banquet: The Hot House Restaurant located in the historic St Lawrence Market neighbourhood and offers great food in a casual atmosphere. Our banquet will be held on Saturday, June 23.

Accommodations: All of the LMDA Conference room blocks are filled at Bond Place and George Brown. If you booked a suite at the George Brown Residence, your suite includes 2 bedrooms. If you do not yet have a roommate for that 2nd bedroom, please reach out on the LMDA Listserv. We have people who are still looking for rooms!

Additionally, if you have not yet booked your accommodations, we recommend searching on AirBnb or taking a look at the Conference Handbook, in which numerous nearby hotels and hostels are listed.

Air travel: There are 2 airports in Toronto - the largest, Lester B. Pearson Airport (or Pearson as its called locally) is about 45 minutes (depending on traffic) from the city. If you don't want to take a taxi (about a $70 ride), you can take the UP Express (or Union/Pearson Express) which is a 25 minute train ride that goes from Terminal 1 directly to Union Station where you can catch a bus to the conference centre or walk. The cost is $12.35 one way.

The other airport is Billy Bishop, which is our smaller commuter airport that is in the city and there's a free shuttle bus that takes you from the airport to Union Station.

Access: LMDA is committed to making this conference accessible in every way we can – price, venues, transportation, remote access, etc. Please let us know how we can better accommodate YOU!

Lots will be going on in Toronto including Luminato, an international multi-arts festival - we'll have ticket offers and discounts for conference goers. Pride will also be happening that weekend with the Parade happening on Sunday - its HUGE!

CHILDCARE

We will be offering childcare in collaboration with the Cooper Koo YMCA (https://ymcagta.org/find-a-y/toronto-cooper-koo-family-cherry-st-ymca-centre) and Unicorn Day Care (http://www.unicorndaycare.com/) for the subsidized cost of $25 CAD per child per day. The Cooper Koo YMCA is located right next door to the Lucie & Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre where the LMDA Conference will be held. Children 2 months and up will be supervised by professional childcare givers from Unicorn Day Care at the YMCA.

- Lunch and snacks will be provided.
- YMCA Childcare will be available an hour before the conference begins each morning and will run a half hour past the last session.
- You will be able to reserve childcare through the online Conference Registration.
- If your childcare needs change, please let us know by May 21st.

Childcare Hours:

Thursday, June 21st 9am-6:30pm

Friday, June 22nd 9am-5:30pm

Saturday, June 23rd 9am-6pm

LMDA Conference Topics will include (subject to change):

- The Dramaturg as Catalyst for Organizational Change (Jenna Rodgers)
- Playwrights Under the Radar (Michael Evans)
- Aiming the Canon at Hoy (Ben Gunter & Theater with a Mission)
- "Literary Management" vs. "Literary Access": Rethinking Gatekeeping (Ilana Brownstein)
- Dramaturgy in the Stacks: Dramaturgs, Libraries & Research (Haviva Avirom)
- Bridging the Intercultural Divide in New Work Dramaturgy Relationships (Elise LaCroix)
- Theater under Settler-Colonialism: A Phenomenology of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival’s Off The Rails (Waylon Lenk)
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Beyond the Nobel Prize and the Invention of the Americas: Walls and Bridges in Mexican Dramaturgy (Emilio Mendez)
Crossing Borders: From the Academy into the Profession (Judith Rudakoff)
and many more!

Events (subject to change):

- First Story Toronto Bus Tour: This 3-hour tour of pre-contact and historical landmarks illustrating the Indigenous presence in Toronto. Join us and discover the cultural geography/indigenous history of this land.
- LMDA Canada Cocktail Hour at The Globe & Mail Centre

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