

MEDIA RELEASE

Community Arts Council welcomes 111 West Coast Literary Portraits

Victoria, **BC** (**February 4, 2013**): The words and images of one hundred and eleven British Columbia authors are coming to Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria galleries this month.

The CACGV celebrates the launch of **111 West Coast Literary Portraits** with photographs by Barry Peterson and Blaise Enright, and text by BC authors (Mother Tongue Publishing, 2012). A two-week exhibition of the portraits runs in the Main Gallery and the Café Gallery at the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill, and at the Artist's Corner at the Central Branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library. A closing reception, book sale and artist's talk will be held on Sunday, February 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill.

111 West Coast Literary Portraits features portraits of writers who have lived in BC. Peterson and Enright shot portraits in black and white to contrast the colourful nature of each writer and to minimize visual distraction from the "character" of each author. The photographs were previously exhibited around the BC coast between 1999 and 2008 with BC Hydro and BC Gas as major sponsors.

"This show is a wonderful combination of literary and visual arts. We are delighted to welcome the writers and their words and images to the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria galleries," said Bob Williams, CACGV President. "This is a unique exhibition not to be missed."

BC Book World Publisher Alan Twigg wrote the book's introduction. "When it comes to West Coast writing and publishing, we have gone from famine to feast in less than a lifetime. This unprecedented array of portraits celebrates the feast," he said.

111 West Coast Literary Portraits Photographs by Barry Peterson and Blaise Enright, text by BC authors

An Exhibition

CACGV Main Gallery and Café Gallery at the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill, 3220 Cedar Hill Road, and at the Artist's Corner at the Central Branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library, 735 Broughton Street, Victoria BC

February 5 to 17, 2013

Arts Centre at Cedar Hill hours: Mon-Fri. 6:30 am to 10:00 pm, Sat-Sun 8:00 am to 9:00 pm

All events are free and open to the public

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