



Poetry Event to Support South African Students

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VICTORIA, BC – Victoria Poet Laureate Linda Rogers and special guests will be celebrating the international language of poetry at City Hall this Saturday at *Ukulapha*, an event to support the children of Slangspruit School in South Africa. *Ukulapha*, pronounced “oo-koo-lap-a”, means healing in Zulu.

The public and the media are invited to spend an afternoon enjoying poetry readings by Monterey Middle School students who participate in the *Popal Program*, an exchange of poetry with students at Slangspruit School; poetry performed by Bill Bissett, a Canada’s People Poet; and South African songs by Linda Rogers performed with musicians Chris Trygg and Rick van Krugel.

What: Ukulapha: An Afternoon of Poetry to Support South African Students
When: Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Where: Victoria City Hall

The afternoon will also include a presentation by motivational speaker Dr. Dave Hepburn, who will talk about his work with children and grief in Third World countries. Registration is not required. Free admission.

All profits from the sale of books, CDs and Zulu beadwork will go towards new books, schooling and medicine for students at Slangspruit School. Donations are welcome.

The Ukulapha Outreach Project, a grassroots community project in the townships of Slangspruit and Imbali, South Africa, works with VIDEA, the Victoria International Development Education Association, to offer support to orphan headed households and families with vulnerable children.

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