



## *Poets for Peace* – Healing for Mind, Body and Soul

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VICTORIA, BC — Remembrance Day is a perfect time to remind people that poetry is a healing art for the mind, body and soul. Tomorrow afternoon, five Canadian Poet Laureates will come together in Victoria for *Poets for Peace*, an unprecedented Poet Laureate Summit.

The public and the media are invited to join Victoria Poet Laureate Linda Rogers, Canada's inaugural Poet Laureate George Bowering, current and inaugural Vancouver Poet Laureates Brad Cran and George McWhirter, and Victoria's inaugural Poet Laureate Carla Funk, for an afternoon of laughter and tears designed to heal the human spirit.

What: Poets for Peace  
When: Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Where: Victoria City Hall, Antechamber

The poet laureates will read poems that reveal the way in which each views their mandate. George Bowering has a global perspective as a poet and historian; Brad Cran has written a book about Vancouver's Downtown Eastside; George McWhirter grew up in Belfast; and Carla Funk comes from a culture that was discriminated against. Linda Rogers will read poems about child soldiers, the peace loving Bonobo chimps of the Lower Congo, and a poem that counteracts teen bullying.

Admission is free. Registration is not required. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Biographies and photos of the Poet Laureates are available on the City of Victoria website. For more information, visit: [www.victoria.ca](http://www.victoria.ca) and click on *What's New?*

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