

OUT OF THE BOX: ADVENTURES IN ELECTRONIC LITERATURE

Since the computer was invented, writers have been using it to forge new literary forms. Blue Metropolis moves further into the cutting-edge field of Electronic Literature. Join us for an exploration of everything from the early days of hypertext fiction to the latest in narrative gaming with an all-star panel of authors who write beyond the book and way outside the box:

- **J. R. Carpenter**, whose electronic literature has been published internationally (<http://luckyssoap.com>), is a two-time winner of the CBC Quebec Short Story Competition and a Web Art Finalist in the Drunken Boat PanLiterary Awards 2006.
- **Jeff Parker's** stories, non-fiction and hypermedia have appeared in several magazines and anthologies, including *Stumbling and Raging: More Politically Inspired Fiction* (MacAdam/Cage, 2006). His latest book is *The Back of the Line*.
- **Jason E. Lewis** is a poet, digital media artist and software designer. His creative work has been featured in exhibitions internationally. He conducts experiments in visual language, text and typography at his research studio www.obxlabs.net.
- **Alice van der Klei** wrote her doctorate on hypertext in 2004 and teaches at UQAM where she is responsible for information on Laboratoire NT2.



▲ J.R. Carpenter
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Event hosted by **Nora Young** of **Spark**, CBC Radio's audio blog of smart and unexpected trendwatching.

A CBC Blue event organized in collaboration with *The Rover*.

Saturday, May 3 at 7 p.m.

Room: Régence A.

BLUE METROPOLIS FOUNDATION

Blue Metropolis Foundation is a non-profit organization located in Montreal. Its core purpose is to bring people of different cultures together to share the pleasures of reading and writing in English, French and other languages. To this end it produces a range of literary activities, educational and literacy programmes, including the multilingual Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival. Blue Metropolis Foundation plays a leadership role in the literary, educational and literacy community in the Montreal area as well as nationally and internationally.

Our projects:

- Educational Programmes for primary, secondary and Cégep students across Quebec and Canada;
- Literacy & the Literary events and activities;
- Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival, which has featured over 1,200 writers.

BLUE METROPOLIS INTERNATIONAL LITERARY GRAND PRIX



▲ Daniel Pennac

Every year, Blue Metropolis awards a distinguished international literary figure with the \$10,000 Blue Metropolis Literary Grand Prix to acknowledge a lifetime of literary achievement. This year the winner is the great French writer **Daniel Pennac**. Past recipients are: Marie-Claire Blais (2000), Norman Mailer (2001), Mavis Gallant (2002), Maryse Condé (2003), Paul Auster (2004), Carlos Fuentes (2005), Michel Tremblay (2006) and Margaret Atwood (2007).

A MEDIA MAGNET

- Event covered by national and international media;
- Live broadcasts from Festival venues by CBC, Radio-Canada, ABC (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation);
- Media partnerships: CBC, Radio-Canada, *The Gazette*, *La Presse*.

2007 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 300 writers from more than 11 countries participating in 128 events over 5 days and working in 7 different languages;
- 15,000 peoples in attendance;
- 12% increase in number of festival-goers;
- 13% increase in ticket sales;
- Over one million people, including British and Australian audiences, reached thanks to our partnerships with broadcasters CBC, Radio-Canada and ABC.

This year Blue Metropolis offers children 12 and under their very own Festival! Don't miss the first-ever Blue Metropolis Children's Festival presented by TD Bank Financial Group.

The 10th Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival will take place April 30 to May 4, 2008. Unless otherwise indicated, all events take place at the Delta Centre-ville Hotel, 777 University Street (metro Square Victoria). You can buy tickets at **ADMISSION** by telephone at 514-790-7245 or 1 800 361-4595 or on their website, www.admission.com. You can also visit our website at www.bluemetropolis.org.

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