



Festival Programme

ABOUT THE CUBAN FIVE: *The Cuban Five have been sentenced to a total of four lifetimes plus 77 years for their attempts to prevent terrorist attacks against innocent victims by para-military groups operating out of south Florida. The Five were found guilty of conspiring to commit espionage and, in one case, of conspiring to commit murder. There was no evidence or witnesses against them; no crimes were committed: no injury, no theft, no property destruction. Information gathered was in the public domain. www.thecuban5.org; www.freethefive.org*

International poets and guests expected at the IFPR: Ataol Behramoglu, Turkey; Nancy Morejon, Cuba; Orlando Silverio, Cuba; Gilles Dossou-Gouin, Norway; Katharine Beeman, Quebec; James Cockroft, Quebec; Gandhar, Quebec; Jorge Etcheverry, Ambassador, Poetas del Mundo; Gary Geddes, B.C.; Muneeza Hashmi, daughter of Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Pakistan; Esther Celis, Colombia; Hugh Hazelton, Quebec; Marilyn Lerch, N.B., Te Kupu, Maori multi-media artist, Aotearoa (N.Z.); David Palmer, U.S.A.; Allison Hedge Coke, U.S.A.; Henry Padron, U.S.A.; Diamela Prado, ICAP, Cuba; a family member of the Cuban Five and others including a theatre group from the National Autonomous University, Mexico.

Toronto Poets: Lillian Allen, Federico Allodi, Carlos Angulo Rivas, Sara Barker, Christian Campbell, Enrique Castro, Asoke Chakravarty, Jose Castro Pozo, Osaze Dolabaille, Keith Ellis, Jose Gonzalez, Sonja Greckol, Howard Jerome Gomber, Ahmed Habib, James Lafferty, Alfonso Alvarez, Ama Luna, Cecilia Rosalia Paiva, Charles Roach, Clifton Joseph, Bonaventure Saptel, Rebekah Tabobondung, Rafeef Ziadeh, Shannon Maguire, Maria Elena Mesa, Duam Bangala, and others.

Music: Lowell Conrad Bowen, Wally Brooker, Bharati Chakravarty, Vibrant Rise, Symbolik, Common Thread Community Chorus, Gandhar, Marcelo Puente and friends, Harold Hosein, Te Kupu, Willy Vitela, and others.

PROGRAMME

Friday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.: Press conference, Members' Lounge, Toronto City Hall
7:00 p.m. Opening Gala of poetry and music-Innis Town Hall, 2 Sussex Avenue (one block north of Harbord west off St. George Street).

Saturday, April 25, Innis Town House – Panel Discussions: 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon: Resistance Poets and Others in Society- Perspectives;

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Operation Trojan Horse-the Link Between Poetry and Politics – Gary Geddes;

2:30 p.m. - - 4:30 p.m. The Law as a Weapon - the Cuban Five, Pakistan, the U.S. and Canada

7:00 p.m. – Poetry and Presentations: Homage to Poets of Resistances Past

Sunday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Poetry with Service at Emmanuel Howard Park United Church;

12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. – Poetry Reading and Music with Krittibas Bengali Literary Group, Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, Banquet Hall (west and north of Sheppard and Keele)

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Poetry with Service at Emmanuel Howard Park United Church

7:00 p.m. – Faiz Peace Festival organized by the South Asian People’s Forum, Port Credit Secondary School Auditorium, 70 Mineola Road East, Mississauga

Monday, April 27, noon – 4:00 p.m. Ellington’s Music and Café, 805 St. Clair Avenue West: Poetry and Music – (first two hours in Spanish); 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with the Dub Poets Society

7:30 p.m.:Innis Town House - Poetry, music and theatre by Teatral Cempoa Company from the National Autonomous University of Mexico

Tuesday, April 28, noon – 2:00 p.m. – Ellington’s Music and Café – Poetry and Music

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.- Poetry and Music at Perth Davenport Neighbourhood Centre, 1900 Davenport Road

8:00 p.m. Poetry and Music at the Opening of Cartoon Exhibit by the Art Service Union, including cartoons by Gerardo Hernandez, one of the Cuban Five, Metro Hall, John Street, south of King.

Wednesday, April 29, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., “People Under Fire” Poetry and Music organized by Toronto Women’s Bookstore, Harbord west of Spadina.

8:00 p.m.: Innis Town Hall - Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution. Donations to go to the Hurricane Fund for Cuba.

Thursday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Poetry and Music Events organized at the 519 Community Centre, 519 Church Street, north of Wellesley.

7:30 p.m. – Lula Lounge, Dundas west of Dufferin, Closing Ceremonies