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Art from the City's collection embraces Toronto-inspired literary works

The works of Toronto artists Aba Bayefsky, Sybil Goldstein, Brian Kipping, Gerald Lazare, Doris McCarthy, Louis de Niverville and others will embrace the words of Toronto authors Margaret Atwood, George Elliott Clarke, Cory Doctorow, Ramibai Espinet, Joe Kertes, Antanas Sileika, Russell Smith and others in *Lit City: Toronto Through the Eyes of Authors and Artists*.

A presentation of Toronto Cultural Services through its Market Gallery program, *Lit City: Toronto Through the Eyes of Authors and Artists* runs from March 7 to June 13, 2009 as a feature presentation in celebration of Toronto's 175th birthday. The exhibition pairs passages from historic and contemporary literary works about Toronto with pieces from the City's extensive art collection. Citing poetry, novels, science fiction and mysteries, the exhibit explores diverse interpretations of Toronto and its landmarks.

Various quotations from writings dating back to the 19th century such as *The City Tree* by Isabella Valancy Crawford (1850-1885) to more contemporary works, such as Glenn Downie's *Loyalty Management* which won the 2008 Toronto Book Award, will be presented in conjunction with comparable works of art from the City's collection to illustrate a scene from the book. Readings and panel discussions with well-known Toronto literary figures will also be presented during the run of the exhibit.

Lit City where Toronto stories meet Toronto settings, March to May, 2009, presents readings, literary walking tours and more, culminating on the 10th anniversary of Doors Open Toronto, May 23 and 24, 2009.

The Market Gallery is located on the second floor of the South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front Street East. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday and holidays. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.toronto.ca/culture.

The Market Gallery presents changing exhibitions dedicated to Toronto's art, culture, and history, and offers educational programs for school groups and adults. Located in Toronto's oldest neighbourhood, the main gallery occupies the 19th century city council chamber which is all that remains from the City Hall that stood on the site from 1845-1899.

Toronto is Canada's largest city and sixth largest government, and home to a diverse population of about 2.6 million people. It is the economic engine of Canada and one of the greenest and most creative cities in North America. In the past three years, Toronto has won numerous awards for quality, innovation and efficiency in delivering public services. Toronto's government is dedicated to prosperity, opportunity and liveability for all its residents.

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