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### **Award Winning Author Carrie Mac Delivers Writing Program in Terrace** BCTC provides funding to support Writer-in-Residence program

Award-winning BC author Carrie Mac, featured at this year's Vancouver International Writers & Readers Festival, is heading to Terrace to be the festival's writer-in-residence at Skeena Junior Secondary School. Her week-long stay begins Monday, Oct. 29 and features visits to local schools for readings and discussions and a public reading.

Launched in 2003, the Vancouver International Writers Festival Writer-in-Residence program connects writers with schools and communities beyond the Lower Mainland and is sponsored by BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) for a second year in a row.

"We're proud to support this worthwhile program that brings world-class Canadian authors into BC communities," said Jane Peverett, BCTC President and CEO. "We are committed to education at BCTC. By supporting today's students we are helping to foster tomorrow's leaders."

"Carrie Mac is the ideal choice for this residency, based on her experience and enthusiasm for working with young readers and writers," says Ilona Beiks, the Writers Festival Education Coordinator.

Mac will lead a writing workshop class every day, with one Grade 10 writing class at Skeena, allowing in-depth mentorship with the class over four days. Al Lehman, a teacher at Caledonia Secondary School, is helping to co-ordinate the outreach project.

Mac is excited about her week in Terrace. "I'm looking forward to it, especially the four sessions with the grade ten class, which will be more of a sink-your-teeth-into-it experience."

Carrie Mac's first novel, *The Beckoners*, won the Arthur Ellis Award, is a Canadian Library Association Honour book, and is being adapted for film as well as enjoying a readership worldwide. Her contributions to the Orca Soundings series, *Charmed* and *Crush*, continue to get reluctant teens excited about reading. *The Droughtlanders*, nominated as a Best Book for Young Adults by the American Library Association, is the first book in the Triskelia trilogy. The second book, *Retribution*, was recently released by Penguin Books. Mac lives in Pemberton, BC, where she is working on the final Triskelia novel.

The Writer-in-Residence program is an outreach component of the Festival's Spreading the Word school program. Past writers in residence have been Michael Kusugak, Sherri Fitch,

Kevin Majors and Clem Martini. This program is also supported by the Michael R. Shaw Outreach Fund.

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