

FRASER VALLEY
WRITERS
FESTIVAL 

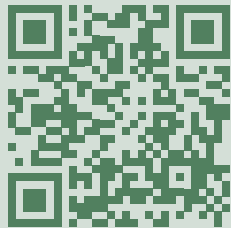


FRASER VALLEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

2025

Thank you for attending the 2025
Fraser Valley Writers Festival!

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Each year the Fraser Valley Writers Festival chooses two central themes for panelists to explore in new writing, commissioned specifically for the festival. The panels offer a unique opportunity to hear from some of the most talented established and emerging Canadian voices. Come join us as we hear what our authors have to say about this year's themes: "Silence" and "Sound."

FRASER VALLEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

SILENCE

Date: Saturday, November 8th, 2025 **Time:** 11:15 am

Venue: UFV Abbotsford, Building B, Room B101

We invite you to be immersed in new writing and conversations with Joseph Dandurand, author of *I Would Like to Say Thank You and Pipa:m: The Touch of the Frog*, Daniela Elza, author of *Is This an Illness or an Accident?*, Jen Sookfong Lee, author of *The Hunger We Pass Down*, and Christina Myers, author of *Beyond Blue: An Anthology and Halfway Home: Thoughts From Midlife*.

Chaired by Taryn Hubbard, the author of *The Very Good Best Friend*.

SOUND

Date: Saturday, November 8th, 2025 **Time:** 2:45 pm

Venue: UFV Abbotsford, Building B, Room B101

We invite you to be immersed in new writing and conversations with Kayla Czaga, author of *Midway*, Taryn Hubbard, author of *The Very Good Best Friend*, Heather Ramsay, author of *A Room in the Forest*, and Nick Thran, author of *Existing Music*.

Chaired by Jen Sookfong Lee, the author of *The Hunger We Pass Down*.

OPENING RECEPTION

Nov 7th, 2025 - 7:00 PM

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B101

Keynote addresses by acclaimed authors Charles Demers and Evelyn Lau and the announcement of the 2026 UFV Writer-in-Residence.

ALL GENRES WORKSHOP

Nov 8th, 2025 – 9:30 am

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B133

An extended, intimate workshop with one of Canada's most acclaimed poets, Kayla Czaga. Participants will learn to "activate" their images and produce new writing.

POETRY WORKSHOP

Nov 8th, 2025 – 9:30 am

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B161

In this extended workshop with Brian Bartlett, explore the impact of various line and stanza lengths in poetry, and the different effects they have on your reader.

FICTION & NON-FICTION WORKSHOP

Nov 8th, 2025 – 10:00 am

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B132

Join writer and editor Christina Myers for tips on nailing the first page, or first chapter, to hook your reader.

PAGE FRIGHT PODCAST LIVE!

Nov 8th, 2025 – 10:00 am

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B164

Page Fright Podcast
Join Page Fright host Andrew French as they interview Fredericton, NB poet Nick Thran about his new collection, *Existing Music*.

SILENCE PANEL

Nov 8th, 2025 – 11:15 am

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B101

Authors Joseph Dandurand, Daniela Elza, Jen Sookfong Lee, and Christina Myers debut new writing on the theme of "silence." Chaired by Taryn Hubbard.

ALL GENRES WORKSHOP

Nov 8th, 2025 – 1:30 pm

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B140

Explore the senses in this interactive workshop. Join debut novelist and poet Heather Ramsay for an hour-long investigation of the five senses, different writing techniques and style.

ALL GENRES WORKSHOP

Nov 8th, 2025 – 1:30 pm

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B161

Participants will explore how to use metaphor to maximum effect in their writing, and approach the idea of metaphor as a way of thinking with award-winning poet Daniela Elza.

POETRY WORKSHOP

Nov 8th, 2025 – 1:30 pm

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B132

Guided by Nick Thran, participants will look at some of the ways that images (or the absence of images) can "sound" in lyric poems. Participants will be encouraged to write their own poem based upon discussion.

PAGE FRIGHT PODCAST LIVE!

Nov 8th, 2025 – 1:30 pm

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Building B, Room B164

Join Page Fright host Andrew French as they interview Halifax, NS poet Brian Bartlett about his new collection, *The Astonishing Room*.

SOUND PANEL

Nov 8th, 2025 – 2:45 pm

UFV Abbotsford campus,

Building B, Room B101

Authors Kayla Czaga, Taryn Hubbard, Heather Ramsay, and Nick Thran debut new writing on the theme of "sound." Chaired by Jen Sookfong Lee.