

North Shore Writers Festival: Canuck of Many Crafts: Charlie Demers in discussion with Margaret Gallagher

This is an in-person event

Date April 11, 2026

Time 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm

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Event overview

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Comedian and writer Charlie Demers is good for more than just a laugh, as a writer of novels, picture books, speeches, plays, and more.

Spend an hour with Demers as he chats with the CBC's Margaret Gallagher about what sparks his creativity, with particular focus on his latest release, *The Eh Team: A Celebration of Canadianisms from Elbows Up to Poutine*. You'll also get a sneak peek at his upcoming picture book, *I Sure Do*.

FREE! Registration is required to secure your spot. Drop-in seating may be available but is not guaranteed.

Interested in attending more than one Festival event? You must register for each event separately to guarantee your spot at each event.

For more information on this and other festival events, visit www.northshorewritersfestival.com

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About the presenters

Charlie Demers is a stand-up comedian, author, playwright, speechwriter, and voice actor. With over sixty appearances as a writer-performer on CBC radio's *The Debaters*, he is a touring headliner

whose stand-up albums *Fatherland* and *Fish From the Jar* were nominated for the Juno for Best Comedy Album. He is the author of three plays and seven books, including the crime satire *Property Values*, which was optioned by Pioneer Pictures of Los Angeles and for which he co-wrote the screen adaptation. He is a former lecturer in creative writing at the University of British Columbia, and the editor-curator of Robin's Egg Books. He has opened for Sarah Silverman, Bob Odenkirk, and Marc Maron, also appearing as a featured guest on the latter's popular podcast WTF. He also provides the voice of "Poutine" on Will Arnett's patriotic superhero send-up *Super Team Canada*. Demers lives in East Vancouver with his wife, their two children, and a dog.

Margaret Gallagher hosts North by Northwest, BC's highest-rated weekend show. She's been a key part of the CBC family for more than 20 years, hosting CBC Radio One's *Hot Air* (2010-2022) as well as taking part as a regular on CBC Radio One's *The Early Edition* (2001-2018) and *On the Coast* (2018-2022). She also served as the BC host of CBC Radio 2's *Canada Live* and as a contributor on CBC TV's *Living Vancouver*. Before joining the CBC, Margaret was active on the arts scene and worked with the Western Front, the Video In and the Independent Film and Video Alliance. She has worked as an editor, a freelance writer, and technical communicator, and taught technical communication for five years as part of the SFU Writing & Publishing Program. In 2015, Margaret won a "Community Builder" Award from the Hapa-palooza Festival of Mixed Roots in recognition of her work to connect communities. In 2020, she won the Asian Heritage Month Pan Asian Recognition Award (2020).

About the Festival

The North Shore Writers Festival (NSWF) is presented in partnership by North Vancouver City Library, North Vancouver District Public Library, and West Vancouver Memorial Library. The NSWF would not be made possible without support from the Friends of the Library groups at NVDPL and WVML, North Shore Writers' Association, Kidsbooks, and the North Shore News.

The Festival takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Sʷwxʷú7mesh (Squamish), sʷlilwʷtaʷ (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷmʷkʷyʷm (Musqueam) Nations. The Coast Salish Peoples have long used oral storytelling to pass on and preserve their cultural teachings. This

powerful tradition highlights the important role that stories play in our lives. We are grateful to host the North Shore Writers Festival on the lands of these Nations and honour the art of storytelling.

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