



# TWS READING SERIES

@ Rhizome Cafe  
317 East Broadway

FICTION - NONFICTION - POETRY

Thurs, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 to 9:30 pm

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**GRANT LAWRENCE** is a leading voice in arts and entertainment in Canada, through his programs on CBC Radio Three. Prior to his work at CBC, Grant Lawrence was the lead singer of the internationally acclaimed Vancouver garage band The Smugglers. In September, 2010, Grant Lawrence became a bestselling author for his first book, *Adventures in Solitude*, all about his family cabin in Desolation Sound, BC.

**SYLVIA TAYLOR** is an award-winning freelance writer, editor, educator, and consultant with a passionate commitment to communication. A "Literary Midwife" to some, "Metaphora Editrix" to others, she brings what needs to be said into the world, through the sublime balance of the Art & Engineering of Creativity.

**ROB TAYLOR** lives in East Van with his wife, Marta. His third chapbook of poetry, *Lyric*, was recently published by The Alfred Gustav Press. His first full-length collection of poems, *The Other Side of Ourselves*, won the 2010 Alfred G. Bailey Prize, and is forthcoming this Spring from Cormorant Books.

**TARIQ MALIK** immigrated to Canada from Pakistan after working/slaving for 2 decades in Kuwait. His book, *Rainsongs of Kotli* (TSAR Books, 2004) was a collection of short stories. His recent novel *Chanting Denied Shores* (Bayeux Arts, 2010) is a fictionalized account of the Komagata Maru debacle in Vancouver of 1914.

**AHAVA SHIRA** is a poet and author of *Womb: Weaving of My Being* (Butterfly Press, 1998) and poetry CD, *Love is Like This* (2010). Her poetry is published in anthologies and journals. Since 1995 she has performed in classrooms, bookstores, cafes and conference centers across North America and in Europe.

**SOREN L. BURCH** is a freelance writer living in Vancouver. He hosts a monthly story telling night at the Kitsilano bar, The New Bohemian, details can be found at: [www.facebook.com/TellingTalesatthenewbohemian](http://www.facebook.com/TellingTalesatthenewbohemian).

**GEOFFREY W. COLE**'s short fiction has appeared in such publications as *Orson Scott Card's Intergalactic Medicine Show*, *Apex*, and *Clarkesworld*, and is forthcoming in *On Spec*. Geoff is a member of SFWA and SF Canada. Visit Geoff at [www.geoffreywcole.com](http://www.geoffreywcole.com).

**MELISSA SAWATSKY** was part of The Writer's Studio in 2006 and is currently working on her MFA in Creative Writing at UBC. She works as a Contest Coordinator for both *PRISM international* and *OCW Magazine*. Her work has appeared in a variety of publications, including *OCW Magazine*, *Quills*, *Sad Mag*, *Rhubarb*, and *emerge 2006*.

**RENEE SAROJINI SAKLIKAR** writes *thecanadaproject* – about life from India to Canada's West Coast, and places in between. Her poetry and essays can be found online and in literary journals. Renee is a member of the False Creek Writers Guild and the Federation of BC Writers.

For **MANDANA RASTAN**, a TWS alumnus, writing provides a sanctuary to explore and express her joy and passion as well as the occasional shadows and search for deeper understanding. The give and take, ebb and flow, keep living in two worlds, physical and spiritual, fun and unpredictable.