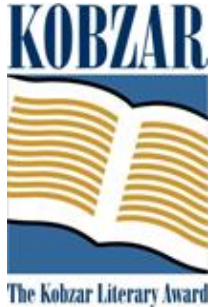


## MEDIA ADVISORY



### **\$25,000 Kobzar™ Literary Award to be presented March 2 at Gala Ceremony in Toronto**

TORONTO (February 27, 2006) – The winner of the \$25,000 Kobzar™ Literary Award will be announced March 2 at a gala ceremony in Toronto attended by The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson and The Hon. Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, both honorary patrons of the award. Masters of Ceremonies for the evening will be actors Joan Karasevich, Fred Keating, Lubomir Mykytiuk and August Schellenberg.

Presented every two years, the Kobzar™ Literary Award recognizes a Canadian writer who best presents a Ukrainian Canadian theme with literary merit through poetry, play, musical, fiction, non-fiction or young people's literature.

The \$25,000 prize is sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko.

This year's finalists are: Lisa Grekul, Kelowna, BC, for *Kalyna's Song*; Laura Langston, Victoria, BC, for *Lesia's Dream*; Danny Schur, of Winnipeg, MB, for *Strike!-The Musical*, and Larry Warwaruk, of Outlook, SK, for *Andrei and the Snow Walker*.

The four-member judging panel included: writer Myrna Kostash, actor-director Mieko Ouchi, CBC broadcaster Bill Richardson and journalist-author Antanas Sileika of the Humber School of Writers.

Members of the media are invited to attend the award announcement at approx. 9:30 pm, Thursday March 2, 2006, at Toronto's Eglinton Grand, 400 Eglinton Avenue West.

Pre-dinner photo ops 6:30-7:30 pm.

More information please visit: [www.kobzarliteraryaward.com](http://www.kobzarliteraryaward.com)

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