

## **ROBINSON RECEIVES FIRST PEOPLES PRIZE MAY 7**

Novelist Eden Robinson will receive the 2022 Blue Metropolis First Peoples Prize live and in person at the McCord Museum in downtown Montreal on May 7 at 1 p.m.

Presented in partnership with the Indigenous Voices Awards for the first time, the prize is awarded to an established Indigenous author, and recognizes Robinson for her body of work, including her collection of novellas called Traplines, her first novel Monkey Beach, and the three novels of the Trickster series.

Festival associate director of programming David Bradford said Robinson's "compelling" work highlights the battle against oppression and "dazzling" stories about magic in a world that may not quite understand it.

"We are thrilled to welcome Haisla/Heiltsuk author Eden Robinson as this year's laureate of the First Peoples Literary Prize, presented in partnership with the Cole Foundation and, for the first time ever, Indigenous Voices Awards (IVA)," Bradford said. "Eden was selected as this year's recipient of the First Peoples Prize by an all-Indigenous jury that consisted of Liz Howard, Dallas Hunt and Deanna Reder, who chose the Trickster series author on the basis of her considerable contribution to the Canadian literary canon, for her compelling characters who work to find their own power and fight their oppressor, and for her dazzling stories about magic in a dangerous world."

Following the prize Robinson will travel to Toronto to appear at the Bluma Appel Salon at the Toronto Public Library on May 10.

For further information, see:

<https://bluemetropolis.org/>

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT451191&R=EVT451191>

<http://www.bukowskiagency.com/Robinson/Return-of-the-Trickster.htm>.