Daniel Canty is a Montreal-based writer and film director who works in literature, film, theatre and design, translation, and new media. Two examples of his prolific and protean work: one of his short films, Longuy (2012), melds the gaze of an ancient French abbey with that of a tablet computer, while Cinema for the Blind (2010) lets the audience slip into oneiric depths behind the cinema screen.

Carmen Aguirre is an author, actor, and playwright. Her first book, Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter, was the winner of the 2012 CBC Radio’s Canada Reads competition. Her more recent memoir is Mexican Hooker #1 and My Other Roles Since the Revolution. This memoir was shortlisted for the Edna Staebler Award for Creative Nonfiction, nominated for the RBC/Taylor Prize for Non-Fiction, selected as one of the Top 50 Books of 2013 by Indigo Books, and became a national bestseller.

Bill Pechet pushes traditional boundaries of classical vocal music. He is acclaimed for his understanding and ability to make music, in ten languages. First Prize winner of the Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition, he subsequently performed a cross-Canada Winner’s Recital Tour and has also sung in the United States, England, Austria, Slovenia, Singapore and Sydney, Australia. He is the Founding Artistic Director and General Manager of Astrolabe Musik Theatre, which creates compelling multi-disciplinary works and pushes traditional boundaries of classical vocal music.

Jeffrey Ryan was almost an accountant. Three months into his first semester at Wilfrid Laurier University, however, he begged to transfer into the Music Faculty to become a composer. Recordings of Ryan’s music have garnered four JUNO nominations and five more from the Western Canadian Music Awards. Ryan was the Vancouver Symphony’s Composer-in-Residence (2002-2007) and Composer Laureate (2008/09). He was an Affiliate Composer with the Toronto Symphony (2000-2002), and is currently Composer Advisor for Music Toronto.

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