Nearly a Dozen National, Local Authors and Illustrators Commit to Participate in the Sheboygan Children’s Book Festival This Fall

Sheboygan, Wis. – June 13, 2013 – The 4th annual Sheboygan Children’s Book Festival—Wisconsin’s only free, public children’s book festival—has secured 11 national and local authors and illustrators so far, for the event scheduled Oct. 11-13. These acclaimed children’s book authors and illustrators will be on hand over that three-day October weekend to meet with festival participants, and host readings, demonstrations, writing and poetry workshops, art-making sessions and book signings at several locations in Sheboygan. In addition, about 15 Sheboygan County area schools will also host some of these authors and illustrators at their schools, on Friday, Oct. 11.

This year’s theme, “The Ways of Looking,” encourages festival-goers to consider how the various ways we look at ideas, art and everyday objects can inspire, entertain, or enlighten us.

Capturing this theme and the festival planning committee’s eye, is Green Bay native and Madison resident David McLimans, who was selected as the festival’s poster artist. McLimans is well known for his political cartoons and editorial illustrations for The Progressive magazine, as well as the New York Times, Washington Post, and Atlantic Monthly. He began authoring children’s books later in his career, publishing his first picture book Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet, which was named one of the “best illustrated children’s books” by the New York Times in 2006, and the next year received the prestigious Caldecott Honor Medal. McLimans wrote and illustrated two additional picture books: Gone Fishing: Ocean Life by the Numbers, and Big Turtle.

The prestigious Caldecott Medal turns 75 this year and several Caldecott award-winners will be appearing this year to talk about their books and art and share their very own “ways of looking.” Joining McLimans at the festival will be these other nationally-acclaimed authors and illustrators:

- **PAUL O. ZELINSKY**: Four-time Caldecott award recipient, he received the Caldecott Medal for Rapunzel and Caldecott Honors for Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, and Swamp Angel. He is the illustrator of Z Is For Moose, called one of the best picture books of 2012 by the New York Times Book Review.
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- **DANIEL KRAUS**: Senior Editor of *Booklist* Magazine and a Chicago-based writer and filmmaker. His debut novel, *The Monster Variations*, was selected to New York Public Library's "100 Best Stuff for Teens." He has published two other novels for young adults, *Rotters* and *Scowlers*.

- **JANET HALFMANN**: An award-winning Wisconsin author of more than 35 fiction and non-fiction books for children. She is known for her many picture books about animals and nature (*Eggs 1, 2, 3: Who Will the Babies Be?, Little Skink’s Tail.*) She also writes picture book biographies about lesser-known people of achievement (*Seven Miles to Freedom: The Robert Smalls Story.*)

- **BARNEY SALTZBERG**: Author and illustrator of *Beautiful Oops!, Good Egg*, and nearly 40 other children's books. He is also a singer-songwriter who has recorded four albums for children. His songs have been recorded by Shari Lewis for "Charlie Horse Music Pizza" and he has written and produced songs for the PBS show "Arthur."

- **FAITH ERIN HICKS**: A Canadian webcomic and comic artist, and writer and animator living in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is well-known for her webcomic, *Demonology 101*. Her books include the young adult graphic novel, *Friends With Boys* and *The Adventures of Superhero Girl*.

- **ERIC ROHMANN**: His first book was the wordless time-travel adventure, *Time Flies*, which won the Caldecott Honor. His other books include *My Friend Rabbit*, for which he won the Caldecott Medal. He has written and illustrated many other award-winning books for children, including: *The Cinder-Eyed Cats* and *Bone Dog*, and he is the illustrator of *Oh, No!*, by Candace Fleming.

- **BETSY LEWIN**: She's garnered many awards for her illustrations, including a Caldecott Honor for *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*. Known for her humorous illustration style, her other books include *Dooby Dooby Moo*, and *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa*.

- **AMY TIMBERLAKE**: Has written novels for middle-school age readers and a picture book for younger children. She grew up in Hudson, Wisconsin and her latest book, *One Came Home*, is set in Wisconsin in 1871. Her other books for young readers are *That Girl Lucy Moon* and *The Dirty Cowboy*.

- **JENNIFER RUSH**: Is the author of the suspenseful young adult novel *Altered* and the futuristic middle grade novel *Bot War*, written under the name J.V. Kade.

- **BOB RACZKA**: Is a former advertising writer who began writing books for children after his first child was born. His books include the ongoing series, Bob Raczka’s Adventures in Art and the poetry books *Guyku: A Year Of Haiku For Boys*, *Lemonade (And Other Poems Squeezed From A Single Word)* and *Joy In Mudville: A Casey Sequel*.

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