



FESTIVAL OF THE ELEMENTS

WAITANGI DAY

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Te Rauparaha Park

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News Release – Glenn Colquhoun

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Over the years, the Festival of the Elements has attracted many celebrated writers. In 2009, it was Margaret Mahy; this year, the headlining writer's name is Glenn Colquhoun.

Born in Auckland, Colquhoun has published five volumes of poetry to date. He is unusual in being equally comfortable writing and performing his poems. Indeed, he believes some of his poems are at their best when read aloud. "Poetry is a broad church, and some poems are best being heard. The cadence makes a big difference," he says.

A versatile man, Colquhoun has also authored four children's books and one of essays. Last year he won a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to study at Harvard University. In addition to writing, he currently works on the Kapiti Coast as a medical doctor.

On Waitangi Day, Colquhoun will be reading a variety of his poetry, including some from his latest book, *North South*. The works will be hand-selected for performing and tailored to the audience's mood and responsiveness at the time. His reading is an eagerly anticipated event in the 2010 Festival lineup. The Festival runs from 11 AM to 7 PM on 6 February, and is free to the public. For more information, please contact Margaret Armour on 027 224 5670, or by e-mail at armour@xtra.co.nz.

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