



Dear colleague,

The Vision Institute of Canada is holding its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference and Trade Show on **November 8-10, 2019** at the **Hilton Suites Hotel and Conference Centre** in **Markham, Ontario**. This year we have a **20 hour Category "A" TPA Refresher Course** with guest faculty Nathan Lighthizer, OD, FAAO, Blair Lonsberry, MS, OD, MEd, FAAO, and Paul Karpecki, OD, FAAO. We invite you to register early and join us for our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference and Trade Show.

Our long tradition of providing high quality educational programs continues this year and, as a charitable organization, the funds we raise from this event support our mandate of providing clinical services to underserved communities and at-risk patient populations.

The Vision Institute was established in 1981 with funding from the Ontario Association of Optometrists, the College of Optometrists of Ontario and the University of Waterloo, School of Optometry. For 38 years the clinical staff and board of directors of the Vision Institute have worked to promote quality comprehensive vision care to Canadians across the country. **We are an independent voice for optometry-delivered quality vision care services and the only charitable optometry clinic in North America.** Your support is vital and we encourage you to come to Markham in November for another superb educational event.

As always, we will have one of the largest and best ophthalmic trade shows in Canada, along with a Vision and Eye Health Book Store, Silent Auction, a 6 hour CAO Approved Optometric Assistants Program, and a special **Keynote Address on Vision and ADHD by Rick Green**.

We look forward to seeing you in November.

Yours sincerely,

*Mira Acs*

*Paul Chris*

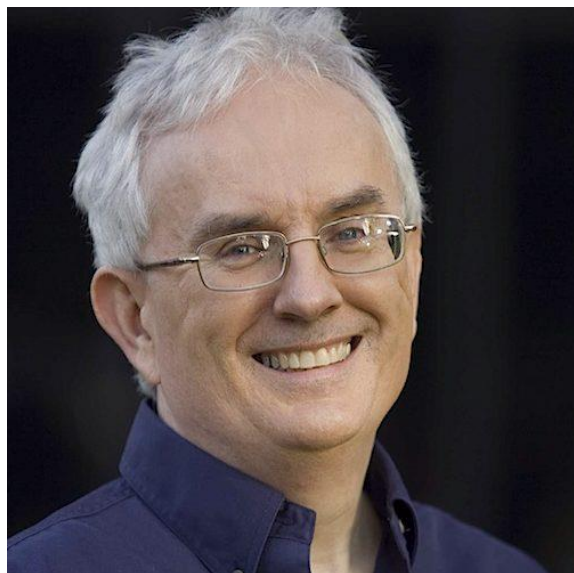
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## OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### Richard "Rick" Green, CM OOnt

Rick Green a Canadian comedian, satirist, actor, writer, and advocate for awareness of adult ADD. He is most well-known as co-creator of *The Red Green Show* and co-founder of comedy troupe *The Frantics*. Green holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Waterloo.

In 1979, Green plunged into show business when he helped found the Toronto-based comedy troupe *The Frantics*. For the next eight years they created and performed hundreds of live appearances, 150 episodes of their CBC Radio show *Frantic Times*, several albums, a half dozen hit stage shows, and the television series *Four On The Floor*. As a writer, Green's material has been performed by talented actors such as Jim Carrey, Gordon Pinsent, David Steinberg, Graham Chapman, Colin Mochrie, Graham Greene, Eric Stoltz, and Martin Short. In 2004 he wrote Kim Cattrall's HBO special, *Sexual Intelligence*.

In 1989, Green became 'Commander Rick', the writer and host of TVO's speculative fiction news magazine series *Prisoners of Gravity*. At the same time, Green joined Steve Smith to co-

create *The Red Green Show*, which ran for many years and became a hit both in Canada and in the United States, where it was shown on local PBS affiliates. Rick Green wrote and performed in the show for 11 seasons as the bumbling outdoorsman Bill Smith. *The Red Green Show* has spun off books (which Green co-wrote and illustrated), DVDs, CDs, live shows and more. It remains Canada's longest-running comedy series.

In 1999, Green created *History Bites*. That show's special, "*The Separatists*", was nominated for a Canadian Screenwriters Award. In 2004, Green was named by the Ontario History Teachers as their "*Person of the Year*".

Green was diagnosed as having attention deficit disorder, after one of his children was found to have it. In 2009 Green wrote and directed a documentary about *Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder* in adults, entitled *ADD & Loving it?!* The film, featuring fellow comedian Patrick McKenna, won a New York Festivals Silver Award and earned Green the CAMH Foundation Transforming Lives Award for 2009. The two largest ADHD advocacy groups in America, CHADD and ADD, both endorsed the film, something they had never previously done with any book, film or program.

Green's projects have won Gemini Awards, ACTRA Awards, New York Festival Awards, and various educational awards. In September 2007, Green was honoured by the University of Waterloo as one of the top 50 alumni of the past 50 years. On February 3, 2015, he was inducted into the **Order of Ontario**, the province's highest civilian honour.

On June 30, 2017, the Governor General of Canada announced Green's appointment as a **Member of the Order of Canada** for "*his contributions to Canadian television as a comedian, actor and writer, and for his efforts to raise awareness and understanding of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.*"