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### **SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SEARCH FOR NEW POET LAUREATE**

Sacramento, CA--The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC) is currently seeking applicants for Sacramento's new 2009-11 Poet Laureate. The Sacramento Poet Laureate Program was established in February 2000 by SMAC to help increase literary awareness through the power of poetry and the spoken word and to celebrate the high caliber of talent among Sacramento's poets.

SMAC Program Coordinator, Anja Aulenbacher encourages all poets to consider applying for the prestigious position. "The position celebrates the selected poet as an artist of distinction and brings attention to the program and its many important activities." The Sacramento Poet Laureate will be involved in speaking engagements throughout the County, participate in Poetry Out Loud events and attend area readings. Through their community involvement, each Poet Laureate has the opportunity to bring new awareness to the many programs and activities of Sacramento's thriving poetry scene.

Applications for the Poet Laureate position are due to SMAC by 3:00 p.m., April 6, 2009.

Interested individuals may download details and guidelines at the SMAC web site:

<http://www.sacmetroarts.com/poet-laureate.html>. The new Poet Laureate will be chosen through a panel review process and the winning applicant will be announced by both City and County elected officials in June, 2009.

For questions, please contact Anja Aulenbacher, Grants & Cultural Programs Coordinator at (916) 566-3986 or email, [aaulenbacher@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:aaulenbacher@cityofsacramento.org)

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SUPPORT ARTWORK AVAILABLE FOR THIS STORY INCLUDES PHOTOS OF MS CONNOR AT POETRY READINGS.