



Darrell Bourque

Acadian Memorial * 121 S. New Market St.
St. Martinville, LA 70582
Thursday, October 16, 2008 * 6:00 p.m.

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Event Narrative

Darrell Bourque, Louisiana Poet Laureate 2007-2009, will be participating in a program that will connect his work, which addresses landscape and traditions, with other artistic expressions of Acadian heritage. He will have a reading of his poetry and a question and answer session regarding his work in connection to Acadian culture and heritage.



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Darrell Bourque is Professor Emeritus in English at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he served as director of the Creative Writing and Interdisciplinary Humanities programs. His poetry books include *Plainsongs*, *The Doors Between Us*, *Burnt Water Suite* and *The Blue Boat*, and his poems from *Plainsongs* are featured in the *Where Land Meets Sky*, a catalog of the works of artist Elemore Morgan, Jr. He continues to work as poetry workshop leader and consultant, mostly with the Louisiana Affiliates of the National Writing Project. In November of 2007 he was appointed as Louisiana Poet Laureate, 2008-2009, by Governor Kathleen Blanco, and his personal initiative for the laureateship is to develop poetry audiences by teaching and reading in the pre-college classroom as well as in the state's libraries.