

Nobel Prize Winner Derek Walcott At Summerlin Library

Recipient for the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1992, renowned poet and playwright Derek Walcott will present a reading at the Summerlin Library and Performing Arts center on Friday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. A discussion session will follow the formal presentation.

Walcott was born in 1930 in St. Lucia, Windward Island, the West Indies, and has maintained his permanent residence in Trinidad for over twenty years. He graduated from the University College of the West Indies and in 1957 was awarded a fellowship by the Rockefeller Foundation to study the American teacher.

His plays have been produced by the Trinidad Theater Workshop, the New York Shakespeare Festival, the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, and the Negro Ensemble Company. His most well-known dramatic work, Dream on Monkey Mountain, won the Obie Award for a distinguished foreign play in 1971.

Walcott has published nine books of poetry with Farrar, Straus and Giroux. His Collected Poems: 1948-1984 won Los

Angeles Times Book Prize for Poetry, and Omeros, an epic poem published in 1990 received the highest praise from critics around the world.

Publisher's Weekly described it as "Singularly ambitious, and as moving as the works of its namesake, OMEROS (Greek for 'Homer') remains accessible despite its complexity and divergent strains, which include the privations of native Americans, African natives, and exiled English colonials."

Derek Walcott has won the Guinness Award for Poetry, a Royal Society of Literature Award, and a five-year MacArthur Foundation fellowship, among others. He is an Honorary Member of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters and was awarded the Queen's Medal for Poetry in 1988. He received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1992.

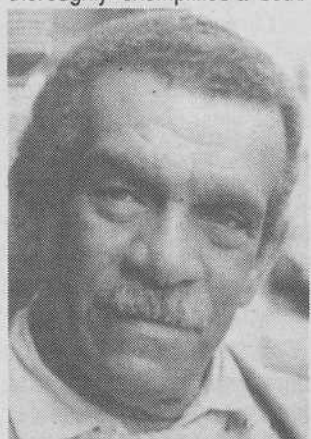
Acclaimed as one of our greatest cultural leaders, Walcott has earned a reputation as a grand teacher and an exciting speaker. He currently holds an endowed chair at Boston University. Praising Walcott's

"microcosmic Caribbean," an article accompanying Walcott's Acceptance Lecture for the Nobel Laureate comments: "Most wonderful of all, Walcott thoroughly exemplifies a 'both/

and' global political and cultural philosophy rather than an 'either/or' divisive one." Las Vegas are very fortunate to have visit with us a figure of Derek

Walcott's talent and warmth. Walcott's visit is co-sponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District through a grant from the Nevada

Humanities Committee. The event is free and open to the public. A reception for Mr. Walcott will follow at the Summerlin Library facility.



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We will highlight the four basic functions of the faculty. Some of the terms are more technical than others, but each reader will be armed with additional knowledge that can be used in your 1995 roles as parents, leaders, students and/or friends of those needing information.

The primary source of this column comes from the book, "American Professor's: A National Resource Imperiled" by Howard Bowen and Jack Schuster.

Research: Faculties contribute to the quality and productivity of society, not only through their influence on student scholars, but also directly

through "research."

The term "research" is used as shorthand for all the activities of faculties that advance knowledge and the arts. Activities such as religious inquiry, social criticism, humanistic scholarship, etc., may be classified as "research" if they involve the discovery of new knowledge or the creation of original art.

The work of humanistic scholarship, for example, includes the discovery of past human experience, the preservation of text and artifacts, and transmission of this knowledge from generation to generation. Faculty members, on the whole, have been free to choose their research programs in terms of scientific interest.

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