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A Weekend with Louisiana's Poet Laureate- Jack Bedell

Poetry Reading & Book Signing
Fri, Nov 10, 6:00-8:00PM
Free to attend

Poetry Workshop
Sat, Nov 11, 9:00AM-12:00PM
Tickets are available, \$20-\$25

Lafayette, LA – The Hilliard University Art Museum is pleased to announce that two events will be held with Louisiana's newest poet laureate, Jack Bedell on November 10 and 11 presented in partnership with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

On Friday, November 10, from 6-8pm, Bedell will read selections from *Revenant* and *Bone-Hollow*. He will also showcase works from a collection currently in progress. The reading will conclude with a Q&A and book signing of *Revenant*, *Bone-Hollow*, and *Elliptic* which are all available for purchase through the museum store. The Friday night event is free for the public to enjoy.

On Saturday, November 11 from 9am-12pm, Bedell will lead an intimate workshop allowing you to dig deeper into the written word. The workshop will be both generative and interactive and will include a discussion of practical poetics with writing activities based prompts as well as on art currently on display in the galleries. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussion of their own work as well as that of fellow poets. Pieces created at this workshop may be published in the museum's biannual magazine, *Viewfinder*. Space is limited to 15 persons and tickets are available through Eventbrite. Museum members and UL Lafayette students may attend for \$20 and non-members for \$25.

Jack Bedell was announced as Louisiana's poet laureate for 2017-2019 by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities on August 14, 2017. According to selection guidelines, nominees must have published works in books, anthologies, literary journals or magazines. In addition, the selection committee seeks information from the general public and the literary community. The committee is charged with selecting nominees who reflect the diverse cultures and heritage of Louisiana.

Biography

Jack B. Bedell is Professor of English and Coordinator of Creative Writing at Southeastern Louisiana University where he also edits Louisiana Literature and directs the Louisiana Literature Press. His latest collections are *Elliptic* (Yellow Flag Press, 2016), *Revenant* (Blue Horse Press, 2016), and *Bone-Hollow, True: New & Selected Poems* (Texas Review Press, 2013). His work has appeared in the Southern Review, Sport Literate, The Fourth River, Hudson Review, River Teeth, Terrain.org, Texas



Review, Southern Quarterly, and other journals. Bedell is the recipient of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Individual Achievement in the Humanities Award and the Governor's Award for Artistic Achievement. He has recently been appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to serve as Louisiana Poet Laureate, 2017-2019. Dr. Bedell has taught creative writing to students of all ages, from the third-grade level to the graduate level over the last 30 years. Intimate and personable, his work reflects a familiarity with Louisiana life and its people. In addition, he has worked with the LEH's award-winning PRIME TIME Family Literacy Program as a storyteller and continues to promote the writing of his fellow Louisianans.

Museum Hours, Admission & General Information

The Hilliard University Art Museum is located at 710 East Saint Mary Boulevard, on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Museum Hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Wednesday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; closed Sunday and Monday. General Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (62+), \$3 Students (5-17). FREE for Members, UL Students/Staff/Faculty with identification, and visitors under 5. Guided tours of the galleries are available Friday & Saturday at 2 PM, complimentary with admission. For general information, please visit hilliardmuseum.org or call (337) 482-2278.

About the Hilliard Museum

The Hilliard University Art Museum operates on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and was originally founded in 1964 as the Art Center for Southwest Louisiana. Featuring a state-of-the-art modern facility that was erected in 2004, the museum houses more than 2,200 objects in its permanent collection, and is the largest art exhibition space between New Orleans and Houston. The Hilliard serves a wide range of educational and cultural needs by fostering cross-disciplinary intellectual discourse on campus and throughout the region. At the core of the Hilliard's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit the art of our time while celebrating the great diversity of Louisiana's heritage.

Current Exhibitions at the Hilliard University Art Museum

October 7, 2017 – January 27, 2018. *Lin Emery: A Movement, 1957-2017.*

September 8, 2017 – May 5, 2018. *Tina Freeman: Artist Spaces*, organized by the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, guest curated by Bradley Sumrall.

September 8, 2017 – January 20, 2018. *William Kentridge: Journey to the Moon.*

May 19, 2017 – December 9, 2017. *Spotlight on Francis Pavy.*

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