

Join us for Quiddity's 3.1 Release Gala and a celebration of

POEM & STORY:

SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCES

~featuring~

Award-Winning Poet, Children's Author, and Storyteller **Janice N. Harrington**

Janice N. Harrington's first book of poetry, *Even the Hollow My Body Made is Gone* (2007), won the A. Poulin Jr. Poetry Prize from BOA Editions and the Kate Tufts Discovery Award. She is also the winner of a 2007 National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship for Poetry and a 2009 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award for emerging women writers. Her children's books, *The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County* (2007) and *Going North* (2004), both from Farrar, Straus and Giroux, have won many awards and citations, including a listing among *TIME Magazine's* top ten children's books of 2007 and the Ezra Jack Keats Award from the New York Public Library in 2005.

Harrington grew up in Alabama and Nebraska, and both those settings, especially rural Alabama, figure largely in her writing. Her poetry appears regularly in American literary magazines. Presently a creative-writing teacher, she has worked as a public librarian and as a professional storyteller, telling stories at festivals around the country, including the National Storytelling Festival. (janiceharrington.com)



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*quiddity—the real nature
or essence of a thing; that
which makes it what it is*

Poet and Hip-Hop Artist **A.D. Carson**



Hip-hop artist and poet A.D. Carson earned a BA in education and creative writing from Millikin University and an MA in English from the University of Illinois. A recipient of the Grace Patton Conant Award, he presently works as an educator. His latest work, *Cold*, stems from his passion for and interest in blended media, a topic about which Carson frequently presents and also conducts workshops. Carson contributed a chapter in the forthcoming *Jay-Z: The Artist, The Man, The Visionary*, an academic text focusing on the artistry in the work of the Rap mogul.

Thursday, April 22, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The Historic Brinkerhoff Home
Benedictine University Springfield Campus

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