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We are pleased to announce that Poet Laureate of the United States, **Tracy K. Smith**, will offer a free, public workshop and reading in Las Vegas on **Saturday, September 29, 2018**.

WHO:

In 2017, **Tracy K. Smith** was appointed the 22nd **United States Poet Laureate**. She is the author of the critically acclaimed memoir *Ordinary Light* (Knopf, 2015) and three books of poetry, including her most recent *Wade in the Water* (Graywolf, 2018). Her collection *Life on Mars* won the **2012 Pulitzer Prize** and was selected as a **New York Times Notable Book**. *Duende* won the **2006 James Laughlin Award** from the Academy of American Poets and an **Essence Literary Award**. *The Body's Question* was the winner of the 2002 **Cave Canem Poetry Prize**. She is the Roger S. Berlind '52 Professor in the Humanities, and Director of the Creative Writing Program at **Princeton University**. Of Smith's poetry, Toi Derricotte says, "The surfaces of a Tracy K. Smith poem are beautiful and serene, but underneath, there is always a sense of an unknown vastness. Her poems take the risk of inviting us to imagine, as the poet does, what it is to travel in another person's shoes."

United through a shared love of words and drive to empower the next generation of writers, the following literary entities and projects have joined together to host luminary Tracy K. Smith. These events are co-presented by:

Poetry Promise and the Clark County Poet Laureate
Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
The Believer

The Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute
The Office of Arts & Culture, Nevada State College

WHERE:

Poetry Workshop 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Winchester Cultural Center
3130 McLeod Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89121

Poetry Reading and Book Signing 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the West Charleston Public Library
6301 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146

COST:

This event is **free and open to the public**.

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