

"The American Playwright in a Shrinking Market" is Topic for August Meeting of the Ventura County Writers Club

Award-winning Playwright Ronald McCants will Discuss the Challenges and Perils of American Playwrights.

(VCWC - August 2, 2011) What challenges do playwrights face? How have things changed over the years for established and emerging playwrights? At the August 9th meeting of the Ventura County Writers Club (VCWC), these topics will be discussed by award-winning emerging playwright Ronald McCants. He will discuss five areas: including financial issues, playwrights in Los Angeles, the life of a play, submissions, agents and graduate schools, and residencies.



Mr. McCants is an emerging playwright in residence at Center Theatre Group and has won awards and fellowships that include the Holland New Voices award, the Craig Noel Outstanding New Play (San Diego Critics) Award, the Masters Visionary Playwright Award, the Patté Award for Outstanding New Play, the Fred Rogers Memorial Scholarship and the Lorraine Hansberry Playwriting Award (2nd Place), as well as several other honors.

"My role as a theatre artist is to produce work that is formally inventive, theatrically bold, and counter-hegemonic. It is my hope that my plays are emotionally resonate and humanistic despite a landscape that is destructive, deviant, and helplessly devoid of consistent virtue," says Mr. McCants. His plays have been produced and developed at the following: The Kennedy Center, Company of Angels Theater, SoHo Theatre in London, Watts Village Theater Center, Theatre Masters MFA Playwright's Festival, Dartmouth College, UCSD, and SDSU.

Prior to Mr. McCant's speech, the club will introduce the new slate of officers for the next year.

The monthly VCWC meeting will begin promptly at 7 PM at the club's new meeting place, the Pleasant Valley Senior Center in Camarillo. The public is welcomed to all meetings, which are free.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

August Meeting of the Ventura County Writers Club

August 9, 7 PM

Pleasant Valley Senior Center,
1605 Burnley St, Camarillo, CA

Guest speakers: Ronald McCants

Open to Members and non-members. No fee.

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