

The *Friends of the Dick Smith Library* present

Dinner in the Stacks

featuring

Poetry by Sam Dodson

reading from his forthcoming
chapbook *Harder Edges*



Music by Mark Beauregard

Dr. Sam Dodson is an Associate Professor of English at Tarleton State University. He is the author of *After All Those Living Rooms (Poems)* and *Berryman's Henry: Living at the Intersection of Need and Art*. His poems have appeared in *Web Anthology of Texas Poetry*, *New Texas*, *Descant*, and *New Press Literary Quarterly*.

The performance, entitled *Harder Edges*, offers an energized reading of his modern, but accessible, poetry with musical accompaniment and running commentary.

This balanced interdisciplinary collaboration is more akin to performance art than a conventional reading of poetry. The music flows through the free improvisations of jazz, rock, folk, and gypsy. The performance is humorous, dramatic, and engaging. It will remind viewers that the spoken word, poetry in general, is still a vibrant and dynamic art form. Dodson's poems offer an urban, Catholic, Irish-American trip through our time's politics of economy, love of self and of others, loss essential, children of anxiety and love, and sketches of character.

"Dodson's combination of theatrical verve and assurance with evocative language and themes, both dynamic and delicate, mined the attention, imagination, and emotional memory of all present. . . .

The vitality of the writing is enhanced by the poet's unique collaboration with musicians whose gleaming of carefully chosen percussive punctuation and jazz riffs not only complements the poetry but seems to become a part of it. . . .

In the performance piece culled from the poetry in his new book *After All Those Living Rooms*, poet Samuel Dodson has created a finely-wrought work of art that achieves the dimensionality of classic theatre—universal themes, captivatingly written and spoken with grace and candor."

-- Cathy M. W. Kurz, Artistic Director, Brigit Saint Brigit Theatre Company



Saturday, November 11, 2006

Dick Smith Library Stacks

Appetizers -- 6:30 p.m.

Dinner -- 7:00 p.m.

(Please use the front library entrance)



Come join us for an evening of fun, entertainment, and fellowship!

Members \$15.00

Non-members \$17.50

Make your reservations now!

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