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**IRISH POET CIARAN CARSON TO SPEAK AT BUTLER UNIVERSITY'S
VISITING WRITERS SERIES**

INDIANAPOLIS – Irish poet Ciaran Carson will speak Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Robertson Hall Johnson Room for the Butler University's Visiting Writers Series.

Born and raised in Belfast, Ireland, Carson writes poetry, fiction, prose and musical works using black humor, satire and wordplay to tell the story of urban and rural life in Ireland. Carson, who graduated from Queen's University in Belfast, is a traditional musician and scholar of the Irish oral tradition and often brings rhythm and musical elements into his readings.

Among his 10 published collections of poetry are *The New Estate* (1976); *The Irish For No* (1987), winner of the Alice Hunt Bartlett Award and *Belfast Confetti* (1989), winner of the *Irish Times/Aer Lingus Irish Literature Prize for Poetry*. Carson also authored *Pocket Guide to Irish Traditional Music* and, most recently, the prose piece *Fishing for Amber* (1999).

The Traditional Arts Officer of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Carson was awarded the Butler Literary Award for Poetry in 2000 by the Irish American Cultural Institute. Douglas Dunn of the *Irish Literary Supplement* called Carson's "one of the most gifted imaginations in contemporary poetry."

The Visiting Writers Series is an affiliate of the Academy of American Poets with support from the Vivian Delbrook Fund, NEH Ayres Fund, J. James Woods Distinguished Lecturers in the Sciences Fund, The Writers' Center of Indianapolis and the Butler University Bookstore.

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