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**2010 Texas Poet Laureate Karla K. Morton to be Featured Presenter  
at *Langdon Review* Weekend September 9 and 10**

***Morton is Guest of Honor at the Event's Prestigious Picnic***

Denton, TX – August 23, 2010 – 2010 Texas Poet Laureate Karla K. Morton ([www.kkmorton.com](http://www.kkmorton.com)) will present and perform at *Langdon Review* Weekend on Thursday, September 9, 2010 from 7:30 p.m. until 8:10 p.m. and on Friday, September 10, 2010 from noon until 1:30 p.m.

Attended by poets laureate, accomplished writers, new writers, and those with an interest in the literary, arts, dance, film, music, painting, and photography, *Langdon Review* Weekend provides an overview of the year's most exciting cultural accomplishments in Texas. The 2010 *Langdon Review* Weekend will also honor all Texas Poets Laureate. In addition to Morton, several past Texas Poets Laureate will be in attendance and will read from their selected works.

Morton will present a dual artistic presentation of poetry and dance on Thursday, September 9 during the Contributor's Showcase at the Concert Hall. She will read her poem "Inside Fat Quarters" from her book *Redefining Beauty* while Michelle Husman and Ashley Page perform a dance choreographed by Shelley Padilla.

On Friday, September 10, Morton will be the guest of honor at the *Langdon Review* Weekend picnic at the Brazos House Gardens. She will read her poetry beneath an enormous oak tree that will then be dedicated as the Poets Laureate Oak. The Poets Laureate Oak has had more Texas Poets Laureate read under its branches than any other tree in Texas.

"I am thrilled to be a part of this amazing weekend of poetry once again," said Karla K. Morton. "This year's event is especially exciting for me. It is truly monumental to have so many Texas Poets Laureate gathered together at one celebration. I am honored to be able to share my passion for the arts with our wonderful state and our talented artists."

Morton's poetry spans countless subjects and many forms. As 2010 Texas Poet Laureate, she is dedicated to serving as an ambassador of poetry for the state, traveling throughout Texas as part of the *Little Town, Texas Tour* she created. The tour's mission is to take poetry into small towns across Texas, making it more accessible and relevant, particularly to teen students. The tour partners with schools, universities, bookstores, community centers and other venues in cities throughout Texas.

### **About Karla K. Morton**

Karla K. Morton, the **2010 Texas Poet Laureate**, is a celebrated poet, author and storyteller. She is the author of *Wee Cowrin' Timorous Beastie* (a North Texas Book Festival Awards Finalist), *Redefining Beauty* (2010 Next Generation Indie Book Award Winner), *Stirring Goldfish*, *Becoming Superman* and several upcoming books, including *Names We've Never Known* (Texas Review Press), and *Karla K. Morton: New and Selected Poems* (Texas Christian University Press). Ms. Morton's poetry, which spans many subjects and forms, has also been published in a variety of literary journals, including *descant*, (Betsy Colquitt Award Winner), *AmarilloBay*, the *Concho River Review*, the *Southwestern American Literature*, *Oak Bend Review*, *Wichita Falls Literary and Art Review*, *Right Hand Pointing*, *The Langdon Review of the Arts in Texas*, the *Texas Poetry Calendar*, *Illya's Honey*, *Austin International Poetry Anthology*, *New Texas*, *Denton Writer's League Anthology*, and *ARDENT*. An avid photographer, Morton has also had several showings of her black and white artwork across the state, and loves to mix poetry and the arts. Additionally, she serves as a board member of the Greater Denton Arts Council, a founding member of the Denton Poets' Assembly (part of the Poetry Society of Texas) and as a member of the esteemed Western Writers of America, the Writer's League of Texas and the Academy of American Poets. She has been featured on Good Morning Texas, NPR and the Art of Living Gallery (national show on Veria TV). Morton loves to promote poetry, logging thousands of miles across Texas through her *Little Town, Texas Tour*, reading her work at such venues as schools, universities, bookstores, VA centers, libraries, festivals, fundraising events, conferences, conventions and cancer support groups. Morton was born in Fort Worth, holds a Journalism degree from Texas A&M University and currently resides in Denton, Texas, with her two children and husband. For more information, please visit [www.kkmorton.com](http://www.kkmorton.com) or [www.facebook.com/karlakmorton](http://www.facebook.com/karlakmorton).

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