

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

Author Monique Roffey to speak at free seminar for young writers on April 9

PORT-OF-SPAIN, April 5, 2011: Author Monique Roffey will speak on April 9 at the free seminar planned by The Allen Prize for Young Writers. The seminar is the second in a series of once-a-term educational events and will take place at the Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre, McBean, Couva, from 9am-1pm. The other featured speakers are spoken word artist Muhammad Muwakil and editor and writer Nicholas Laughlin. Additionally, singer and songwriter Gillian Moor will make a guest appearance. Admission is free to all but places are limited; to register, call 753 6220 or email info@allenprize.org. Lunch will be provided.

The Allen Prize for Young Writers is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to training, encouraging and rewarding writers aged 12-19 years and living in Trinidad and Tobago. The Term II Seminar is part of The Allen Prize's ongoing education programme, designed to improve young people's access to information on and training in creative writing.

Monique Roffey is the author of two novels, *Sun Dog* (Scribner) and *The White Woman on the Green Bicycle* (Simon and Schuster UK), which was short-listed for The Orange Prize 2010 and has sold in the UK, USA, Australia and Europe. In the past she was a Centre Director for The Arvon Foundation and has held posts as Writer in Residence for the Royal Literary Fund. She is a guest tutor in Creative Writing at Goldsmiths College, and also teaches for The Writer's Lab, Skyros, and for The Arvon Foundation. Born in Trinidad, but based in London, she divides her time between the two countries.

For more information go to <http://allenprize.org>.

Media inquiries: Lisa Allen-Agostini
Phone: 868 753 6220
Email: info@allenprize.org

Board of Directors:

Lisa Allen-Agostini (*Chairman*), Peter Gomez (*Secretary/Treasurer*), Rhoda Bharath, Charlotte Elias, Nicholas Laughlin, Georgia Popplewell, Anthony Smart,
Ex-officio: Gina Ottley (legal counsel)