

## PROGRAM

### Musical Prelude

Featured Ensemble

Richard Gard, D.M.A., Conductor  
*Associate Professor of Music  
Chair, Department of the Arts  
Naugatuck Valley Community College*

### Greetings

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.  
*President, Naugatuck Valley Community College*

### Welcome

Paula Massey  
*President, Student Government Association  
Naugatuck Valley Community College*

### Introduction

Marianela Medrano-Marra  
*Fellow, Naugatuck Valley Community College*

### Readings

Baub Bidon  
Sharon Charde  
Taty Hernandez-Duran  
David K. Leff  
Victoria Muñoz  
Tom Nicotera

### Q & A

Writers and Audience

### Conclusion

Dr. De Filippis



**Baub Bidon** is a poet, actor, writer, playwright and visual artist. His body of work chronicles the Afro-urban lifestyle. He echoes the outcry of men, women and children stemming from abuse, rape, injustice and inequalities of the judicial, education and employment systems. Baub's poetry is the voice of the unheard catapulted to ears of those who refuse to listen.



**Sharon Charde**, a retired family therapist, is a writing teacher who has won six Pushcart nominations, edited and published an anthology of poetry, *I Am Not A Juvenile Delinquent*, won first prize in the Flume Press 2005 chapbook competition and published *Bad Girl At The Altar Rail* and *Four Trees Down From Ponte Sisto*. Backwaters Press published her full-length collection, *Branch In His Hand*, in 2008.



**Taty Hernandez-Duran** is a poet, lawyer and cultural animator born in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic. She has dedicated a great deal of her time to literary journalism, publishing her work in various newspapers and magazines in the Dominican Republic. In 1992, she received first place in the Jimenoa poetry contest and, in 1994, she received second place in the Concurso Municipal in her native town of Jarabacoa with her story, *Slave of the Flowers*.



**David K. Leff**, a freelance writer from Collinsville, Connecticut, has had his essays and fiction published in newspapers and magazines. His nonfiction book, *The Last Undiscovered Place*, published by the University of Virginia Press in 2004, deals with the relationship of people to their community and landscape and was a Connecticut Book Award finalist.



**Victoria Muñoz** is a graduate of Western Illinois University with a B.A. in music. She is a singer/songwriter and poet who has performed throughout western Connecticut and elsewhere. Her inspiration stems from the world around her as well as the influences of both of her parents. She has featured her poetry on the East Coast including places such as York Arts Festival (PA), Jester's Café (MA) and Bethel Arts Junction (CT).



**Tom Nicotera** has been writing poetry since his days as a college physics major. He has been a factory worker, street performer, mime, water/sewer repairman, copy editor and teacher. He is a founding member of Second Wind Poetry Group, ran the Takoma Cafe Poetry Series in Maryland, taught at Georgetown University, organized the poetry series at Susan's Cafe in Granby, CT, and is currently co-host of Bloomfield Library's Wintonbury Poetry Series.

Naugatuck Valley Community College was established in 1992 with the merging of Waterbury State Technical College and Mattatuck Community College as a public, two-year, associate degree granting, co-educational, non-residential institution where students are provided opportunities to learn and explore their interests and abilities in a "community based" environment. Approximately 11,000 degree and 5,000 non-degree students enroll annually in over 100 accredited and continuing education programs at the College to fulfill their educational goals. Programs are taught in state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories for general and specialized use.



Technology Hall, a 100,000-square-foot facility featuring smart classrooms and hi-tech learning facilities, opened its doors to classes on September 2, 2008. The College is home to one of Connecticut's three observatories, where hundreds of citizens come to campus each year to view the heavens. The College also provides cultural programs for the region in the Fine Arts Center, which houses two theaters, music and dance studios, video studios and rehearsal rooms.

There are over 40 clubs, organizations and professional and honor societies available to students. Naugatuck Valley Community College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education. Several special programs are accredited by the American Bar Association, the National League of Nursing and the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The College is located on a 110-acre campus at 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, Connecticut, at exit 18 off Interstate 84 near the junction of Route 8.

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