

The University of Texas at San Antonio

# CREATIVE WRITING READING SERIES

FALL 2019

## RITA DOVE

Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (7pm)

Rita Dove has received the highest honors our country can bestow on a poet. In 1993, she was the youngest poet and the first African American to be named U.S. Poet Laureate. She has also received the National Medal of Arts as well as a National Humanities Medal. Her sixteen books of poetry include *Thomas and Beulah*, which won the Pulitzer Prize; *On the Bus With Rosa Parks*; *Sonata Mulattica*; and, most recently, *Collected Poems: 1974-2004*. Dove has also published works of fiction, and her play *The Darker Face of the Earth* was produced at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. In addition to her other major contributions, she edited the *Penguin Anthology of 20th Century American Poetry* (2011). She is currently Commonwealth Professor of English at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.



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