

Kamau wins top prize in 2006 Frank Collymore Literary Endowment Competition

Renowned Barbadian and internationally celebrated poet, performer, and cultural theorist Kamau Brathwaite is the winner of the top prize in the Frank Collymore Literary Endowment Competition for 2006.

The winner from a list of more than 40 writers in this annual competition, Kamau received BDS\$10,000 for his "**Missa Solemnis**" a collection of poems shaped in part by the Beethoven composition of the same name.

Margaret Gill won the second prize for her work, **Machinations of a Feminist**. Ms. Gill, the first ever first prize winner in the competition, received BDS\$6,000. Glenville Lovell also a previous winner, was awarded the 3rd prize of BDS\$4,000 for his entry "**Bajan Lovers**". Colin Hope, former editor of Contact newspaper, won the Prime Minister's prize for his piece "**Interrupted Journey**". This award is presented to the entry that best reflects on Barbadian culture and identity in an innovative way.

Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados, Dr. Marion Williams, presented the winners with their prizes at an Awards Ceremony in the Grande Salle, Tom Adams Financial Centre on Saturday, January 6, 2007.

The Central Bank of Barbados established the Frank Collymore Literary Endowment in 1998 to assist in the promotion of the literary arts in Barbados.

Writers are encouraged to start preparing for the 2007 competition. Unpublished entries should be submitted to the Chairman, Frank Collymore Literary Endowment Committee, c/o Central Bank of Barbados, Tom Adams Financial Centre.

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