

Press Release

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The Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians is proud to announce that fiction writer and poet Lauren Green is the winner of the 16th annual Marguerite and Lamar Smith Fellowship for Writers. As the fellowship recipient, Green will live and work in Carson McCullers's childhood home, the Smith-McCullers House, in Columbus, Georgia, in the fall.

Lauren Green's work has appeared in *American Short Fiction*, *Ninth Letter*, *Conjunctions*, *Epoch Magazine*, and elsewhere. She has won *Glimmer Train's* New Writers Award, *Southeast Review's* Ernest Hemingway Prize, and *Philadelphia Stories'* Marguerite McGlinn Prize for Fiction. She graduated with a B.A. from Columbia University, where she was awarded the Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts, and received her M.F.A. from the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas, Austin. While in residence at the Smith-McCullers House, she will be completing a novel.

Named in honor of Carson's parents, The Marguerite and Lamar Smith Fellowship for Writers was inspired by McCullers's experience at the Breadloaf Writer's Conference in Vermont and, especially, the Yaddo Arts Colony in Saratoga Springs, New York. To honor the contribution of these residency fellowships to McCullers's work, the Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians awards fellowships for writers to spend time in McCullers's childhood home in Columbus, Georgia. The fellowships are intended to afford the writers in residence uninterrupted time to dedicate to their work, free from the distractions of daily life and other professional responsibilities.

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