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"Writing to Sell" - a Series of Writer Workshops Presented by internationally published author, Michael Garrett

VICKSBURG, MS (November 11, 2008): The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation welcomes Michael Garrett, an internationally published author, as he presents a series of five writer workshops that will give you a jump start into the next level of writing. The workshops will be held March 7-8. Registration for each workshop is \$60 for both SCHF & MS Writers Guild Members and \$65 for non-members.

Pursuing a life-long dream of writing can be incredibly frustrating. Even the most talented authors face constant rejection. Thousands of hopeful writers strive to be professionally published while few ever realize their dream. Here, in five compact powerful workshops, you'll learn many of the secrets to breaking into print.

The following is the workshop schedule: Fiction Writing for Beginners (Saturday, 9am-12pm); How to Become a Published Author (Saturday, 1pm-4:00pm); Creating your Novel (Saturday, 6pm - 9pm); Writing Your Opening Scene (Sunday, 9am - 1pm); Short Story and Novel Feedback (Sunday, 1pm-4pm).

MICHAEL GARRETT is an internationally respected author and editor. He is the Editorial Associate of the Writer's Digest School, and since 1986 has presented highly acclaimed writing workshops at major colleges and universities across the nation. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of Kentucky's Green River Writers. He served as Stephen King's first editor. In a professional capacity he has edited the works of such greats as Joyce Carol Oates, Harlan Ellison, Lawrence Block and many others. His own work has been widely published since 1979, in periodicals ranging from Twilight Zone magazine to his novel, Keeper, which sold out its initial printing. His works have been published in England, Germany, Japan, Italy, the Netherlands, France, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Finland and Russia.

Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call the SCHF office at 601-631-2997 or email <u>info@southernculture.org</u>.