

SLWG Member Spotlight: *We're pleased to present...*

Marcel Toussaint



Poet, Song Writer, Novelist, Author

With over one thousand poems in French and in English, many lyrics and recorded songs, short stories and several novels currently in progress, Marcel Toussaint has truly accumulated an impressive collection of work. Toussaint has achieved incredible success as a writer both domestically and internationally and continues to write and perform right here in Saint Louis.

Having spent his formative years nurtured in genteel French culture, amid the magnificence of Mediterranean living, it is no wonder that Toussaint's passion and flair for writing flourished at an early age. To date, Marcel has been featured in fourteen anthologies, including *America at the Millennium*. Nearly one hundred of his poems have been included for publication in his series *Remember Me Young*, Volumes I and II.

With an extensive radio broadcasting background, his performances have included an invitation to read with PJ Cala on National Public Radio, a one man poetry show at Brandt's Café, and a cable televised reading at Barnes and Noble in Ladue. Additionally Marcel has performed in Cabaret Bob at The Focal Point Art Center, and has been a guest on KDNX Radio in St. Louis where he presented several selected readings.

In addition to being a poet, Toussaint has attained tremendous success as a lyricist. His first French song *Elle Se Souvient* was first performed in 1997 at the former Library Limited, Saint Louis, Missouri. Most notably, in July 2008, *Elle Se Souvient*, with a new arrangement by composer Wayne Coniglio, was performed at the

Whitaker Concert Series at The Missouri Botanical Garden for an audience of 10,000. Marcel Toussaint was publicly and warmly acknowledged.

To learn more about Marcel Toussaint, we encourage you to peruse his website:

www.marceltoussaint.com