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MEDIA ALERT
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WHO:       Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and the Community
WHAT:     Reading by Marian Haddad
WHEN:      Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m.
WHERE:    University Center, Bayview Room 320 at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

University’s Authors Day Event Features Book-Signing and Reading by Award-Winning Poet and Essayist Marian Haddad

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Department of English at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will present a reading by award-winning poet Marian Haddad on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. in the University Center, Bayview Room 320 during the celebration of Women’s History Month.

Haddad is an Arab-American author born and raised in El Paso, Texas who writes about her tri-cultural experience living on the United States-Mexico border. She wrote a full-length collection of poems titled “Somewhere Between Mexico and a River Called Home”, published by Pecan Grove Press (2004). Haddad was recently nominated for the Pushcart Prize and is currently at work on a book titled “Wildflower Spirit” that will be available at the end of this year.

The University’s annual Authors Day program will follow the reading on Friday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on campus. High school participants will include Miller, King, and Moody high school students attending various workshops and an open mic for poetry readings. Workshops will be led by Marian Haddad, Dr. Chuck Etheridge, Tom Murphy, and Dr. Christina Kirklighter. The event is free and open to the public.

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