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LAUREL CORONA DISCUSSES HER BOOK, *THE FOUR SEASONS: A NOVEL OF VIVALDI'S VENICE*, AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY *Music and the City of Venice are Central Characters in this Historical Fiction*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library and San Diego Writers, Ink will host a book reading and talk by Laurel Corona on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public and parking meters are not enforced after 6 p.m.

Ms. Corona will read from her latest title, *The Four Seasons: A Novel of Vivaldi's Venice* (Hyperion/VOICE, 2008). The story is set against the backdrop of early-18th century Venice. When a Venetian foundling hospital hires a young priest to give lessons to the violinists in its all-female orchestra, the relationship between the maestro and his cloistered students gives rise to one of the great musical legacies of the Baroque Era. *The Four Seasons* takes the facts about Antonio Vivaldi's long involvement with the Pieta and uses them as the backdrop for a story of two fictional sisters, Maddalena (a violinist) and Chiaretta (a soprano), who blossom under his tutelage and inspire some of his greatest works.

Despite the limited freedoms allowed to women in eighteenth century Venice, as adults the sisters build rich and meaningful lives of their own, one inside and one outside the confines of the Pieta. Vivaldi's own career takes him in and out of their lives; bringing complications that are not always welcome but at other times open their imaginations to all that life has to offer.

Copies of *The Four Seasons* will be available for purchase at the event. There is additional information on Vivaldi's Venice and Laurel Corona's work, including links to her other recently published book, *Until Our Last Breath* (St. Martins; Press 2008), at www.laurelcoronacom on the World Wide Web.

San Diego Writers, Ink nurtures writers and those wishing to explore the craft of writing, in addition to fostering a literary community, promoting literature and celebrating artistic diversity.

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There is information about this organization online at www.sandiegowriters.org.

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