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Tobias Wolff, Dunya Mikhail Headline Literary Arts Festival

EL CAJON – An award winning short-story writer and an Iraqi poet will headline Grossmont College’s Literary Arts Festival April 29 through May 2.

Tobias Wolff, a Stanford professor, won The Story Prize in 2008 for his collection of short stories, “Our Story Begins.” He has published several novels and memoirs, and his work regularly appears in magazines and literary journals, including “The New Yorker,” “The Atlantic” and “Harper’s.” Wolff will read and sign his books from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1.

Dunya Mikhail, who was born in Iraq and now lives in Michigan, published four poetry collections in Arabic and her work has been included in numerous anthologies and magazines. She was awarded a United Nations Human Rights Award for Freedom of Writing in 2001. Mikhail will read and sign books from 2 to 3:15 p.m. on Monday, April 29.

The four-day literary arts festival also will showcase poets Chris Baron, Heather Eudy and Cali Linfor to launch their new book, “Lantern Tree: Four Books of Poems.” Judy Reeves, founder of San Diego Writers Ink and author of “A Writer’s Book of Days” will host a workshop and lecture.

Other events include California authors and their works, preternatural and paranormal literature, student readings and writing on the experience of being Mexican in America.

For a complete schedule of events, go to www.grossmont.edu/english/festival. All events will be held in Griffin Gate on the Grossmont College campus, and are free and open to the public.

Grossmont College is located at 8800 Grossmont College Drive in El Cajon. For driving directions and a campus map, visit “campus information” at www.grossmont.edu