

It is with particular pleasure, Madam Chancellor, that I present to you Antonine Maillet, acclaimed Acadian novelist whose presence in Canadian letters gives voice to the people to whom she belongs. The Canadian tapestry is knit of distinct cultures and the work of Antonine Maillet sings out our diversity.

Born in Buctouche, New Brunswick, from a very young age Antonine Maillet's sense of *l'Acadie* was a land to recover, tied to a notion of culture made present

Notre Dame Sacre Coeur through whom she learned to express herself fully. With their guidance she discovered both the world and the realm of learning, taking a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Collège Notre-Dame d'Acadie and a Master of Arts