



NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Elizabeth Tadie
Marketing Director
(225) 344-5272, ext. 125
etadie@lasm.org
100 River Road South
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

October 26, 2009 — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York Times Best-selling Author Speaks at LASM

BATON ROUGE, LA — On November 1, Dava Sobel, author of the award-winning best-seller, *Galileo's Daughter*, will speak at 2:00 PM in the Adalié Brent Auditorium at Louisiana Art & Science Museum. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Galileo's Daughter (Penguin, 2000) revisits the life of the great Italian scientist through the eyes of his eldest daughter, a cloistered nun. The *New York Times* said, "Sobel is a master storyteller. . . . Reading *Galileo's Daughter*, we hear Galileo's voice, we sense his pain and share his excitement, and once again we marvel at how the human mind, and heart, can lift so much." Sobel bases her book on 124 surviving letters to the scientist from the nun.

Sobel is an award-winning former science writer for the *New York Times* and is also the author of *Longitude* (Penguin, 1996) and *The Planets* (Viking, 2005).

Galileo's Daughter won the 1999 *Los Angeles Times* book prize for science and technology and a 2000 Christopher Award, and it was a finalist for the 2000 Pulitzer Prize in biography.

This talk is funded in part by a grant from the Southern Arts Federation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. It is also supported by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, the Greater Baton Rouge State Fair, Catholic High School, and St. Joseph's Academy.

To set-up an interview with the author please call (225) 344-5272, ext. 125. Visit www.lasm.org for more information on the lecture.

###