

Sir Derek Alton Walcott KCSL OBE OM OCC

Sir Derek Walcott was born on the 23 January 1930 in Saint Lucia. He was a Saint Lucian poet and playwright. In 1992 he received a Nobel Prize in Literature. In addition to winning the Nobel Prize, Sir Derek Walcott received many literary awards over the tenure of his career which includes the following: Obie Award in 1971, T. S. Eliot Prize for his book of poetry in 2010 , Griffin Trust For Excellence in Poetry Lifetime Recognition Award in 2015. OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature and an Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2004.

Sir Derek Walcott held the Elias Ghanem Chair in Creative Writing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2007. In 2008 he gave the first Cola DeBrot Lectures. In 2009, Walcott commenced three-year scholar-in-residence position at the University of Alberta. In 2010, he became Professor of Poetry at the University of Essex.

Sir Derek Walcott was one of the first knights of the Order of Saint Lucia. He passed away on the 17th May, 2017.

