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**Poetry Foundation Presents**  
**Poetry Day with Robert Hass**

CHICAGO—The Poetry Foundation, publisher of *Poetry* magazine, is pleased to announce that Robert Hass, the award-winning poet, translator, environmentalist, and former poet laureate, will be the featured speaker at this year's Poetry Day celebration.

**What: Poetry Day featuring Robert Hass**  
**When: Tuesday October 17, at 6:00p.m.**  
**Where: Fullerton Hall, The Art Institute of Chicago, 111 South Michigan Avenue**  
**Tickets: \$15, \$10 for students and seniors, to reserve seats please call 312.787.7070**

Robert Hass is the author of several volumes of verse, most recently *Human Wishes* and *Sun Under Wood*, as well as numerous translations of the late Nobel Laureate Czeslaw Milosz, his colleague at Berkeley. Selected by Stanley Kunitz as the Yale Younger Poet in 1973, Hass is also the author of the essay collection *Twentieth Century Pleasures*. He is the founder of River of Words, an organization that promotes environmental and arts education in affiliation with the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

Inaugurated by Robert Frost in 1955, Poetry Day is one of the most distinguished poetry reading series in the country, having presented T. S. Eliot, Elizabeth Bishop, Carl Sandburg, W. H. Auden, Anne Sexton, John Ashbery, James Merrill, Adrienne Rich, Gwendolyn Brooks, Rita Dove, Billy Collins, Seamus Heaney, and Derek Walcott.

Hass, 56, served as poet laureate of the United States from 1995 to 1997. He lives in California and teaches at the University of California, Berkeley.

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