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Poetry Foundation Presents
Poetry Off the Shelf with Martín Espada
Poetry reading and discussion

CHICAGO —The Poetry Foundation, publisher of *Poetry* magazine, announces a reading and discussion with poet Martín Espada.

What: *Poetry Off the Shelf with Martín Espada*
When: Thursday, March 15, 6:00pm
Where: The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago

Admission is free, but seating is limited and reservations are required.
For reservations call (312) 787-7070.

Poetry Off the Shelf is a landmark Chicago reading and conversation series that regularly makes contributors to *Poetry* magazine available to discuss essential themes in their work and answer audience questions.

Called by Sandra Cisneros “the Pablo Neruda of North American authors,” Espada traveled to Chile in July 2004 to take part in the commemoration of the Neruda centenary. The heart of Espada’s new collection, *The Republic of Poetry*, is a cycle of Chile poems. This is a narrative of creation, destruction and redemption: Neruda’s house in Santiago, wrecked by the military during the coup and rehabilitated in a democratic Chile. A former tenant lawyer, Espada is a professor in the English Department at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, where he teaches creative writing and the work of Pablo Neruda.

For further details, and to sign up to receive email notices of Poetry Foundation events, please visit www.poetryfoundation.org.

About the Poetry Foundation

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