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**Poets House's 16th Annual Poetry Walk Across the Brooklyn Bridge
Features Poetry Readings from City Hall to Fulton Ferry Landing**

*Join Poets House's Annual Benefit on Monday, June 13 at 6:30pm with Terrance Hayes,
Galway Kinnell, Thomas Lux, Eileen Myles and special guest, Actor Bill Murray*

New York, NY, May 18, 2011 — Join **Terrance Hayes, Galway Kinnell, Thomas Lux, Eileen Myles** and special guest, Actor Bill Murray, along with hundreds of other poetry lovers, for the Poets House Annual Poetry Walk Across the Brooklyn Bridge on June 13th, 2011. For the 16th consecutive year, guests of Poets House's "Bridgewalk" will revel in the words of award-winning poetry greats Walt Whitman, Marianne Moore, Langston Hughes, Hart Crane and other writers who celebrate New York City and the Brooklyn Bridge – one of the City's architectural gems – in their work.

The Poets House Bridgewalk will begin at 6:30pm in the small park just outside of the Municipal Building at 1 Centre Street, will proceed across the bridge, featuring readings en route, and conclude in Brooklyn at sunset with a reading of Walt Whitman's "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry." The walk will be followed by a celebratory dinner and more readings at Bubby's Brooklyn.

The Poetry Walk is an annual benefit for Poets House, and all proceeds support its programs and services, most of which are free to the public. Poets House is one of the nation's most comprehensive poetry libraries, in a beautiful setting on the Hudson River that welcomes, free of charge, everyone from Pulitzer Prize winners doing research to students working on school work, from corporate sector analysts looking for a poem to read at a wedding to class trips from all over the five boroughs.

Tickets for the Bridgewalk begin at \$250 (\$225 for Poets House Members). Reservations are required. For details or to make reservations, contact Krista Manrique at (212) 431-7920, ext. 2830 or krista@poetshouse.org

Poets House is a national poetry library and literary center that invites poets and the public to step into the living tradition of poetry. Poets House – through its poetry resources and literary events – documents the wealth and diversity of modern poetry and stimulates public dialogue on issues of poetry in culture. Founded in 1985 by poet Stanley Kunitz and arts administrator Elizabeth Kray, the over-50,000-volume library has created a home for all who read and write poetry. In the summer of 2009, Poets House moved to its permanent home at 10 River Terrace in Battery Park City and opened to the public on September 25, 2009. Now in its new home and preparing for its 25th anniversary of public programming next year, Poets House is brimming with readers, writers, children’s class trips and program audiences. For more information about these events and Poets House in general, call (212) 431-7920 or visit www.poetshouse.org, and join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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