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PUBLISHED AT THE POETRY RESOURCE CENTER, MAY 1977

YES! A POETRY FESTIVAL

Today we got money for poets.
call them! Send golden announcements!
yes, we are rich!
let the money work for us!

Tomorrow we meet/ our collective
steaming idealists ready for talk
It will be wonderful we will
have a festival people will
come in colored wagons
across rivers over mountains
journeying on highways in summer heat
we will read poetry on the beach
in the classroom
Grand Valley will be known for
honoring famous poets
Yes!

Then I will clean away cigarette butts &
dirty coffee cups
write up memos of meetings and lists of work to be done
as the weight of \$9,000 deposits
itself at the base of my back
coagulates into one huge knot of tension &
gradually spreads up my spine
leaving me paralyzed unable
to move to function
but the members of the collective say
O but there is work to be done.
we must notify the poets
draw colorful posters
& mail them across the nation
it will ha-pen soon. time
is money.



Lori Eason, Co-Organizer, National Poetry Festival

FESTIVAL REPORT

As you may have inferred from Lori Eason's poem, we have had an initial go ahead from the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant will cover the expenses of bringing the poets and writers and artists here, and we are applying elsewhere across the state for more money for publicity and documentation. The Festival is on. T-shirts, press releases, and advertisements, will be appearing soon. If they don't, let us know and we'll be sure to send you some. Also watch for announcement brochures and a Festival Newsletter.

As in previous years, we are keeping our registration fees to the absolute minimum. Only \$50 for the entire week-long Festival. There will be fifteen poets and writers, three or four small press people who will do technical workshops, dance, poets' theater, and music, as well as multi-media presentations. We'll have discussions, workshops, performances, and readings. The poets and writers in residence at the Festival will be: Russell Edson, Ted Enslin, Kathleen Fraser, Etheridge Knight, David Ignatow, Ai, Jessica Hagedorn, Anne Waldman, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Lyn Lifshin, David Meltzer, Ishmael Reed, Marge Piercy, and two other writers who may come are Patti Smith and Susan Griffin.

Again, the dates are August 1 - 8. We'll see you there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Human Press and Detroit Alternative Schools are assembling poetry by people ages 7 to 70 for a limited edition poetry packet. The packet will be loosely centered around the theme NEW VIEWS and consist of some combination of magazine, poster, broadsides, and postcards. The collection will be arranged with simple artistic taste in mind. Submissions and inquiries are welcome and should be sent to: THE HUMAN PRESS, 60 EAST HARPER, DETROIT, MI 48202. The deadline is May 16. Price will be small and contributors will receive two copies of the printing.

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THE SECOND POETRY FILM FESTIVAL

Filmmaker-poets are invited to submit their poetry-films to the 2nd Poetry Film Festival, to be held at San Francisco State University on May 12 and 13. Deadline for entry is May 1. Entries must embody poetry in narrated or captioned form. Applications and details

are available from the Festival, 2 Casa Way, San Francisco, Ca 94123.

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RADIO FOETRY PROGRAMS

Poets Today, a weekly radio program of readings by American poets, will resume in May over the University of Michigan FM Stations WUCM, 91.7 in Ann Arbor, and WVGR, 104.1 in Grand Rapids. The readings, recorded at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and the Library of Congress, will be heard on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm.

The schedule is as follows:

May 22 - Maxine Kumin	May 29 - Czeslaw Milosz
June 5 - Denise Levertov	June 12 - Charles Simic
June 19 - Reed Whitmore	June 26 - Dabney Stuart
July 3 - Laurence Lieberman	July 10 - Anne Waldman
July 17- Stanley Kunitz	July 24 - Stanley Kunitz
July 31 - Richard Hugo and Diane Wakoski	
August 7, 14, 21, and 28 - Michael Harper, Robert Hayden, and Gwendolyn Brooks (in four parts)	

The four programs in August feature Harper, Hayden, and Brooks reading their own work and that of other black poets in celebration of Black History Month (February).

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The PORTLAND POETRY FESTIVAL is also coming up this summer. The dates are August 10 - 14, and always free. There should be quite a few Michigan poets making the National Festival - Portland Festival circuit this summer, including us from the Poetry Center. Write to us or them for more information.

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Have any articles, reviews, or special reports on poetry activities? Send them in to our Newsletter, we'd like to turn this publication over to you, our readers.

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HAPPY MAY DAY FROM THE POETRY RESOURCE CENTER

MICHIGAN POETRY CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 1 Ethel Chapin Lawton and Ben Tibbs, 4 pm, Battle Creek Civic Art Center, Riverlight Poetry Fair
- 2 De Clinton, 8 pm, Poetry Resource Center, GVSC
- 4 Ralph Story, 8 pm, Wayne State University, Miles Modern Poetry Committee
- 8 Dudley Randall and Richard W. Thomas, 4 pm, Battle Creek Civic Art Center, Riverlight Poetry Fair
- 12 Ken Mikelowski, 8 pm, Wayne State U, Miles Committee
- 12 Howard Nemerov, 8 pm, Olmsted Rm, Administration Bldg, Kalamazoo College
- 13- The Gull Lake English Festival, W.K. Kellogg Conference Center,
15 Hickory Corners, MI. Conference theme: The Writing Dilemma,
A Search for Solutions. Sponsored by the MSU English Dept.
- 15 John Woods and J. Kline Hobbs, 4 pm, Battle Creek Civic Arts Center, Riverlight Poetry Fair
- 16 Jennifer Jarrett, playwright, PRC, GVSC, 8 pm
- 18 Charles Baxter, 8 pm, Wayne State U
- 25 Brad Field, 8 pm, Wayne State U
- 26 Charles Simic, 8 pm, Olmsted Rm, Admin Bldg, Kalamazoo College

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