

The Casa Romantica Reading Series presents:

Favorite Poem Project Community Reading with Robert Pinsky

September 30, 2009



Photo: Ed Chang

Robert Pinsky, the 39th Poet Laureate of the United States, founded the Favorite Poem Project in 1997. Pinsky believes that poetry is a vocal art, an art meant to be read aloud. Our local Favorite Poem Project will feature a broad range of community members reading or reciting their favorite poems at the Casa Romantica.

Call for Readers:

The Casa Romantica Reading Series Committee is looking for approximately ten readers, from a variety of backgrounds, with languages other than English, and with different educational backgrounds and professions. The only rule for the event is that poems read or recited are not poems the readers or their friends or relatives have written, but ones they have read, perhaps many times, and to which they feel a personal attachment. Poems, for example from the great history of American poetry, such as Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, Wallace Stevens, or Robert Frost. A reader might also choose Robert Browning or William Shakespeare, or a poem written in another language, along with an English translation.

Selection Process:

Submit a short biography, the poem you will read or recite, and a brief explanation why you have an attachment to the poem by answering the question: "Why have I chosen this poem from among my favorites?"

Mail your submittals to: Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens, ATTN: Favorite Poem Project, P.O. Box 191, San Clemente, CA 92674

Or email your submittal to: ldullman@cox.net
Submittal date: May 1 through August 31, 2009.

Favorite Poem Project Community Reading: Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 7:00 pm

Readers will be limited to five minutes to read their favorite poem and explain their connection to it. If a poem takes longer than five minutes to read, then an excerpt will do. Participants should be prepared to read or recite their poem, but no other prepared text will be allowed.

For more information call: (949) 498-2139, ex 11
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<http://www.casaromanticareadingseries.org/index.html>



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