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**Poets House's Annual Poetry Walk Across the Brooklyn Bridge
To Honor Poet Galway Kinnell and Celebrate Its 25th Anniversary**

*Annual Poetry Walk to be Held Monday, June 11 at 6:30pm with Marie Howe,
Galway Kinnell, Thomas Lux, Sharon Olds, Tracy K. Smith and Actor Bill Murray*

New York, NY, May 8, 2012 — Join poets **Marie Howe**, **Galway Kinnell**, **Thomas Lux**, **Sharon Olds**, 2012 Pulitzer Prize winner **Tracy K. Smith** and special guest, actor **Bill Murray**, along with hundreds of poetry lovers, for the Poets House Annual Poetry Walk Across the Brooklyn Bridge on Monday, June 11th, 2012 — a grand celebration of New York, poetry and Poets House's 25th anniversary.

This annual event is an “only in New York” experience — a poetic pilgrimage featuring New York-themed readings by poetry greats Walt Whitman, Marianne Moore, Langston Hughes, Hart Crane and other writers who celebrate New York City and the Brooklyn Bridge in their work. The walk begins at City Hall and concludes at Fulton Ferry landing with a sunset reading of Walt Whitman's “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry” by esteemed teacher and Pulitzer Prize winning poet Galway Kinnell. This anniversary year is made even more special by the fact that Poets House is honoring Kinnell with the Elizabeth Kray Award for his service to the field of poetry, his excellence in teaching and his innumerable contributions to the art (the award is named for one of Poets House's co-founders).

The annual poetic pilgrimage begins at 6:30pm in the small park just outside of the Municipal Building at 1 Centre Street, proceeds across the bridge, featuring readings en route and concludes in Brooklyn at sunset. The walk will be followed by a celebratory dinner and more readings at Bubby's Brooklyn.

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The Poetry Walk is an annual benefit for Poets House, and all proceeds support its programs and services, many of which are free to the public. 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. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, Poets House is brimming with readers, writers, children’s class trips and program audiences. For more information about this event and Poets House in general, visit poetshouse.org, and join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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