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**Poets House Announces The 19th Annual Showcase:
A display of All the Poetry Books Published in the Past Year**

Opening: Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 6-8pm (Members Preview: 5-6pm)

On view through Saturday, July 30, 2011

June 15, 2011, New York, NY— Experience the breadth and diversity of contemporary poetry with one of the most exciting events in poetry — all the poetry books published in the United States during the past year gathered together in one place. From micro-press chapbooks and CDs to volumes from major commercial publishers, more than 2,000 poetry titles are gathered together at Poets House's 19th annual Showcase.

The Poets House Showcase opens on Tuesday, June 28 with a Poets House members' preview from 5 to 6pm and a public reception from 6 to 8pm at Poets House, 10 River Terrace (at Murray St.) The exhibition is on view through Saturday, July 30 during regular library hours, Thursday–Friday, 11am–7pm, Saturday, 11am–6pm. Admission is free.

The Showcase is a wonderfully diverse and inclusive exhibition in which books from micro-presses receive the same care and attention as major publishers. Titles gathered include spoken word CDs, translations, anthologies, poetry-related prose (essay collections, memoirs, biographies, scholarly works and more), chapbooks, poetry baseball cards and other poetry objects, volumes by major American poets and more. This year's Showcase Opening will be hosted by poets **Jeanne Marie Beaumont, Alan Gilbert, Rachel Eliza Griffiths, Paul Legault, Carol Muske-Dukes**, and editors **Jill Bialosky, James Copeland, Seth Cosimini, Boni Joi, Dan Machlin, Victoria McCoy** and **Jeffrey Yang**.

The Showcase is made possible by longtime Poets House supporter **Deborah Pease** – an original supporter of *The Paris Review* – who is passionate about the Showcase because it reflects the range, diversity and inventiveness of current poetry publishing.

This year, Poets House is pleased to honor New Directions on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Founded by James Laughlin in 1936, New Directions has published some of the leading American poets of the last century, including books by Djuna Barnes, Robert Creeley, H.D., Robert Duncan, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Denise Levertov, Ezra Pound, Dylan Thomas, William Carlos Williams and Tennessee Williams, as well as many international figures, from Li Po to Octavio Paz. In addition to the celebratory readings on Thursday July 21st, an exhibition of rare books, letters, photographs and ephemera will be on display.

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 on the banks of the Hudson River 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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