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**Poets House's 18th Annual Poetry Walk Across the Brooklyn Bridge
Features Poetry Readings from Manhattan to Brooklyn**

*Annual Poetry Walk to be Held Monday, June 10 at 6:30pm with Elizabeth Alexander, Matthea Harvey,
Galway Kinnell, Thomas Lux, U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey and Actor Bill Murray*

New York, NY, May 8, 2013 — Join poets **Elizabeth Alexander, Matthea Harvey, Galway Kinnell, Thomas Lux, U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey** and special guest, actor **Bill Murray**, along with hundreds of poetry lovers, for Poets House's annual benefit, the Poetry Walk Across the Brooklyn Bridge, on Monday, June 10th, 2013.

This event is an “only in New York” experience — our award-winning guest poets will read the work of poetry greats Walt Whitman, Marianne Moore, Langston Hughes and Hart Crane, among others, in celebration of our city's history and built landscape.

The walk begins at 6:30pm in the small park just outside of the Municipal Building at 1 Centre Street. Readings take place in the park and on the Bridge and culminate with a sunset reading of Walt Whitman's “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry” by esteemed teacher and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Galway Kinnell near Jane's Carousel in Brooklyn. The walk will be followed by a celebratory dinner and more readings at our new dinner location — the historic waterfront Tobacco Warehouse in DUMBO.

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.

About Poets House

Poets House is a 50,000-volume poetry library and national literary center that invites poets and the public to step into the living tradition of poetry. Poets House—through its poetry resources, literary events for adults and children, and exhibitions—documents the wealth and diversity of modern poetry and stimulates public dialogue on issues related to poetry in culture. Founded in 1985 by two-time Poet Laureate Stanley Kunitz and legendary arts administrator Elizabeth Kray, the library has created a home for all who read and write poetry. In 2009, Poets House moved into its permanent home, at 10 River Terrace in Battery Park City, on the banks of the Hudson River. Last year, 65,000 people visited Poets House, and over five million were introduced to Poets House via its new website and national partnerships. For more information about these events and Poets House in general, visit poetshouse.org and join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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