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Poetry in Motion

Poets Will Give Readings Aboard Metro Rail Trains

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By GAYLE ANDERSON

(April 7, 2004) In a month-long series of live poetry readings aboard Metro Rail trains, acclaimed poet Elena Karina Byrne will lead bands of poets in live rush-hour readings in celebration of National Poetry Month in April.

The poetry readings, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., are scheduled on Metro Red Line trains, Thursday, April 8; on Metro Blue Line trains, Thursday, April 22; and in the Metro Gold Line Mission Station plaza in South Pasadena on Thursday, April 29.

Breaking through the rush-hour monotone, the poets will be riding the rails, lifting the heart, and inviting Metro Rail riders to cherish the moment.

The schedule of poetry readings and poets is as follows:

- **April 8: Metro Red Line / Thursday, 4 p.m to 6 p.m.**
Poets Elena Karina Byrne •Kate Durbin •Liz González •Eitan Kadosh •Larry Jaffe •J-son Wooi-chin •Gloria Vando depart from the Gateway Transit Center at Union Station at 4 p.m.
- **April 22: Metro Blue Line / Thursday, 4 p.m to 6 p.m.**
Poets: Noah Blaustein, Elena Karina Byrne, Larry Colker, Dina Hardy, Regina O'Melveny, Elisa Pulido, and Karen Schumacher depart from the 7th Street/Metro Center/Julian Dixon Station at 4p.m.
- **April 29: Metro Gold Line Mission Station plaza /**

Poets on board



Poets Dina Hardy, Elena Karina Byrne, Briony Bax and Danielle Cohn prepare to board Metro Red Line for National Poetry Month rush-hour readings in 2003.



Poet Gloria Vando reads to Metro Green Line passengers on the median platform.



Poets Richard Beban, above, and R. Skye Palkowitz, below, deliver purple passages to Metro passengers aboard Metro Rail trains and in stations during the 2003 event.

Thursday, 4 p.m to 6 p.m.

Poets Therese M. Bachand, Elena Karina Byrne, Catherine Daly, Michael C. Ford, Charlotte Innes, Alicia Portnoy and Antoineta Villamil read their published works and selected poems from a podium in a plaza adjacent to Metro Gold Line Mission Station in South Pasadena. The Metro Mission Station plaza is located at 905 Meridian Avenue in South Pasadena



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The rush-hour readings extend the experience of Poetry in Motion L.A. The work of a number of poets is inscribed on placards placed aboard nearly 2,400 Metro buses, bringing poetry to more than one million bus riders a day.

Poetry in Motion L.A. has staged rush-hour readings during National Poetry Month since its beginnings in 1999.

The month-long celebration of National Poetry Month will culminate in a staged reading and book signing at 4 p.m., April 29, in the courtyard adjacent to the Metro Gold Line Mission Station in South Pasadena. Poets Therese M. Bachand Elena Karina Byrne, Catherine Daly, Michael C. Ford, Charlotte Innes, Alicia Portnoy, and Antoineta Villamil will read their work during the free performance.

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