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Poet Steve Peterson is among group of poets on board Metro Red Line April 14 for National Poetry Month readings.



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Poets Stage Live Poetry Readings on Board Metro Rail for Rush-hour Commuters during National Poetry Month of April

- NEXT UP: Thursday, April 21. Poets Lynne Bronstein, Larry Jaffe, Lynne Thompson, Gloria Vando, and Elena Karina Byrne, plus Hip Hop Emcees SP.83 and Dumbfoundead, will board at 7th Street/Metro Center Station for readings on Metro Blue Line trains from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- LISTEN UP: "[Chasing Poets on the Red Line](#)" Hear or read the KCRW commentary online. Go to www.kcrw.org, select "Arts & Culture", select "The Urban Man."
- TUNE IN: "Poet's Cafe," Wednesday, April 20, at noon, on KPFK 90.7 FM

By GAYLE ANDERSON

April 20 - Breaking through the rush hour monotone, acclaimed L.A.-based poets are riding the rails, lifting the heart, and inviting Metro Rail riders to cherish the moment in celebration of National Poetry Month in April.

The poets are staging live readings of poetry in the Metro Rail system at rush hour from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on three Thursdays in April.

The rush-hour readings are part of *Poetry in Motion*, a national arts program. At Metro, the work of poets is inscribed on placards and 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 inception in 1999.

The month-long celebration of National Poetry Month will culminate in a staged reading at 4 p.m., April 28, in the courtyard adjacent to the Metro Gold Line Mission Station in South Pasadena.

Poets Richard Beban, George Chacon, Michael C. Ford, Liz González, Kaaren Kitchell, Regina O'Melveny, and Elena Karina Byrne will read their work. Admission is free for all readings.

Poet Keren Taylor at Hollywood/Vine Station.

At right, poet Kate Soto on board Metro Red Line.



Poet Keren Taylor is among group of poets reading to waiting commuters at Pershing Square Station.