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Letting the Muse Soothe the Rush-hour Commute



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Poet Eitan Kadosh reads his poetry at North Hollywood Metro Rail Station in first of a series of three "Poetry in Motion" readings on board Metro Rail. Kadosh and poets Laurel Ann Bogen, Jennifer Kwon Dobbs, Florence Weinberger, Antonieta Villamil, and Elena Karina Byrne read to commuters during the afternoon rush hour, April 6.

[Schedule of events](#)

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

April

(April 12, 2006) Acclaimed L.A.-based poets will stage live readings at various points along the Metro Rail System at rush hour on three days of the National Poetry Month of April. The readings personify and extend the experience of *Poetry in Motion ® L.A.*, where the work of 24 poets is inscribed on placards and placed aboard Metro Buses throughout the year. The program brings poetry to an estimated one million Metro Bus riders a day. The readings are a collaboration of the Poetry Society of America and the Metro Art program. The program is coordinated by acclaimed poet Elena Karina Byrne. Admission is free for all readings. -- *From Gayle Anderson*

Poetry Month Events

Thursday, April 13: 7th St.Metro Center platforms of Metro Blue Line, 4 p.m to 6 p.m.

Poets: Ellyn Maybe, Jamie FitzGerald, Catherine Daly, John FitzGerald, Hélène Cardona, Michael C. Ford and Elena Karina Byrne read to rush-hour commuters on the platforms of departing Metro Blue Line trains at the 7th Street/Metro Center/Julian Dixon Station beginning at 4 p.m. If the muse so moves them, poets will board a train to a destination station and stage an impromptu reading aboard the Metro Blue Line, hence, the term *Poetry in Motion*.

Thursday, April 20: Union Station platform of Metro Gold Line, 4 p.m to 6 p.m.

Poets: Liz Gonzalez, Teka Lark Lo, Elizabeth Iannaci, Bruna Mori, Lynne Thompson, Steve Petersen, Sanora Bartels, and Elena Karina Byrne read to rush-hour commuters on the platform of departing Metro Gold Line trains at Union Station beginning at 4 p.m. If the muse so moves them, poets will board a train to a destination station and stage an impromptu reading aboard the Metro Gold Line, hence, the term *Poetry in Motion*.
