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Commuter stands transfixed as poet Brendan Constantine delivers poetic moments during rush-hour readings at Union Station.

Metro Art Presents Live Poetry Readings to Rush-hour Commuters at Union Station April 30

- Union Station is stage for annual National Poetry Month readings as poets invite rush-hour commuters to cherish the moment during National Poetry Month of April
- *Stop and smell the roses on the way home:*
Thursday, April 30, 2009 -- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Union Station East Portal

(April 29, 2009) In a tribute to National Poetry Month and the 11th anniversary of Poetry in Motion® readings in Los Angeles, Metro and the Poetry Society of America present acclaimed California poets Elena Karina Byrne, Brendan Constantine and Mindy Nettifee in a live poetry reading during the afternoon rush hour, April 30, at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles.

Commemorative bookmarks, inscribed with the poetry of Emily Dickinson and Octavio Paz, will be distributed to commuters, passers-by and poetry lovers.

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

Metro, in partnership with Poetry in Motion® L.A., has staged annual rush-hour readings during National Poetry Month since 1998. The alternative space in the context of a transit system has become a welcome platform for the spoken and written word, delivered to delighted audiences by published poets in great performances. -- from Gayle Anderson

