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City of Malibu to Host 2026 Poetry Summit: Vibrant Cycles at Malibu City Hall

(Malibu, CA) — May 7, 2026 - The City of Malibu invites community members to attend the 2026 Poetry Summit: Vibrant Cycles on Saturday, May 16, at 12:00 PM at Malibu City Hall. Hosted by Malibu Poet Laureate Charlotte Ward, the City's premier annual poetry event will bring together a dynamic group of poets, musicians, and artists for an inspiring afternoon of spoken word, live music, and dance exploring the theme of Vibrant Cycles.

"Malibu's Poetry Summit is a wonderful celebration of creativity, culture, and community," said Mayor Bruce Silverstein. "We are proud to support an event that brings people of all ages together through the arts and highlights the incredible talent in Malibu and beyond."

The program will feature readings by local poets, including Ann Buxie, Malibu's fourth Poet Laureate; Eileen Fiori; DeForeest Wright III; Pamela Goldsmith; Jolynn Regan; Tracy Katz; Debbie Pommer-Siegel; Malibu's first Poet Laureate Ricardo Means Ybarra; Patricia Davis; and more. The event will also showcase selected student poets from local schools who have been taught and mentored by Jolynn Regan, Ricardo Means Ybarra, and former Poet Laureate Nathan Hassall.

This free event is open to all ages, and RSVPs are not required. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

Background
The Malibu City Council approved a recommendation from the Malibu Arts Commission to create the Poet Laureate program in November 2016. The Commission's goal is for the Poet Laureate to keep poetry as an integral part of Malibu's artistic landscape and expand support for poetry within community arts programming.

The Poet Laureate serves as the official Consultant in Poetry to the City of Malibu and the Malibu Library, helping create or participate in an annual Poetry Invitational event. The Poet Laureate also represents the City at literary and poetry events and works with the Laureate Committee to promote poetry and literary arts in local schools and throughout the community.
For more information, visit **www.malibucity.org/poetry**.

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