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POET THOMAS LUX JOINS ACCLAIMED WRITERS AT 4TH ANNUAL MIDWEST LITERARY WALK

CHELSEA, MI (February 22, 2012) — Poet Thomas Lux, who has received grants and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, Mellon Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts, will read from his latest work at the 4th Annual Midwest Literary Walk on Saturday, April 21. The public is invited to enjoy sequential readings by Lux and other, internationally known poets and authors at venues in downtown Chelsea, from 11am to 5pm.

Also reading at the event are Jerry Dennis, one of America's most celebrated writers about nature and the Great Lakes; David MacGregor, playwright and resident artist at the Purple Rose Theatre; Rev. Robert Jones, champion of American Roots Music; Lolita Hernandez, industrial Detroit poet; Jeff Kass, performance poet and director of Literary Arts at Ann Arbor's Neutral Zone, and Onna Solomon, Ann Arbor poet focusing on families.

Award-winning Detroit poet, educator and arts activist ML Liebler will emcee the event for the fourth year. One of the Literary Walk's founders, Liebler will team up with Rev. Jones to present a unique blend of music and poetry during one of the readings.

Local poets and authors will again have the opportunity to read their own work at the Community Open Mic. Readers are limited to three minutes and can sign up the day of the event.

The Midwest Literary Walk is a joint venture between Chelsea Center for the Arts, River Gallery, Chelsea Writers' Workshop and Chelsea District Library, with support from Nicola's Books. The featured authors' books, provided by Nicola's, will be available for purchase at the River Gallery throughout the day.

This year, Main St. area restaurants and some stores will offer special discounts to visitors presenting Literary Walk programs during and after the event. For more information, visit midwestliterarywalk.wordpress.com.

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River Gallery Fine Art Your resource for all things fine art, located in the heart of downtown Chelsea. For more information, visit chelsearivergallery.com.

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