



The Cooked and Eaten Reading Series
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CALL FOR POETS - APRIL 17, 2009

The Cooked and Eaten Poetry of Everyday Life Marathon.

Do you write poetry? Do you read poetry? Do you love poetry? Do you hate poetry?

Here's your chance to spring poetry on an unsuspecting world. Fifteen minutes is all it takes.

From 9am to 9pm on Friday, April 17, 2009, poets all over Canada and in the U.S. will be speaking poetry aloud to random passers by, to assembled audiences or to no one in particular. Take part and have your poetry **join the flock of words that will fly across the country.**

How do you participate?

Anytime **before April 17th, sign up for a time slot by filling in our online form.** (follow the links from cookedandateen.com) You can choose any time of day and any length of time. You can read alone or with a group of friends. Ideally you'll read in a public place and expose your poetry to the light, but you are welcome to read in your bedroom closet.

How does it work?

On the day of the marathon a poet will start reading 15 minutes of poetry at 9am at their chosen location. As soon as they're finished another poet (they could be anywhere) will read for 15 minutes, when that poet is finished, another will start reading in yet another location. And on it will go throughout the day until 9pm.

You may get an incredible feeling on the day of the Marathon. As you get ready to start your reading you know there is another poet somewhere finishing up and as you finish, you know there's someone out there to carry on. Poets feel connected from coast to coast.

Where are all the other poets?

A couple of days before the event we will distribute a schedule of all the poets who have signed up. The schedule will appear on the web page and go out to the Cooked and Eaten email list, the Facebook group and be added to several other poetry lists and newsletters.

What will happen to all this poetry?

Poets are encouraged to create documentation of their reading: video, audio, still photography, sketches or a combination of the above. These records will be posted the Cooked and Eaten website.

Don't be shy. This is about bringing poetry in all it's forms to all the corners of daily life. If you've got fifteen minutes of poems, or can make one poem last 15 minutes, you're in. If you aren't a poet, but have a favourite poem or three you'd like to read, you're in. If you do performance poetry or spoken word, all the better. If you know a number of poets, get together to read for an hour or share 15 minutes.

Each reader who signs up is emailed a printable .pdf of a Poetry of Everyday Life Marathon poster to put up and flier to hand out at his or her chosen venue explaining the event to passers by.

Where have people read their poetry in past marathons?

Bookstore, hospital, street corner, hotel, shopping mall, art gallery, cafe/restaurant, retail store, bus stop, on a plane, favourite park, theatre, school/classroom, backyard party, farm, at home, sculpture garden, under and old growth tree, in a canoe on a lake, library, to a cherry tree in bloom, at the beach, at the gym.

Take this opportunity to be part of a cross country day of guerilla poetry.

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