

# Todd Hearon

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Announcing the 2015 Dartmouth Poet in Residence at The Frost Place

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**The Frost Place and Dartmouth College are pleased to announce that the winner of the 2015 Dartmouth Poet in Residence at The Frost Place is Todd Hearon.**

## 2015 Dartmouth Poet in Residence Todd Hearon



**Todd Hearon** is a prize-winning poet and dramatist, co-founder and artistic board member of The Bridge Theatre Company, Boston. His first book of poems, *Strange Land*, won the *Crab Orchard* Poetry Series Open Competition, judged by US Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, and his full-length play, *Wives of the Dead*, was winner of the Paul Green Playwrights Prize (it was subsequently produced at the Boston Playwrights' Theatre). *Strange Land* was noted in *Poetry* magazine and other journals for its "poems of uncompromising beauty" (David Ferry); former US Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky called it "a first book of rare mastery." With these poems he received a PEN/New England "Discovery" Award and the Friends of Literature Prize from *Poetry* magazine and the Poetry Foundation. Since that time, with poems from his book *No Other Gods* (Salmon Poetry), he has received the Rumi Prize in Poetry (*Arts & Letters*), the Campbell Corner Poetry Prize (Sarah Lawrence College), and was a finalist, last year, for the May Swenson Poetry Award, the Vassar Miller Prize in Poetry and the Lexi Rudnitsky/Editor's Choice Award (Persea Books). He received a Dobie Paisano Creative Writing Fellowship from the University of

Texas in Austin, time he devoted to the completion of his first novel, *A Little Space*. His poems and plays have appeared in numerous literary journals including *AGNI*, *Arts & Letters*, *Cincinnati Review*, *Harvard Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *Literary Imagination*, *Memorious*, *Ploughshares*, *Poetry*, *Poetry Ireland Review*, *Poetry London*, *New Ohio Review*, *Salamander*, *Slate*, *Southern Review* and *Southwest Review*. He lives and teaches in Exeter, New Hampshire.

**Todd Hearon on being named the 2015 Dartmouth Poet in Residence at The Frost Place:**

“This is such an inspiring and invaluable opportunity—an investment of trust and rich boost in confidence—to be able to live and work where life and work have for so long been meaningful to poets and writers. The fellowship is intended for a poet ‘at the crossroads’ of a career; I certainly find myself there and intend to use my time at The Frost Place to drive my work to the utmost extent of my capabilities—wherever that may lead me. For this opportunity, and for the faith invested, I am unspeakably grateful.”

**PALIMPSEST**

**by Todd Hearon**

What was the tongue we spoke when the lotus first  
unfolded from the navel of the god, the one who dreams  
the universe, and in whose ear we must have whispered  
our hunger to hold each other? What were words  
must now be reflex, shudder, blood, be impulse, pulse  
a palimpsest of longing written over

eons, eons ago. If we could scrape  
back bone, back blood, back breath to the original  
dust the dreaming god himself has long  
become, the universal dream a drift of ash  
settling in some dark corner of the sun,  
would we find ciphered there the DNA  
relation to the tongues we speak today  
when we want words to say what words can't say?

(From *No Other Gods*, Salmon Poetry, 2015. Permission granted by the author.)

## **The Finalists for the 2015 Dartmouth Poet in Residence at The Frost Place**

The following were finalists in this year's competition:

- James Arthur
- Malachi Black
- Michael Collins
- Meg Day
- Patrick Ryan Frank
- Christina Hutchins
- Rose McLarney
- Matthew Miller
- Linda Zisquit

This year's contest featured a significant number of worthy applicants. The Frost Place and Dartmouth College thank all the poets who submitted their work for consideration.

**The submission period for the 2016 Dartmouth Poet in Residence at The Frost Place will be October 1 , 2015 to January 5, 2016.**

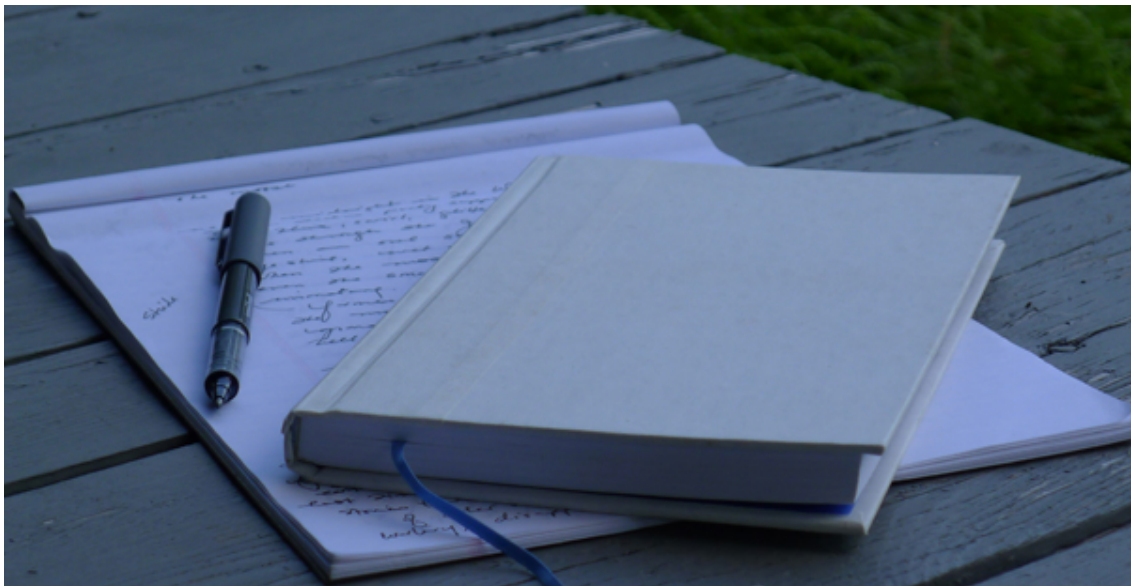
**Poetry Seminar Director, Patrick Donnelly is  
Poet Laureate of Northampton, MA**



Watch this new video of an interview with Poetry Seminar Director, Patrick Donnelly. He reads one of his poems and discusses his recent appointment of being named the Poet Laureate of Northampton, MA.

Study poetry with Patrick at the Poetry Seminar, August 2 - 8th.

[Access the video and watch it here.](#)





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