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POEMS & PINTS SERIES FEATURES EXHILARATING READINGS WITH PREMIER AMERICAN POETS AT THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FRAUNCES TAVERN

**DANA GOODYEAR AND MATTHEW ZAPRUDER, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009
FRAUNCES TAVERN, NICHOLS ROOM, 6:30-7:30PM, FREE
54 PEARL STREET (AT BROAD STREET)**

Presented in partnership with Poetry Society of America and Fraunces Tavern



New York, NY, January 5, 2009 – **Lower Manhattan Cultural Council** and **Poetry Society of America** present the fourth installment of **Poems & Pints**, a series of six monthly evenings with premier American poets at the historic **Fraunces Tavern** in downtown New York City. On Tuesday, February 3, poets **Dana Goodyear** and **Matthew Zapruder** will read their own works and favorite poems by other writers. The series' selection of highly distinguished participating poets include current and past U.S. Poet Laureates as well as winners of the Pulitzer, Bollingen, and T.S. Elliot Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award, and recipients of Guggenheim, National Endowment for the Arts, and McArthur "genius" grants. The poetry readings will take place in the venerable surroundings of the Nichols Room at Fraunces Tavern, a well-known meeting place since 1762 as well as the site of Washington's farewell address and the first State and War Departments. Admission to all readings is free.

For information, directions, and a complete schedule of the participating poets contact LMCC at 212.219.9401 x 118 or www.lmcc.net/poemsandpints.

ABOUT THE POETS:

Dana Goodyear's poetry has appeared in several journals including *The Paris Review*, *Yale Review*, *American Poetry Review* and *The New Yorker*, where she is a senior editor and a frequent contributor.

Matthew Zapruder is a widely published poet and translator, as well as the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the poetry-publishing house Verse Press (now Wave Books). He wrote *American Linden* and *The Pajamaist*. Zapruder teaches at the New School, where he is the co-curator of the KGB Monday Night Poetry Reading Series; he also teaches at Juniper Summer Writing Institute at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and was a Lannan Literary Fellow.

ABOUT THE PRESENTING PARTNERS:

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The Poetry Society of America, the nation's oldest poetry organization, was founded in 1910 for the purpose of creating a public forum for the advancement, enjoyment, and understanding of poetry. Through a diverse array of programs, initiatives, contests, and awards, the PSA works to build a larger audience for poetry, to encourage a deeper appreciation of the art, and to place poetry at the crossroads of American life. www.poetrysociety.org.

Fraunces Tavern is New York City's oldest building, founded in 1762. The Tavern's motto is "Continue the Celebration of Freedom" and it was where George Washington gave his farewell address to his officers as well as the site of the nation's first State Department and first War Department. www.frauncestavern.com.



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