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North Haven Library and Waterman's Community Center to co-host Elizabeth Bishop Symposium featuring literary giants

NORTH HAVEN, MAINE — To commemorate the release of its publication *Elizabeth Bishop: The North Haven Journal 1974-1979*, the North Haven Library will host a symposium on the poet's life and work. The symposium will be held at Waterman's Community Center on August 14 and 15.

With great interest in the book, and, by coincidence, renewed attention to the poet herself, the symposium offers the opportunity to learn more about Elizabeth Bishop – Poet Laureate, Pulitzer Prize winner, member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and widely acclaimed twentieth century poet.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14 with an opening reception followed by a 7:00 p.m. screening of Barbara Hammer's film *Welcome to This House, a Film on Elizabeth Bishop*. The film, which premiered at the Museum of Modern Art in May 2015, analyzes Bishop's work through the lens of her domestic and private life.

On Saturday, August 15 at 8:45 a.m. the symposium will continue with presentations on topics ranging from Bishop as a teacher to her relationship with Robert Lowell. Speaking at the symposium will be inaugural poet Richard Blanco; president and publisher of Farrar, Straus & Giroux Jonathan Galassi; author and scholar Megan Marshall; novelist, short story writer and poet Susan Minot; Poetry Society of America Executive Director Alice Quinn; poet and scholar Lloyd Schwartz; and author and journalist Deborah Weisgall.

Tickets for the symposium are available online at <http://elizabethbishop.brownpapertickets.com/>. People traveling from the mainland who do not wish to spend the night on North Haven may also purchase round trip boat transportation for the film screening, and one-way transportation for the Saturday morning symposium. The event will end in time for attendees to travel back to the mainland on the 12:30 ferry.

Reception and film screening tickets are \$25, and tickets for the Saturday morning presentations are \$15. A combined ticket is available for \$30. Friday's round trip boat reservation is \$30, and Saturday's one way trip costs \$20. Space aboard the boat is limited, so attendees are encouraged to reserve in advance.

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