

Billy Collins Flyer

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Rhodes College presents the acclaimed poet

Billy Collins

United States Poet Laureate 2001-2003

“Billy Collins writes lovely poems...Limpid, gently and consistently startling, more serious than they seem, they describe all the worlds that are and were and some others besides.”

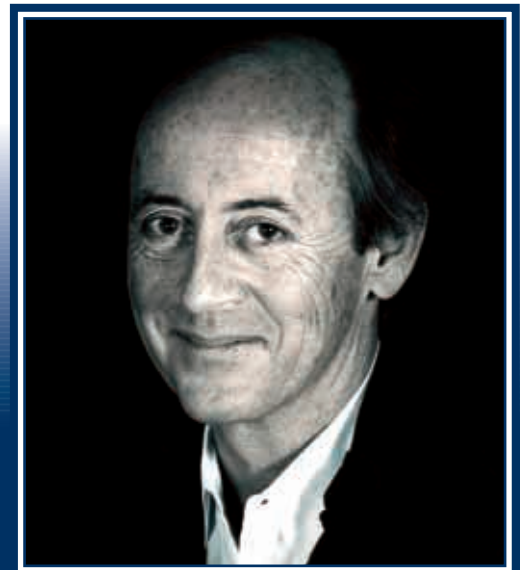
— John Updike

Wednesday, September 22, 8:00 p.m.

McCallum Ballroom, Bryan Campus Life Center

Seating will be by ticket only.

Free tickets for the Rhodes community (one ticket each to Rhodes students, faculty, staff and their spouse or guest up to the capacity of the Ballroom) may be picked up at the McCoy Theatre Box Office (843-3839) starting Monday, August 30. After September 13, remaining tickets will be offered to the Memphis community.



Billy Collins is an American phenomenon. No poet since Robert Frost has managed to combine high critical acclaim with such broad popular appeal. The poems themselves best explain this phenomenon. The typical Collins poem opens on a clear and hospitable note but soon takes an unexpected turn. No wonder Billy Collins sees his poetry as “a form of travel writing” and considers humor “a door into the serious.” Mr. Collins is a Distinguished Professor of English at Lehman College, City University of New York. In June 2001, he was appointed United States Poet Laureate (2001-2003). In January 2004, Mr. Collins was named New York State Poet Laureate 2004-06.



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