



Poet Laureate Linda Rogers



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Heartbeat: Words and Music for Mother's Day

The Pacific Festival of the Book presents **Heartbeat**, featuring performances of poetry and music by poet **Robert Priest**, **Tongues of Fire Slam Poets**, **Carol Ann Sokoloff**, **Suddenly Dance Company's Miles Lowry** and the band **Light Sweet Crude**. It will be held in Centennial Square Sunday May 10 from 2-4 in the afternoon. This is a Poet Laureate-sponsored Mother's Day concert and families are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy free music, poetry and refreshments. Free poetry books for mothers!

Robert Priest is the author of fifteen books of poetry. His most recent book is *Reading the Bible Backwards*. He won the Acorn People's Poetry Award for his now classic *Mad Hand*. His Aphorisms have already appeared in *The Farmer's Almanac* and *Colombo's Canadian Quotations*. Both of his books of poems for children, *Daysongs Nightsongs* and *The Secret Invasion of Bananas* are on the CBC's recommended reading list.

Carol Ann Sokoloff is a writer, editor and songwriter and performer. She currently performs as a vocalist with the jazz trio Trio Espresso. She is the author of books of poetry, history, sufi songs and dances, and illustrated books for children.

Now entering its 16th season, **Suddenly Dance Theatre** consistently presents quality dance works to the public through original commissions, collaborations, and through Romp! A Festival of Independent Dance. They believe the collaboration of dance with other art forms is vital for audience development and for creative regeneration.

Miles Lowry lives and works in Victoria where he is Artistic Co-Director for Suddenly Dance Theatre. Lowry's cinematic poem *Opium*, based on French poet Jean Cocteau, was produced for Canadian television and selected for the 2007 Dance on Camera Festival at Lincoln Center in New York City. Author of six books of poetry, he is also known as a painter, sculptor, photographer and theatrical designer.

Tongues of Fire is a Victoria-based poetry collective committed to the art of spoken word/performance poetry among other forms of literature. They are diverse in background, writing style and lifestyle. As a collective they strive to make poetry more accessible, inclusive and entertaining.

Light Sweet Crude is a folk rock band who perform songs written by Canadian poets Leonard Cohen and Linda Rogers. Band members are Chris Trygg, vocals, Jake Glabraith, bass and pedal steel, Rick van Krugel, mandolin, Andy Graffiti, drums, and Richard Baker, lead guitar.

Sunday, May 10, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Centennial Square - Free and Open to the Public

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