



Poetry is Wanted Here **is Wanted Here**

Dear Friends and Patrons,

As many of you are already aware, for the last two years antiquarian Ken Sanders, poet Alex Caldiero, and former KCPW producer Lara Jones have hosted a monthly feature on KCPW's "Public Square" called "Poetry is Wanted Here." The show is broadcast on the third Thursday of every month and explores poets and poetry through numerous themes and viewpoints, from the poetry of war to limericks to the perceived "snobbery" of poetry and how to get over it and just enjoy. We believe the show is a much-needed spotlight on a part of our cultural landscape that is overlooked far too often and a unique and valuable component to the already outstanding public radio offerings in Salt Lake. The overwhelmingly positive reactions to the show from so many listeners have been a wonderful validation of these beliefs and the impetus for Ken and Alex continuing in their efforts.

Amid the departure of Lara Jones, KCPW's ownership transfer, and continuing programming reviews and modifications, the future of "Poetry is Wanted Here" is unclear. The show is currently terminated and there are no plans to air new episodes at the present time. Of course, Ken and Alex believe that the show must go on, but they need your help to ensure its survival. Whether you are a regular listener of "Poetry is Wanted Here," catch only the occasional installment, listen to the show online, or simply believe that poetry is important enough to deserve a place on the media radar, they ask that you take a few moments to write to the station and express why the show is important, inspirational, influential, or simply entertaining to you. Or contrariwise, if you truly loathe the show and are thrilled that Ken and Alex are off the air because they never read your poetry anyway, let them know that as well. E-mail and snail-mail contact info is available here:

<http://www.kcpw.org/about-kcpw>

Poetry is a varied and dynamic force, one that resonates and "means" something different to each of us, a point best illustrated by two of our greatest wordsmiths:

Poetry isn't a profession, it's a way of life. It's an empty basket. You put your life into it and make something out of that.

-Mary Oliver

A poet's work is to name the unnamable, to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments, shape the world and stop it going to sleep.

-Salman Rushdie

Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ken Sanders Rare Books
on behalf of Alex Caldiero, Ken Sanders and poetry lovers everywhere