

Lawrence Ferlinghetti will be Regents' Lecturer; sponsored by Muir College Dept. of Literature

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FAMED BEAT POET LAWRENCE FERLINGHETTI TO BE UCSD LECTURER

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, one of the original "Beat" poets of San Francisco during the fifties, will be a Regents' Lecturer at the University of California, San Diego May 25-29.

During his stay on campus, Ferlinghetti will present a public poetry reading, titled "Inside the Trojan Horse," on Wednesday, May 27, at 4 p.m. in room 2250 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building. Admission is free. His appearance at UCSD is sponsored by Muir College and the Department of Literature.

Ferlinghetti will also spend time lecturing in various classes, and is the Regents' Lecturer for the annual Undergraduate Arts Festival which begins May 27 with a reception in the Pub.

According to the book "Contemporary Poets," Ferlinghetti "is a writer whose work remains as exciting today as it was in the 1950s when he was one of the founders and the chief impresario of the Beat group of poets."

He is the author of numerous volumes of poetry, a novel, several plays, as well as other writings.

While the Beat generation of poets has declined, "Ferlinghetti remains a powerful force on the scene, not only as an author, but as an editor who has encouraged and published numerous young authors," according to the article.

Ferlinghetti is a native of Yonkers, New York, who holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, an M.A. from Columbia, and a Doctorate de L'Universite from the Sorbonne.

He is the co-founder and owner of the famed City Lights bookstore in San Francisco. During the heyday of the Beat Generation, the City Lights bookstore was a well-known gathering spot for poets and writers.

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