

An evening with

Billy Collins

Former U.S.
Poet Laureate



**Saturday,
September 25**

**7:30 PM
Bemidji High School Auditorium**

**Tickets • \$20 adults
\$10 students**

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Billy Collins, distinguished professor of English at Lehman College in New York, is the author of eight books of poetry. He is appreciated by people who are not usually interested in poetry, but who are captivated by his humor, wisdom, and perfect timing. His poems are like little stories, always with a punch line. Audience response to Billy's readings sounds more like people watching fireworks, not that of polite folks listening to a quiet and formal reading.

But of course, I also see poetry as a place to make mischief, to be bad, to step on sensibility . . . Poetry is the most egotistical form of writing, and along with it can go so much pretentiousness and preciousness that it's always good to set off some firecrackers sometimes. – Billy Collins

... an American Phenomenon. No poet since Robert Frost has managed to combine high critical acclaim with such broad popular appeal.

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