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First Friday Pre-Party Honoring Indiana's Poet Laureate to Feature Jazz and Poetry

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana Humanities Council will host a send-off party for **Indiana Poet Laureate Norbert Krapf**, featuring several of his favorite collaborators, on **Friday, June 4**. Krapf's two-year term as IPL, a hallmark of which has been to "reunite poetry and music," concludes at the end of June.

Join the Council **from 5-7 p.m.** at its Old Northside headquarters, in the historic Meredith Nicholson House at **1500 North Delaware Street**, for a serving of poetry and jazz, as well as complimentary food and wine.

In support of IDADA's First Friday tour, the Council pairs art exhibits with humanities-inspired programs and receptions on the first Friday of every month.

"First Fridays in Indy are a chance to strengthen our community through conversations about arts and culture," said **Keira Amstutz**, president and CEO of the Indiana Humanities Council. "We encourage the community to drop by for good food and good conversation."

To help Krapf say *Auf Wiedersehen* in style, three poets in his "**Airpoets**" group will read their poems included in stained-glass panels created by Martin Donlin at the new Indianapolis Airport. Joining Krapf for the jazz portion of the evening will be pianist **Monika Herzig** and violinist **Carolyn Dutton**.

"I like to present poetry in ways in which it's not usually experienced," said Krapf.

An exhibit of **photographs** of interior Chatterbox Jazz Club images by artist **DeAnne Roth** will be on display. Also, Krapf will arrange a display of **framed broadside editions** of his poems, some with original illustrations.

All First Friday events attract visitors to the Indiana Humanities Council, located in the former home of Indiana author Meredith Nicholson, at 1500 N. Delaware Street. **Hors d'oeuvres and beverages** will be provided.

The Indiana Humanities Council connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage people to think, read, talk and listen. Learn more at www.indianahumanities.org.

