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Award Winner Marie Howe visits Tulane as the 13th Annual Florie Gale Arons Poet

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As part of a long-standing tradition of honoring women poets, Marie Howe will visit New Orleans this month as Tulane’s Arons Poet. While here, she will do a public reading on the uptown campus on Monday, November 7 at 7:30 pm in the Woldenberg Auditorium, as well as conduct a poetry-writing workshop for young local writers.


Peter Cooley, Professor of English and Director of Creative Writing at Tulane, notes that Howe’s work has produced some of the most moving and elegant poems about death, mourning, and how to go on with living after losing someone close. Some of her work focuses on the AIDS epidemic, and Cooley notes her writing is of the highest caliber, “She has written the most moving account possible in poetry about AIDS— how it affects the lives of those around the AIDS victim.”

The most unique aspect of this program is the hands-on mentoring provided to young writers. While the reading is open to the public, the poetry-writing workshop is by invitation only. It will be held with a small group of ten to fifteen students and creative writing instructors from throughout New Orleans. Attendees will be selected from Tulane, the University of New Orleans, and Lusher High School. Howe will work one-on-one with each student on their own work, giving them access to her professional and creative expertise.

The Newcomb College Institute sponsors all of the events with Marie Howe thanks to generous funding from the Florie Gale Arons Fund. Executive Director Sally Kenney sees the Arons Poet Series as way to connect the university’s service mission with Newcomb’s legacy of support for the arts. “Florie Gale Arons won a prestigious poetry prize as a student at Newcomb College and loved nothing more than writing poetry and attending poetry workshops. She passed on this passion to her three daughters who created this wonderful program as her legacy. This bequest allows students and members of the community not only the opportunity to meet and hear a great living poet, but to work with her closely over several days.”
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