

Mountain Writers Series



Writing the Short Poem A Poetry Workshop with John Brehm

Mondays, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

July 6 - August 10, 2015

TaborSpace - 5441 SE Belmont - Portland OR 97215

Writing the Short Poem. Shakespeare said it best: "Brevity is the soul of wit." In this six-week poetry workshop, we'll explore the pleasures of compression, the reverberations of a single gesture, the freedom of just saying one thing. We'll look at examples by A.R. Ammons, Anna Swir, Yannis Ritsos, Ron Padgett, Kay Ryan, Frank O'Hara, Anna Kamienska, Tomas Tranströmer, and others, as well as ancient Chinese and Japanese poets. Weekly prompts will guide you to try your hand at different kinds of short poems and to devise a distinctive short form of your own.

- **Meets:** Mondays, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, July 6 - August 10, 2015
- **Cost:** \$290 (6 three-hour sessions)
- **Location:** TaborSpace (5441 SE Belmont, Portland 97215)
- **Enrollment:** Minimum 5, maximum 10 participants.

Register securely online through Paypal at www.mountainwriters.org or send check payable Mountain Writers Series to MWS at 2804 SE 27th, #2, Portland, OR 97202. See www.mountainwriters.org for details about deposits.

John Brehm is the author of two books of poetry: *Sea of Faith*, which won the 2004 Brittingham Prize, and *Help Is on the Way*, which won the 2012 Four Lakes Prize, both from the University of Wisconsin Press. Brehm has published a chapbook, *The Way Water Moves*, from Flume Press (2002) and was the associate editor for *The Oxford Book of American Poetry* (2006). His poems have appeared in *Poetry*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *The Southern Review*, *Boulevard*, *Gulf Coast*, *The Missouri Review*, *New Ohio Review*, *The Best American Poetry 1999*. He has taught at Cornell, Emerson College, and Portland State University and received fellowships from Oregon Literary Arts and Yaddo. From 1996-2008 he lived in Brooklyn, working as a freelance writer and as a senior copywriter at Oxford University Press. He currently lives in Portland.



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