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THE CORCORAN PRESENTS
THIS VERSE BUSINESS: A FROST-EYE VIEW OF POETRY AND OTHER THINGS
ANNUAL DUDLEY MEMORIAL LECTURE
October 3, 2011

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This fall, the Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design presents the Capital-region premiere of *This Verse Business: A Frost-Eye View of Poetry and Other Things* by A.M. Dolan, starring renowned actor **Gordon Clapp**, on **Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7 p.m.** The piece delves into the wide-ranging interests of the great American poet Robert Frost (1874-1963). This is the first time that a play is being presented for the annual Dudley Lecture.

This one-man show stars Gordon Clapp, best known for his Emmy Award winning role as Detective Greg Medavoy on *NYPD Blue* and his Tony-nominated role as Dave Moss in the 2005 Broadway revival of *Glengarry Glen Ross*. Most recently, Clapp starred as Ethan Hawke's father in the critically acclaimed *Blood From a Stone* with The New Group in New York. Frost's poems are woven into the fabric of the play—providing an evening filled with humor, fine storytelling, and those still moments when we are alone with ourselves, in a wood on a snowy evening.



Gordon Clapp in *This Verse Business*.
Photo: Deb Porter-Hayes.

Tickets for *This Verse Business: A Frost-Eye View of Poetry and Other Things* cost \$16 for Corcoran Members and \$20 for members of the public. For more information, to listen to excerpts, and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://getinvolved.corcoran.org/thisversebusiness>.

ABOUT THE DUDLEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Dudley Memorial Lecture was established in 1984 by Argentina's husband, Robert Whittier Dudley, and their six children to commemorate and perpetuate her life's work and interests. In keeping with Argentina's vision, the objective of the program is to provide memorable and enriching cultural experiences to diverse audiences. The Dudley family established this endowment fund to secure in perpetuity the event—originally known as the Argentina Copello Dudley Memorial Lecture and renamed in this, its 25th year, to honor both Argentina and her husband, Robert Whittier Dudley. The Corcoran welcomes contributions to this important fund. For information about making a gift to the Dudley Endowment Fund, please contact the development office at (202) 639-1752.

ABOUT THE CORCORAN

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, a privately funded institution, was founded in 1869. It was America's first dedicated art museum and today is Washington's largest nonfederal museum of art. It is known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art as well as contemporary art, photography, European painting, sculpture, and the decorative arts. In addition, a dynamic schedule of special exhibitions is complemented and enhanced by a range of educational programming, which together seek to enrich perspectives, support the local arts community, and encourage interpretation. **The Corcoran College of Art + Design** was founded in 1890 and stands as Washington's only four-year college of art and design, offering BFA degrees in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Fine Art Photography, Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Photojournalism; a BA in Art Studies; a five-year Bachelor of Fine Arts/Master of Arts in Teaching (BFA/MAT); an AFA in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, and Photography; and MA degrees in Art and the Book, Art Education, Exhibition Design, Interior Design, Master of Arts in Teaching, and New Media Photojournalism. The College's Continuing Education program offers part-time credit and non-credit classes for children and adults and draws more than 2,500 participants each year. For more information about the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design**, visit www.corcoran.org.



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