

Leadership Lecture Series Welcomes Billy Collins

The speaker series, a cooperative effort between [Dominican's ILS](#) and Book Passage, is celebrating its 10th anniversary at Dominican. Each year, the [Leadership Lecture Series](#) features some of the country's leading figures from the worlds of business, politics, entertainment, academia, and literature. It has entertained and educated thousands of Marin County and San Francisco Bay Area residents.

All lectures are open to the public. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. in Angelico Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Collins, who was United States Poet Laureate from 2001-03 and is a regular guest on National Public Radio. He made his first ever appearance at Angelico Hall to discuss *Aimless Love*, his first volume of new and selected poetry in 12 years.

In October, Collins read poetry for First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden as they hosted a poetry recital in honor of Kalsoom Nawaz Shariff, wife of Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, in the Blue Room of the White House.

The author of several books of poetry, including *Questions About Angels*, Collins was honored with the first Mark Twain Prize for Humor in Poetry and has been awarded fellowships from the New York Foundation for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation.

As U.S. Poet Laureate, Collins read his poem *The Names* at a special joint session of Congress in 2002 to commemorate victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In 2005, Collins recorded *Billy Collins Live: A Performance* in New York City. Collins was introduced by his friend, actor Bill Murray.

The ILS Fall 2013 Leadership Lecture Series is sponsored by Private Ocean, the Marin-based wealth management company.

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