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1 ByWay Books hosts a showcase of poets June 27

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4 ByWay Books & More, 399 Canal St., will host a special
5 showcase of poets from *The Country in the Mirror*, edited by
6 Sharon Darrow and published by Rootstock Publishing, Saturday
7 June 27, from 4 to 6 p.m.

8 This evening of poems of protest and witness will be
9 headlined by Martin Espada, a renowned poet and the first Latino
10 to receive the Ruth Lily Poetry Prize. Espada is a professor of
11 poetry at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

12 Other notable poets reciting will include Rachel Hadas,
13 who has received many awards including the Guggenheim
14 Fellowship and an Award in Literature from the American
15 Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, and Chard deNiord,
16 winner of the Pushcart Award and Poet Laureate of Vermont from
17 2015 to 2019.

18 They will be joined by other Vermont poets: Arlene
19 Distler, Shalom Gorewitz, Terry Hauptman, Nathalie Kramer, Tim
20 Mayo, Stephen Minkin, Eva Zimet, and Sharon Darrow.

21 Edited by Darrow, *The Country in the Mirror* is an
22 anthology of poems written in response to the troubles of our
23 times. Darrow has been a member of the Vermont College of Fine
24 Arts writing faculty for more than 20 years and is an award-
25 winning author of fiction and poetry for children and adults. Born
26 in Oklahoma and raised in Texas, Darrow lived much of her adult
27 life in the Chicago area, and now resides in Vermont.

28 The collection comprises a variety of voices, from new
29 writers to well-seasoned poets, widely published and celebrated
30 from across the United States and Canada. The 90 poets in the
31 anthology hold a mirror to our diversity, freedom of expression,
32 and collective humanity. These poems about immigration,
33 detention, civil rights, loss of voice, climate change, global wars,
34 the right to choose, and more on social and political issues,
35 “remind us of the liberties all of us have as Americans, and to the
36 caution of their loss,” said organizers in a news release.

37 *The Country in the Mirror* is available for purchase at
38 ByWay Books. The poets who read will be available to sign.
39 Other published works by the poets are also available for
40 purchase. The event is free, the public is invited and refreshments
41 will be served. For more information, contact Severia A. Drake at
42 802-490-8014 or contact@bywaybooks.co.

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