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Poets Wyn Cooper, Martha Collins to read at BMAC July

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Poets Wyn Cooper and Martha Collins will read from
their latest books and discuss their work during an evening of
poetry and conversation at the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center
(BMAC) Thursday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m.

“Poetry started as an oral art, and to me it still is,” said
Cooper in a news release. “Hearing poems read aloud, especially
by the poet, is a way into the poems that reading them on the

12 page can't quite match. I'm thrilled to be reading with Martha
13 Collins for the first time, a superb poet — and excellent reader —
14 whose work has meant a lot to me, as well as to the large number
15 of her admirers."

16 Cooper is the author of six books of poetry, including his
17 most recent collection, *The Unraveling*. His poems, stories,
18 essays, and reviews have appeared in publications including *The*
19 *New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, and *Poetry*, as well as numerous
20 anthologies.

21 His work has also found an audience through music,
22 with poems adapted into songs by artists including Sheryl Crow,
23 David Broza, and Madison Smartt Bell. His first novel, *Way Out*
24 *West*, was published in 2022.

25 Collins is the author of 11 books of poetry, including
26 *Casualty Reports* and the award-winning *Because What Else*
27 *Could I Do*, recipient of the William Carlos Williams Award from
28 the Poetry Society of America. In 2025, she received the Golden
29 Rose Award from the New England Poetry Club.

30 A translator, editor, and educator, Collins founded the
31 creative writing program at the University of Massachusetts at
32 Boston and later served as Pauline Delaney Professor of Creative
33 Writing at Oberlin College. Her essay collection *Word Work:*
34 *Essays, Reviews, Reflections* was published in 2025, and *Like Her*
35 *Body the World: Early Selected Poems* is forthcoming in 2027.

36 Copies of books by both authors will be available for
37 purchase at the event and are available anytime in the museum's
38 gift shop.

39 Admission is free. Registration is recommended; walk-ins
40 are welcome, space permitting. To register, visit
41 brattleboromuseum.org or call 802-257-0124, ext. 101.

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