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Reading **RICHARD TILLINGHAST** 7:00 PM, Wednesday September 18, 2013

Tickets \$10/ \$5 students & seniors Copeland Commons at TaborSpace 5441 SE Belmont Street, Portland, OR

Doors open at 6:45 PM

Richard Tillinghast has published eleven books of poetry, a book of translations from Turkish, and four non-fiction books, including *Damaged Grandeur*, a critical memoir of Robert Lowell. His *Finding Ireland: a Poet's Explorations of Irish Literature and Culture* (2008) is an introduction to the country through its literature, architecture, history, and art. In 2012 he published a travel book, *An Armchair Traveller's History of Istanbul*. His recent poetry collections are *The New Life* (2008), *Selected Poems* (2009), *Sewanee Poems (2009)* and *Wayfaring Stranger (2012)*. He and his daughter Julia ClareTillinghast collaborated on translations from the poetry of Edip Cansever (1928–1986), *Dirty August* (2009). Tillinghast's poems are informed by his travels, supported by grants from the Creative Arts Institute, National Endowment for the Humanities, Mary Roberts Rinehart Foundation, and Michigan Council for the Arts, as well as fellowships from the American Research Institute in Turkey, the British Council, and the Irish Arts Council. He was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Harvard and has received the Amy Lowell Traveling Poetry Fellowship. The winner of the Ann Stanford Prize for Poetry, the Cleanth Brooks Award for creative non-fiction, and the James Dickey Poetry Prize, Tillinghast was nominated for the National Book Critics Circle's Nona Balakian Award for Excellence in Book Reviewing. In 2010, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. Tillinghast founded the Bear River Writers Conference, which he directed until 2005. He has taught at Harvard University, University of California at Berkeley, and University of Michigan. After five years in County Tipperary, Ireland, he has moved back to the US and divides his time between Tennessee and the Big Island of Hawaii. He is a fly-fisherman, gardener, cook, and traveler. He also plays the guitar and sings.



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