

The Michael B. Kreps Memorial Readings

The Michael B. Kreps Memorial Readings were inaugurated in the Fall of 1997 and named so after the late Professor Kreps, a Russian poet in his own right, who was a professor of Slavic languages and literatures at Boston College from 1981 until his death in 1994. A native of St. Petersburg (Leningrad at the time of his birth), Kreps emigrated from Russia to the United States in 1974 and did his graduate work at Berkeley. As a critic, Kreps is known for three monographs, *Pasternak and Bulgakov as Novelists* (1984), *On Brodsky's Poetry* (1984; reprint 2007)—which was the first book about Joseph Brodsky, and *Zoshchenko's Technique of Comical* (1986). Author of several books of poetry, Kreps is best remembered for his collection of Russian palindromes, *Mukhi i ikh um* (Flies and Their Intelligence, 1993).

The Michael B. Kreps Memorial Readings feature contemporary Russian émigré writers from around the world. Professor Maxim D. Shrayer (Slavic and Eastern Languages and Literatures, Boston College) serves as the moderator of the series. All readings are in Russian and free and open to the public.

The readings are sponsored by the Department of Slavic and Eastern Languages and Literatures and the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences.

The Readings

6 December 1997
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Aleksandr Andronov
Vladimir Gandelsman
Irina Mashinski
Valentina Sinkevich
David Shrayer-Petrov

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4 April 1998
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Aleksandr Aleinik
Katya Kapovich
Igor Mikhalevich-Kaplan
Marina Temkina
Maxim D. Shrayer

13 November 1999
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Ina Bliznetsova
Dmitri Bobyshev
Ilya Kutik
Marina Eskina

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4 November, 2000
Devlin 101, Boston College

Yuz Aleshkovsky
Philip Isaac Berman
Ludmila Shtern

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2 February 2002
Devlin 101, Boston College

Michail Bezrodnyj
Vasilii Agafonov

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29 April 2006
Gasson 100, Boston College (in conjunction with the Boston College Arts Festival)

Leonid Bulanov
Pavel Grushko
Petr Ilyinskii
David Shrayev-Petrov

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April 5, 2008
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Mikhail Shishkin

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April 28, 2009
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Vera Pavlova

December 12, 2009
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Polina Barskova
Margarita Melkina

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April 30, 2011 forthcoming
Devlin 101, Boston College (in conjunction with the Boston College Arts Festival)

Gennady Katsov
Leon Kogan
Leopold Epstein