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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Russian Poet to Read at USD

Joseph Brodsky, considered by many critics to be the greatest living Russian poet, will appear at the University of San Diego in readings of his work on Monday, November 23 at 8 p.m. in Salomon Lecture Hall. The public is invited to the event, for which there is no admission charge.

Brodsky, now poet-in-residence at the University of Michigan, recipient of honorary doctorates at Yale and Oxford universities, and Guggenheim fellow, came into international prominence in the 1960's, when he was tried by a Leningrad court on charges of being a "social parasite," writing "gibberish" instead of working. He was sentenced by the court to five years at hard labor. Pressures from the world literary community resulted in the commutation of his sentence, but in 1972 he was expelled from the Soviet Union in a move Time Magazine described as "the culmination of an inexplicable secret police vendetta against him that has been going on for over a decade." Brodsky commented "They have simply kicked me out of my country, using the Jewish issue as an excuse."

Since shortly after his exile, Brodsky has made his home in Ann Arbor, teaching and writing poetry which has yet to be published in his native Russia.

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During his appearance at the University of San Diego, Brodsky will read his works in Russian, with Harry Thomas of the USD Department of English delivering the English versions. A discussion period will follow the readings.

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