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AUTHOR/TRANSLATOR EWALD OSERS

TO READ JAROSLAV SEIFERT POETRY

Ewald Osers, translator of more than 80 books, will speak on the life and work of Czech poet Jaroslav Seifert, a Nobel Laureate, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 31, at USD's Manchester Executive Conference Center.

Osers, who became close friends with Seifert while translating his books to English, has lectured at many American universities and is a poet in his own right.

Osers will read Seifert's poetry in English and Czech. Following his program, a reception will be held at which time copies of Seifert's books will be available for autographing.

Born in Prague in 1901, Seifert is considered one of the greatest poets of this century, according to Elizabeth Bartlett, poetry editor of "Cross-currents," a statewide literary magazine. Bartlett arranged for Osers to speak at USD.

The poetry celebration is co-sponsored by the USD English Department and the Czechoslovakian societies of San Diego.

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