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Award-winning poet John Brandi, whose works have appeared in publications around the world, will speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, in the Downstage Theatre (room 101) in Harmon Hall on Lindenwood University's main campus at 209 S. Kingshighway in St. Charles.

Brandi will speak on, "The Absent Traveller: Mountains, Rivers, and Haiku—From Basho to Kerouac." There is no admission charge; the event is sponsored by Lindenwood's MFA in Writing program. For more information, contact Michael Castro at 636-949-4520.

Brandi's dozens of publications include: poetry, travel vignettes, essays, modern American haiku, translations of contemporary Mexican poetry, hand-colored broadsides, and limited-edition letterpress books. Simultaneous with U.S. publication, his books have appeared from publishers in India and Katmandu, and his poems have been printed in newspapers and journals in Italy, France, England, Switzerland, India, and Mexico.

He has given innumerable readings in the U.S., and has been invited to read in Paris, Mexico, and Indonesia. Painter and collage master as well as poet, his solo exhibits include galleries in Houston, San Francisco, Rochester, Milwaukee, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe. He has received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship for Poetry, a Witter Bynner Translation Award, a Djerassi Foundation Residency, the Just Buffalo Writers Award, the Portland State University Poetry Prize, and several N.E.A. awards to publish poetry (1975-1988) as founder/editor of Tooth of Time Books.

His books include: "Heartbeat Geography: Selected and Uncollected Poems, 1966-1994"; "A Question of Journey; Visits to the City of Light"; "Weeding the Cosmos"; and "Reflections in the Lizard's Eye." Among his publications are three collections of haiku. He is the editor of the anthology "The Unswept Path," a seminal collection of haiku by modern writers.

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