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**POETRY READING WITH ROMANIAN POET ANDRA ROTARU & OREGON BOOK AWARD
FINALIST ZACHARY SCHOMBURG**

When: Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 7pm
Where: Literary Arts, 925 SW Washington Street
FREE

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This fall, PICA is pleased to host Romanian poet Andra Rotaru as our CEC ArtsLink Fellow. Please join us Wednesday, November 9th, for a free public reading with Rotaru, and Portland poet Zachary Schomburg. Rotaru will read her work in Romanian followed by poet Donald Dunbar reading the work in English.

Rotaru is a poet and journalist, and the author of two collections of poetry, including *In a bed under a white sheet* and *Southern Lands*. She has received numerous awards, including the Mihai Eminescu National Poetry Prize and The Bucharest Writer's Association Prize. Rotaru's poetry frequently intersects with other artists and practices: she has participated in live poetry performances with jazz musicians and in train stations her first collection of poems dealt with the legacy of Frida Kahlo, and her current explorations involve collaborations with local dancers.

Schomburg was a 2011 Oregon Book Awards finalist in poetry for his book, *Scary No Scary*. He is the author of *The Man Suit*; a DVD of poem-films, *Little Blind Thing*; and *Viking* (forthcoming from McSweeney's in 2012). He co-edits *Octopus Magazine* and Octopus Books. Schomburg regularly collaborates with Emily Kendal Frey and has created a series of short poem-films of his and others' writings.

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