

**WordTemple Poetry Series**  
**Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sebastopol Center for the Arts**  
**6780 Depot Street, Sebastopol**

**MATTHEW ZAPRUDER**



**ALISSA VALLES**



**Matthew Zapruder** is the author of three collections of poetry, most recently *Come On All You Ghosts* (Copper Canyon), winner of the 2010 Goodreads Readers' Choice award for poetry, and selected as one of the top 5 poetry books of 2010 by Publishers Weekly, as well as the 2010 Booklist Editors' Choice for poetry. His poems, essays and translations have appeared in many publications, including Open City, Bomb, Slate, American Poetry Review, Poetry, Tin House, Harvard Review, Paris Review, The New Republic, The Boston Review, The New Yorker, McSweeney's, The Believer, Real Simple, and The Los Angeles Times. He has received a William Carlos Williams Award, a May Sarton Award from the Academy of American Arts and Sciences, and a Lannan Literary Fellowship. Currently he works as an editor for Wave Books, and teaches as a member of the core faculty of UCR-Palm Desert's Low Residency MFA in Creative Writing.

**Alissa Valles** was born to an American father and Dutch mother in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and studied languages, literature and history at the School of Slavonic & East European Studies in London and at universities in the U.S., Poland and Russia; she worked for the BBC World Service, the Dutch Institute of War Documentation, the Jewish Historical Institute and La Strada International in Warsaw, and is now an independent writer, editor and translator based in the Bay Area. Her poetry collection *Orphan Fire* (Four Way Books) appeared in 2008. She has been a recipient of a Ruth Lilly Poetry fellowship and the Bess Hokin Prize from *Poetry* magazine.

She is editor and co-translator of Zbigniew Herbert's *Collected Poems 1956-1998* (Ecco) a *New York Times* Notable Book in 2007, Herbert's *Collected Prose 1948-1998* (Ecco 2010). She acted as poetry editor for the web journal for international literature *Words without Borders*, and was an editor on the anthology *New European Poets* (Graywolf 2008). She is on the editorial board of the Akron Series in Contemporary Poetics and regularly contributes to the *Boston Review*.

**Opening Poet is Abby Lynn Bogomolny.**

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