

ROBERT BLY'S – 34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT MOTHER AND THE NEW FATHER

May 31- June 8, 2008

'No Remedy But Listening'

The Great Mother Conference community has met for over 30 years, each year seeking new ways to attend to the soul of the world. The theme for the Conference this year is "No remedy but listening," and we will be focusing on the power of listening to both nourish and to heal.

Gioia Timpanelli, the red-shinned hawk of storytelling, will each day tell a part of the Grimm Brothers' tale "The Water of Life." Robert Bly, Conference founder, will read new poems in the ghazal form perfected by the Muslim poets. Coleman Barks will share with us both his own poems as well as his exuberant translations of Rumi. Caroline Casey, the purple coyote of astrology, will offer each day her inspiring news of current political and heavenly alignments. Tabla player Marcus Wise and sitar player David Whetstone will bring to us the living tradition of Indian ecstatic music. The Frantzich Brothers will energize us with their music and will also teach workshops bringing out the singer within each of us.

Poets Marie Howe, Cornelius Eady, Li-Young Lee and Valzhyna Mort will be with us this year, reading their own poems and also teaching workshops. Doug von Koss will help us both in the morning and throughout the day to build a temple of melodious sound. Halima and Abraham Sussman, teachers of Sufi dance and song, will guide us in rituals of ecstatic movement. Cellist David Darling will share with us the deep beauty of that instrument; teacher Susan Schell will guide us in exploring moving authentically. Dream-workers and art-teachers Tom Verner and Janet Fredericks will teach a dream workshop this year, helping us to bring those mysterious voices into the day-world. Please join us as we explore the rewards of listening deeply, discovering new ways to nourish both our own souls and the soul of the world.

Scholarships and Work-Study Available!

For 2008 a generous gift from a regular Conference attendee is providing up to 12 Betty Thieme Scholarships for new and younger people who might not otherwise be able to attend. Applications accepted through April 21; decisions announced in early May.

with **Gioia Timpanelli**
Caroline Casey
Coleman Barks
Li-Young Lee
Robert Bly

and other poets,
musicians, and teachers

THE CONFERENCE

The Conference on the GREAT MOTHER and the NEW FATHER was begun by Robert Bly and has met annually since 1975 to consider a wide variety of mythological, poetic, and fairytale traditions. The aim is to create an environment in which participants are able to move toward an understanding between men and women, young and old, and people of diverse cultures, ethnic backgrounds, mythological and ritual traditions. Expect to find interesting opportunities for creative expression in conversation, movement, writing, music and the visual arts.

THE CONFERENCE SITE

This year in 2008, the 34th Annual Conference will be held once again at Camp Kieve. The Camp has many cabins which sit on 200 wooded acres and three miles of shoreline on a peninsula at the mid-point of the length of Damariscotta Lake, in Nobleboro, Maine, 60 miles northeast of Portland. The accommodations are simple with a communal orientation, and feature some recently completed group lodgings. The surrounding natural environment is beautiful and the water pristine.

For registration forms- please see the web site!

If you register as a result of this flyer, please tell us that on your registration form. Thanks

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Camp Kieve, Nobleboro, Maine.

Cost: \$885 (\$850 by check)
includes lodging and meals
\$510 (\$475 by check) for children and teens

Registration Deposit: \$100
Full refunds on deposit available until April
15. Full balance due by May 2.

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