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## **Chinese Poet Xue Di Appears in Free Multimedia Bilingual Reading for Princeton Festival on Sunday, June 23**

### ***“Across Borders” Event at Princeton Public Library Features Classic Chinese Music, Projections of China Landscapes, Prize-Winning Poetry***



PRINCETON, NJ (June 20, 2019) – Award-winning poet Xue Di will give a multi-media presentation of his poetry entitled “Across Borders” as part of the Princeton Festival on Sunday, June 23 at noon in the Princeton Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

The Library is co-sponsoring the free event, which takes place just before the Festival’s premiere performance of the opera *Nixon in China*. Details on both events plus ticket information for the opera are available at [www.princetonfestival.org](http://www.princetonfestival.org).

“Across Borders” will open with projections of gorgeous scenery from China, accompanied by Chinese classical music. Xue Di will read his poetry in Chinese, followed by English translations read by prominent American poet Jonathan Wells.

Xue Di will also take questions from the audience and will offer comments and perspectives in English to heighten understanding about China and its people, and poetry in the East. A book signing concludes the reading. Refreshments will be served.

The poet grew up in China during Mao Zedong’s disastrous Cultural Revolution, when many Chinese and all Western literary works were banned. As a young boy he came across books of forbidden poems and determined to be a poet himself.

He left China after taking part in the 1989 demonstrations in Tian’anmen Square; he has been a fellow in the Brown University Freedom to Write program since 1990.

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For ticket information and a complete listing of events in the Princeton Festival 2019 season, visit [www.princetonfestival.org](http://www.princetonfestival.org) or call 609.258.ARTS (2787).