THE POETRY CENTER
AT PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
is pleased to announce the winners of

THE 2007 PATERSON POETRY PRIZE
WINNERS

CHRISTOPHER BURSK and PATRICIA SMITH
The First Inhabitants of Arcadia and Teahouse of the Almighty
University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, AR
Coffee House Press, Minneapolis, MN

“Christopher Bursk’s The First Inhabitants of Arcadia is an amazing book that is blessed with energy, wit and passion.”
Patricia Smith’s Teahouse of the Almighty is an unforgettable book by a brilliant poet who looks at the world with an unflinching eye.”

FINALISTS
Jack B. Bedell, Come Rain, Come Shine (Texas Review Press, Huntsville, TX)
Douglas Collura, Things I Can Fit My Whole Head Into (Jane Street Press, New York, NY)
Peter Covino, Cut Off the Ears of Winter (New Issues Press, Kalamazoo, MI)
Kwame Dawes, Wisteria (Red Hen Press, Los Angeles, CA)
Thérèse Halscheid, Uncommon Geography (Carpenter Gothic Publishers, Island Heights, NJ)
John Hodgén, Grace (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, PA)
Linda Pastan, Queen of a Rainy Country (W.W. Norton & Co., New York, NY)
Floyd Skloot, The End of Dreams (Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, LA)
Charles Harper Webb, Amplified Dog (Red Hen Press, Los Angeles, CA)

Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Achievement
to previous winners of the Paterson Poetry Prize

Stephen Dunn, Everything Else in the World (W.W. Norton & Co., New York, NY)
Marge Piercy, The Crooked Inheritance (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, NY)
Quincy Troupe, The Architecture of Language (Coffee House Press, Minneapolis, MN)

Paterson Award for Literary Excellence
for previous finalists

Lyn Lifshin, Another Woman Who Looks Like Me (Black Sparrow Books, Jaffrey, NH)
Charles Adés Fishman, Chopin’s Piano (Time Being Books, St. Louis, MO)
Charles H. Johnson, Sam’s Place (Warthog Press, Belmont, MA)
David Ray, Music of Time (Backwaters Press, Omaha, NE)

The Paterson Poetry Prize of $1000 is given annually by the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College to a book of Poetry (48 pages or more) published in the previous year, with a minimum press run of 500 copies.
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