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MDC'S MUSEUM OF ART AND DESIGN PRESENTS *POETRY AND JAZZ*, A PERFORMANCE BY JACK HIRSCHMAN

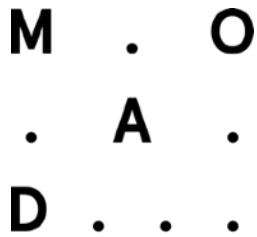
Miami, FL. February 2018 —Museum of Art and Design at Miami Dade College (MOAD MDC), will present *Poetry and Jazz*, an evening of words and music with legendary American poet **Jack Hirschman**. Known as a writer, editor, translator, musician, and political activist, Hirschman will perform with longtime collaborators, the Terni Jazz Orchestra Ensemble. *Poetry and Jazz* will have one performance on Saturday, April 28 at 7 PM at the North Beach Bandshell in Miami Beach.

Poetry and Jazz is part of MOAD's *Living Together*, an exciting cross-disciplinary series of programs that will galvanize Miami audiences with thoughtful and challenging performances and exhibitions that draw from art, music, theater, politics, and poetry. Spread across the city at a wide array of venues, the series features performances, exhibitions, film and video screenings, readings, talks, and workshops that will reflect the cultural, social, and political realities of how we live now. *Living Together* seeks to find new ways to think about civic space and citizenship, to instigate actions and conversations that may help us to reimagine our cities and our lives.

Poetry and Jazz finds San Francisco writer Jack Hirschman joined by the Terni Jazz Orchestra Ensemble for an innovative evening of music, poetry, and politics, featuring the poet's distinctive voice as an integral part of original music compositions. The longstanding collaboration between Hirschman and the group of Italian musicians, led by composer/arranger Marco Collazzoni and saxophonist Francesco Guzzetta, began at the International Poetry Festival in Sarajevo, Bosnia, thanks to the patronage of Casa della Poesia di Salerno, and culminated with the recording of a CD presented at Teatro Valle in Rome in 2014.

Hirschman is one of the most distinctive voices of the American counterculture, known for his radical engagement with both poetry and politics. His long literary career as acclaimed poet, essayist, and translator is interlaced with artists like Charles Bukowski, Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and Lawrence Ferlinghetti. Born in 1933, he grew up in the Bronx and, as a young man, had an early brush with fame when Ernest Hemingway wrote him a letter, later published as "A Letter to a Young Writer."

Hirschman has lived in California since the 1970s. In 2002, he received the Book Award Life Achievement from the Before Columbus Foundation and in 2006 he was named Poet Laureate of San Francisco. Hirschman has published more than fifty volumes of poetry and has



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translated radical poets from around the world from Russian, French, German, Greek, Italian, Spanish, Albanian, Yiddish, Vietnamese, and Creole.

The Museum of Art and Design celebrates its grand opening on April 5, 2018, by presenting *Living Together* at various sites across the greater Miami area from January to September 2018. *Living Together* will include works by 17 of the most acclaimed national and international artists, art collectives, musicians, and writers. Events in the series will be produced by MOAD MDC in collaboration with a range of other Miami institutions, and most events will be free and open to the public. The curators of *Living Together* are Rina Carvajal, Executive Director and Chief Curator of MOAD MDC, and Joseph R. Wolin, an independent curator based in New York.

Living Together is made possible by the generous support of Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council; the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners; the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture; and the City of Miami Beach, Cultural Affairs Program, Cultural Arts Council.

WHAT: Jack Hirschman: *Poetry and Jazz*

WHEN: Saturday, April 28, at 7 PM

WHERE: North Beach Bandshell
7275 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, FL. 33141

Admission is free.

An RSVP is required for admission <http://www.mdcmoad.org/>.

For updates and a full schedule of events, please visit <http://www.mdcmoad.org/>

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