# Poetry, Ecology, Poetics

A combined poetry reading and symposium

John Kinsella (born 1963) is Australia's leading poet of his generation, with more than 30 collections of poetry, essays, autobiography and fiction. His

poetry combines verbal fireworks with great seriousness. The great American critic Harold Bloom, who edited Kinsella's *Selected Poems: Peripheral Light for Norton*, sees him as the contemporary heir of Percy B. Shelley for his sense of the prophetic calling of poetry and political commitment to environmentalism, veganism, indigenous rights and pacifism.

John Kinsella will be performing with his wife Tracy Ryan (born 1964), who is a poet, novelist and translator especially from French. Ryan's poems often take their point of departure in a critical engagement with other poets and in her feminism, but they achieve an often surprising, witty, spiky,

polychromatic effect.

Date Saturday 15 december

Free entrance

# Symposium

2 pm Uni Bastions | B214

Martin Leer Rachel Nisbet Arnaud Barras Lily Dessau Oran McKenzie

# Poetry reading

6.30 pm Société de Lecture Grand-Rue 11, Genève

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