

Public Reading of Homer's *Iliad*
Saturday, April 30, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., followed by reception
Auditorium, Getty Villa

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Who can participate?

People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to participate, and no special training is required.

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How do I sign up to read?

All readers must reserve a space in advance either by going online at www.getty.edu/museum/programs/performances/the_iliad.html or by calling Getty Visitor Services at (310) 440-7300. There is a fee of \$20 per person. You may add guests under your reservation, and you will be responsible for distributing the readings to the other guests in your group.

Note that space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be sure to provide a valid email address or, if no email address is available, a valid mailing address so that we can send the assigned passage(s) to you.

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Are children permitted to read? How do I reserve a space for them?

Readers of all ages are invited to participate, including children. All readers must reserve a space in advance either by going online at www.getty.edu/museum/programs/performances/the_iliad.html or by calling Getty Visitor Services at (310) 440-7300. There is a fee of \$20 per person, whether adult or child. You may add guests under your reservation, and you will be responsible for distributing the readings to the other guests in your group.

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For children who would like to attend but not read, they are welcome to come and sit in the audience. Simply reserve a space for him or her as a "Non-reader."

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What is the difference between a Reader and Non-reader?

Those who sign up as a “Reader” will receive an assigned passage of approximately 45-50 lines to be read on-stage from a podium in the Auditorium. Each passage should take 2-3 minutes to read. After a passage has been read, each reader returns to the audience to enjoy the rest of the reading.

For those who would like to attend but not read, there is some space available for “Non-readers.” Parking, refreshments, and a reception are also included in the Non-reader fee.

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Which translation of the *Iliad* will we read?

We will read from an abridged version of the *Iliad* translation by Stanley Lombardo, published by Hackett Publishing Company, 1997.

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How many readers are able participate?

We can accommodate approximately 150 readers.

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Are there any special rules or guidelines for reading?

There is no right or wrong way of reading Homer. There are only two guidelines to follow: we ask that readers do not apologize and that they make no comments to disrupt the flow of the reading. Just speak clearly and read as you normally do.

Each reader will have strictly 2 to 3 minutes to present his or her passage. If each reader reads just half a minute longer, it results in another hour added to the reading, which would be problematic for the organization of the event.

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When will I receive my assigned passage?

You will receive your assigned passage by email (or regular mail if you do not have an email address) no later than Thursday, April 14. You will also receive a number designating the order in which you will read, and the approximate time of your reading.

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May I read my passage in a language other than English?

Yes. Your passage will be sent to you in English, but you are welcome to read it in the language of your choice by finding the relevant translation according to the book number given.

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May I sing my passage?

Yes. Creative interpretation by singing is welcome.

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How long will I read?

You'll receive a passage of 45-50 lines of text which will take about 2-3 minutes to read.

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What time will I read?

When you register, you may select a preference for a morning, afternoon, or evening time slot. The morning time slot spans 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., the afternoon spans 1:00 pm.-4:00 p.m., and the evening spans 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. If you have no time preference, select "Anytime, no preference."

You will receive your assigned passage by email (or regular mail if you do not have an email address) no later than Thursday, April 14. At that time you will also receive your reader number and the approximate time you will read. Due to the nature of the event and the number of speakers, we kindly ask that you be present and prepared to read your passage **at least 60 minutes** prior to your scheduled time. If you have not checked in 60 minutes prior, your reading may be reassigned.

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Where do I go on the day of the reading?

The Getty Villa is located at 17985 Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. The gates to the main entrance will open at 8:30 a.m. Check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Auditorium. The reading will begin at 10:00 a.m. It is important that you check in as soon as you arrive so we know you are present and we can provide you with stage directions.

We hope that you will make the event a true reading and join us for the whole day. If you are able to attend only a portion of the reading, please arrive so that you can check in and be prepared to read your passage **at least 60 minutes** prior to your scheduled time. If you have not checked in 60 minutes prior, your reading may be reassigned.

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What is included in the fee?

The \$20 fee includes parking, refreshments provided throughout the day, and a reception at the conclusion of the reading at 7:00 p.m.

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May I bring food to the reading?

Food and drink are not permitted in the Auditorium. You may bring a picnic which you may enjoy in the Picnic Area. Food is also available for purchase on-site at the Cafe or Coffee Kiosk. While alcohol may not be brought onto the premises, beer and wine are available for purchase at the Cafe.

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Will I have time to eat lunch?

There will be three 15-minute pauses during the course of the reading, and you are free to come and go from the Auditorium throughout the day. Light refreshments will be provided, and a reception will take place following the reading at 7:00 p.m.

Food is available for purchase on-site at the Cafe or Coffee Kiosk, or you may bring a picnic which you may enjoy in the Picnic Area.

The Cafe is open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and serves Mediterranean fare including soup, salads, paninis, pizzas, pastas, risotto, and desserts. The Coffee Kiosk is open from 10:00 a.m.

until 5:00 p.m. and offers a limited selection of grab-and-go items including soup, salad, hot and cold sandwiches, baked goods and desserts, as well as coffee, hot tea, espresso drinks, sodas and water.

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What is the Readers of Homer?

The Readers of Homer is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that provides a method for reading Homer's epic stories aloud in a continuous audience-participation format and with people of all ages and backgrounds. Their mission is to remember and revivify the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*; to hear, speak, and appreciate great poetry; to honor translators of any language who have given so much to perpetuate Homer; and to share, with a hitherto unassembled community, the joy, richness, and relevance of these two Greek epics. Further information and details about the Readers of Homer can be found at www.thereadersofhomer.org.

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If I can no longer attend, may I cancel and get a refund?

All sales are final, there are no refunds. You may transfer your reservation and reading to someone else. We would appreciate being notified of your absence so that we can reassign your passage or know that someone else will be coming in your place. Please email villaprograms@getty.edu or call Getty Visitor Services at (310) 440-7300.

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For any additional questions, please contact Getty Villa Programs staff at villaprograms@getty.edu.

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