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**THE --YOUR SPONSORING ORGANIZATION– HOSTS MONTANA CONVERSATION “The Foundations of English from Beowulf to Chaucer to Shakespeare”**

[City-Date]

The --your sponsoring organization-- hosts Montana Conversation “The Foundations of English from Beowulf to Chaucer to Shakespeare” with Dave Caserio and Bill Kamowski on [date of program]. The program is at [location of program] at [time of program]. The presentation is free and open to the public. Funding for Montana Conversations is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana’s Cultural Trust, and private donations.

This dramatic, interactive, and sometimes comic presentation traces the progression of the English language from Old English, or Anglo-Saxon, through Middle English, up to Elizabethan English in original pronunciation. From William Langland to William Shakespeare, from the Beowulf poet to Geoffrey Chaucer, from the Canterbury Tales to Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the story of English comes alive through its poems, riddles, comedies, and tragedies. From the ribald to the elegiac, from supernatural villains to star-crossed lovers, Kamowski and Caserio demonstrate that what is old is new. That the myths and archetypes found in our early literature have their modern counterparts in video games, books, and movies and that the evolution of the English language is a continual story of delight and discovery.

Dave Caserio, a poetry performance artist, is the author of *This Vanishing*, a book of poems and *Wisdom For A Dance In The Street*, a CD of poetry and music. Bill Kamowski is an English professor emeritus at Montana State University – Billings and the author of the novel *Buckeye’s Ballet.*

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