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**For Immediate Release**

**THE --YOUR SPONSORING ORGANIZATION– HOSTS MONTANA CONVERSATION “WORD SONGS: BRINGING POETRY TO LIFE” WITH DAVE CASERIO**

[City-Date]

The --your sponsoring organization-- hosts Montana Conversation “WordSongs: Bringing Poetry to Life with Dave Caserio 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. We are funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana’s cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund.

This dramatic, interactive, and intimate program is designed to invigorate and re-kindle one’s passion for poetry. It is an electric, high-energy presentation that brings poetry to life and life to poetry. The content is eclectic and drawn from a diverse array of poetics, cultures, subject matter, and themes—both contemporary and past—and is flexible and easily adaptable to the configurations and requirements of various school curriculums or sponsoring organizations. Ongoing audience participation via question-and-answer and group discussion is whole-heartily encouraged.

Dave Caserio is the author of *This Vanishing* and *Wisdom For A Dance In The Street*, and is co-editor of the anthology series, *I Am Montana: Student Reflections on Identity and Place*. He is a founding member of the Young Poets program at MSUB, conducts writing workshops for the Frameworks program at the Lincoln Center in Billings and is the producer of a series of poetry-in-performance events, most notably, A Feast For The Hunger Moon. Publications include, *Welcome to the Resistance: Poetry as Protest*,*Unearthing Paradise: Montana Writers in Defense of Greater Yellowstone*, and*Poems Across the Big Sky, Volume II*.

For more information, please call --the sponsoring organization– at --phone number--.

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Contact person: --Project organizer and phone number--