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DISTINGUISHED AUTHORS TO
CONDUCT WRITERS RETREAT IN
NEW HARMONY JUNE 2 - 7

Four contemporary authors will conduct workshops in fiction and poetry during the week-long creative writing conference sponsored by the University of Southern Indiana to run June 2 through June 7 in New Harmony, Indiana. The RopeWalk Writers Retreat gives participants an opportunity to attend writing workshops and to confer privately with the authors. They are encouraged to write during the conference, not just listen to others talk about writing. Forty-one individuals have registered for this year's retreat.

The authors coming for the retreat are **Stephen Dobyns**, professor of English and director of the Creative Writing Program at Syracuse University and author of more than 15 books of poetry and fiction; **Amy Hempel**, author of two published collections of stories and nonfiction that has appeared in *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*, and other periodicals; **Michael Martone**, Fort Wayne native and Indiana University graduate who is on the faculty at Harvard, author of *Fort Wayne is Seventh on Hitler's List*, *Alive and Dead in Indiana*, and *Safety Patrol*; and **Heather McHugh**, a poet and faculty member at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina.

Public readings by the authors and receptions slated during the retreat will be open to the public, most of them free of charge. The public is invited to attend Martone reading, June 2, 7 p.m. The Atheneum, New Harmony; McHugh reading, June 4, 7 p.m. Evansville Museum of Arts and Science; Hempel reading, June 5, 7 p.m. The Atheneum, New Harmony; and Dobyns reading, June 7, 5:30 p.m. The Atheneum.

A closing dinner will be informal and outdoors, weather permitting at 7 p.m. June 7 at the New Harmony Inn. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

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