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TWO-TIME CALDECOTT AWARD WINNER, ALLEN SAY, TO GIVE ILLUSTRATED TALK

Allen Say, winner of many distinguished awards for his work, including two Caldecott Awards for children's book illustration, will give a slide-talk about his work and his "work in progress" on Monday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Simon Center, New England College, Henniker, NH. Allen Say's most recent book, *Music for Alice*, published by Houghton Mifflin in the spring of 2004, and examples of his other books for children of all ages will be available for purchase and signing.

Say was born in Yokohama, Japan to a Japanese American mother and a father who was a Korean orphan who had been raised by a British family in Shanghai. Say spent his early years in Japan living with his maternal grandmother, then moved to the U.S. at the age of sixteen with his father. In Japan, he worked as an apprentice to Noro Shinpei, a cartoonist he greatly admired, before turning to a more serious pursuit of the arts at the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles. He has done professional work as a photographer and illustrator, but since 1988 has spent most of his time writing and illustrating works for children. He has written on many topics, including an exploration of the source of the creative impulse in *Emma's Rug*; an adopted child's questions about belonging in *Allison*; and several autobiographical works, *Grandfather's Journey*, winner of the 1994 Caldecott Medal, *Tea with Milk*, and *The Sign Painter*. Say currently lives in Portland, Oregon and will also be hosted by Northeast Cultural Coop for a talk at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, MA on October 27.

Northeast Cultural Coop and The Friends of the Danforth Library invite you to join Allen Say for this informative and entertaining evening about the inspiration and delivery of one man's artistic impulse to tell wonderful stories through words and pictures that are sure to entertain people of all ages. This event is made possible through a grant from The Freeman Foundation and is free and open to all. For additional information, please visit

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