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Award-winning Poet and Translator Comes to Manchester

John Balaban, author of a dozen books of poetry, prose and Vietnamese translations, including four volumes which together have won the Academy of American Poets Lamont Prize, A National Poetry Series Selection, and two nominations for the National Book Award, will read from his work at a reception and book-signing on Sunday, October 22 at 2 pm in the auditorium at UNH Manchester. This even is free and open to everyone.

This reading, sponsored by Northeast Cultural Coop of Amherst, is part of their series *East by Northeast* which is funded by The Freeman Foundation. Balaban's remarkable translations of Vietnamese poetry have become some of the most highly treasured works used in the study of Vietnam's literature. Balaban is a founding director of the Nom Foundation, which is working to preserve the lost Nom language of Vietnam. He will read from his latest book of poetry, *Path, Crooked Path*, published by Copper Canyon Press, and from some of his translations and other books of poetry.

Balaban will be introduced by his dear friend and fellow poet, Maxine Kumin. Books will be available for purchase and signing and refreshments will be served. Visit www.NortheastCulturalCoop.org for details and directions. Call 646-0271 to let us know you are coming to the reception.