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I have said that poetry penetrates to where the body recognizes the stirring of meaning. The English language lacks an auditory parallel to “visualization,” but in that nameless action of imagining the audible shapes of meanings a crucial human power dwells.

—Robert Pinsky, *Democracy, Culture and the Voice of Poetry*

In this issue of *Studio*, I am pleased to present the works of poets Barry Dempster, Brian Dundas, Douglas Kerr, Leigh Nash, Lois Roma-Deeley, Jamie Ross, Ian C. Smith, and Catherine Strisik. Poetry and Education features Douglas Kerr and Clifford Dillhunt. Leigh Nash is our Emergent Poet for this issue, introduced by Priscila Uppal. The Translation section showcases poetry and translations by Bosnian-Canadian Goran Simić. Books reviewed are: *The Book of Longing*, by Leonard Cohen, reviewed by Ewan Whyte; *northSight*, by Lois Roma-Deeley, reviewed by Kate Cayley, and *Made Flesh*, by Craig Arnold, reviewed by Christopher Doda.

In our Prose section, we are honored to have a preview of Annie Finch's new book, *A Poet's Ear: A Handbook of Meter and Form*, forthcoming from University of Michigan

Press. The excerpt included in this issue of *Studio* is an essay titled "The Metrical Compass," an exploration of metrical possibilities for poets and teachers of poetry. Finch includes wonderful examples and strategies, as well as a list of tips for writing in meter.

The Gallery features the bronze sidewalk installations of Gregg LeFevre and Jennifer Andrews. I first experienced this work along Library Way, between East 41st Street between Fifth Avenue and Park Avenue, a fascinating walk to the New York Public Library Humanities and Social Sciences Library, displaying 96 bronze sidewalk plaques featuring quotations from literature and poetry.

As always, *Studio* is indebted to the aesthetic, artistic vision of Martin Elliott, our web designer, and to Joe Paczuski, whose photographs appear as backdrops and pages of each issue. Welcome to new members of our editorial board: Sharanpal Ruprai, Kilby Smith-McGregor, Michael Helm, Jennifer Duncan, David Goldstein and Shyam Selvadurai.

Look for upcoming additions and changes to *Studio* as we expand to include poetry videos, online chapbooks and themed issues. Authors and artists who have published in *Studio* are invited to send us news of publications, events, and honors and awards.

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