

# Akhmatova: Readings in Russian and English

A poetry reading of her work in Russian with translations by Stanley Kunitz

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 6PM at the Museum of Russian Icons  
203 Union Street, Clinton, MA

The event is free with paid admission to the museum

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**And if ever in this country  
They decide to erect a monument to me,**

**I consent to that honor  
Under these conditions—that it stand**

**Neither by the sea, where I was born:  
My last tie with the sea is broken,**

**Nor in the tsar's garden near the cherished pine stump,  
Where an inconsolable shade looks for me,**

**But here, where I stood for three hundred hours,  
And where they never unbolted the doors for me.**

From "Requiem"

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Anna Akhmatova (1889-1966) was one of the great Russian modernist poets. Her work was translated into English by Worcester native Stanley Kunitz. Please join us for a reading of her work in both the original Russian and in translation. A native Russian speaker and Bob Cronin will be reading the work.



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