



*Patricia Smith is a masterful poet, performer, and pundit. And while her chosen field is the form and grace of language, her gift to the world that orbits the Black experience is truth.*

- Writer Walter Mosley

# Patricia Smith

## A Poetry Reading

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2017** 7:30 p.m. | Villa La Pietra

**Patricia Smith** is a National Book Award finalist (2008) and the author of six critically acknowledged volumes of poetry. Her awards and honors include the 2014 Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize from the Library of Congress, the 2013 Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize from the Academy of American Poets, and a 2013 Phillis Wheatley Book Award. She is nominated for this year's Neustadt International Prize for Literature. A formidable performer, Smith has read her work at venues all over the United States and around the world.

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