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BEYOND BAROQUE LITERARY | ARTS CENTER'S 3rd ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER HONORS
ELOISE KLEIN HEALY AND MIKE SONKSEN

The Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center will honor two Los Angeles poetry icons at its 3rd Annual Awards Dinner on Sunday, July 14. Honorees will be Eloise Klein Healy, L.A.'s first poet Laureate, and renowned poetry promoter Mike "The Poet" Sonksen. The event will take place at the Church in Ocean Park, 255 Hill St., starting at 5:30 p.m.

Healy, who is Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing Emerita at Antioch University, will receive Beyond Baroque's George Drury Smith Award, which is named for the Center's founder and awarded for outstanding literary merit. Sonksen will be presented BB's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his tireless long-term contributions to the art of poetry and L.A.'s poetry community.

Healy also serves as Director of the Women's Studies Program at Cal State Northridge University and teaches at Immaculate Heart College. Sonksen is a literary blogger at KCET-TV and conducts notable poetry/history tours throughout L.A.

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For tickets or press inquires: Carlye Archibeque, carlye@beyondbaroque.org
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