Greetings and welcome to Salerno!

Behold, the stunning Amalfi Coast, the Isle of Capri falling in and out of sight on the blue horizon, the poetry of Alfonso Gatto painted on the walls of the old town, the serious pastries called sfoglaitella santa rosa, and the monumental ruins of Pompeii. And today poets everywhere!

Poets from every continent, 30 countries, 20 languages, echo through the cobbled streets! Everywhere the song of change! Peace, Sustainability & Justice. Everywhere hope and possibility, passion and prophecy, concern and laughter setting out a verse in the salty sky.

Five years ago we sent a declaration out to the virtual world about the need for poets and artists to make a positive difference in the world and the real world answered our call. This is the first global gathering of old friends and new friends built on the 100 Thousand Poets for Change initiative. Anticipation inspires us. We made it!

Now for the real work. There are important ideas that we need to exchange and gather and craft into sharper focus, words to bring home to share with friends and family, students and colleagues. What will we learn? Poetry Matters! Art Matters! Unity can be built out of differences. That’s what we are looking for!

We hope you enjoy your visit.

Peace & love,
Michael and Terri

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UN SALUTO A TUTTI E BENVENUTI A SALERNO!

Ammirate, la splendida costiera amalfitana, l’isola di Capri che si mimetizza alla vista nell’azzurro dell’orizzonte, le poesie di Alfonso Gatto dipinte sui muri del centro storico, il prelibato pasticcino chiamato sfogliatella Santa Rosa, e i grandiosi imponenti scavi di Pompeii. E oggi poeti dappertutto!

Poeti da ogni continente, 30 paesi, 20 lingue, che riecheggiano tra le strade acciottolate. E ovunque la poesia, voce del cambiamento. Pace, Sostenibilità & Giustizia! Ovunque speranza e opportunità, passione e predizioni, preoccupazioni e risate che compongono un verso nel cielo di salsedine.

Cinque anni fa abbiamo inviato una dichiarazione al mondo virtuale sulla necessità che poeti ed artisti facciano la differenza nel mondo e il mondo reale ha risposto alla nostra chiamata. E questo è il primo raduno mondiale di vecchi amici e di nuovi amici nato sull’iniziativa di 100 Mila Poeti per il Cambiamento. Le previsioni ci lasciano ben sperare. Ce l’abbiamo fatta!

Ora per il vero lavoro, ci sono idee importanti che abbiamo bisogno di scambiare, raccogliere e modellare e mettere meglio a fuoco, parole da riportare a casa e condividere con famiglia e amici, studenti e colleghi. Cosa apprenderemo? Che la Poesia Conta! Che l’Arte Conta! L’unità si può costruire dalle differenze. È questo ciò a cui aspiriamo!

Speriamo vi godrete il vostro soggiorno.

Peace & amore
Michael and Terri
In 2011, a fire ignited, a beautiful global dream in which values such as sustainability, justice, peace, and cooperation united people from all six continents together—poets, activists, musicians, and artists—to work for positive change.

100 Thousand Poets for Change is a movement that represents an inversion within the society, born from the grassroots and brought to those in power, without rhetoric or ideological exploitation, founded in the conscience of the people to restore a sense of ethics and poetic discourse to our lives.

Salerno is excited and eager to host 100 Thousand Poets for Change and to organize the first world conference of this important movement. This is a great opportunity for us all to reflect, grow and debate.

Poetry is in the world!

Valeriano Forte (Coordinator 100 thousand poets for change Salerno)

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SALERNO, ITALY
JUNE 3rd JUNE 8th 2015

DAY 1 / WEDNESDAY JUNE 3rd

11:00am – 5:00pm Welcome to Salerno, Italy! Informal check-in for conference participants and their guests throughout the day. Information and assistance provided at arrival at Salerno Train Station.

6:00pm – 9:00pm 100TPC Casual mixer/meet and greet at Santa Sofia Complex. Pizza, drinks and music provided on the roof terrace of Santa Sofia Complex. Conference materials packet including participation nametag, conference schedule, a local map, and gift bag provided. Check in continued at venue if late arrival. Location: Piazza Abate Conforti, historic center of Salerno.

DAY 2 / THURSDAY JUNE 4th

9:00am - 10:00am Additional check in for participants at Santa Sofia Complex.

10:30am – 12:30pm Closed meeting for organizers. Short introductions and brief orientation session. At Santa Sofia Complex.

12:30pm – 2:00pm Lunch break. Suggestions/map for local restaurants and bars offering discounts, will be provided.

2:30pm – 3:30pm Meeting #2 for organizers at Santa Sofia Complex. Open to the public. Informal discussion of conference goals, Q & A., etc.

4:00pm – 6:00pm Optional guided walking tour of historic center of Salerno with Salerno parla il cuore and Alfonso Gatto Foundation. Tour of Salerno
Street Art & Poetry Project and visit to the house that the poet Alfonso Gatto lived in. Local poets will read Alfonso Gatto’s work. meet in front of the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

7:00pm - 8:30pm Dinner Break.

8:30pm – 11:30pm 100TPC Poetry Reading #1.
Hosts: Gabor Gyukics and Illya Sumanto with percussionist Paolo Cimmino and actor Roberto Del Gaudio. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

**D A Y  3 / F R I D A Y  J U N E  5 T H**

10:00am – 12:00pm Meeting #3 Part 1, “WHO WE ARE and Why We're Here”. Facilitator: Maxine Chernoff. 3 minute optional presentations by organizers to introduce themselves and describe their local programs and community. Open to the public, at Santa Sofia Complex conference room.

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch Break.

1:30pm – 3:30pm Meeting #3 Part 2, “WHO WE ARE and Why We're Here”. Facilitator: Siobahn MacMahon. At Santa Sofia Complex conference room.

4:00pm - 7:00pm Round Table #1 “Poetics of the Feminine”.
Moderator: Jenuine Poetess - Waco, Texas, USA.
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7:30pm - 9:00pm Free Time/Dinner Break.

9:00pm - 11:00pm Hosted by Alfonso Gatto Foundation. Poetry reading with music, and more. Silvana Kuhtz from “Poetry in Action” hosts Lettura Sensoriale/Sensory Reading. With Neapolitan indie rock guitarist Raffele Cocomero. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

11.00pm - Midnight 100TPC Group Poetry Reading #2 with guitarist Arrigo Ago Anderlini. Host Valeriano Forte and Donatella D’Angelo. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

Midnight Midnight Open Mic #1. Hosts: Edwing Roldan - Mexico City, Mexico, José María Moreno Ibarra and Pilar Rodríguez Aranda. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

DAY 4 / SATURDAY JUNE 6TH

10:30am - 1:00pm Round Table #2 “Art & Activism”. Moderator: Karam Youssef - Cairo, Egypt. Moderator: Els de Groen - Oss, The Netherlands. Moderator: Matteo Rimi - Florence, Italy (Translator Italian). Noor Mahmoud Moawad - Cairo, Egypt (Translator Arabic). Greenpino - Salerno Italy; Muhib UrRahman Muhib - Kabul, Afghanistan; Salvatore Mercogliano - Maddaloni, Italy; Hossam Elsawah - Cairo, Egypt; Roberto Malini - St. Paul’s Bay, Malta; Steed Gamero - St. Paul’s Bay, Malta/Lima, Peru; Cosmos Agyeman Accra, Ghana; Edwing Roldan - Mexico City, Mexico; Maxine Chernoff - San Francisco, California, USA; Mauro Milani - Genoa, Italy; Michael Dickel - Jerusalem, Israel; Dennis Formento - New Orleans,
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**1:00pm – 2:00pm** Public poetry and art installation in the square in front of the **Santa Sofia Complex**. Poetry boat on the gulf of Salerno with local artist **Greenpino** and others. **Location TBA**.

**2:30pm - 5:00pm** Round Table #3 “The Oral Tradition”.
Moderator: **Michael Castro** - St. Louis, Missouri, USA.
Moderator: **Aditi Angiras** - Delhi, India.
**Robert Priest** - Toronto, Canada; **Gabor Gyukics** - Budapest, Hungary, **Panos Bosnakis** - Athens, Greece; **David Loret de Mola** - Sacramento, California USA; **Youssef Alaoui** - San Luis Obispo, California, USA; **Hassan Bendouz** Agadir, Morocco; **El Habib Louai** - Agadir, Morocco; **Anna Patrizia Caminati** - Milan, Italy; **Antonieta Villamil** - Los Angeles, California, USA; **Alberto Vitacchio** - Torino, Italy; **Tomas T. Chepaitis** - Uzhupis Republic/Vilnius, Lithuania; **Illya Sumanto** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; **Elisa Carrafiello** - Salerno, Italy; **Mohamed Ennajihi** Agadir, Morocco; **Jeffrey Martin** - Los Angeles, California, USA; **Xanath Caraza** Kansas City, Missouri, USA. At **Santa Sofia Complex conference room**.

**5:30pm – 8:30pm** 100TPC Group Poetry Reading #3.
Hosts: **Lisa Vihos** and **Tomas T. Chepaitis**. In the church at **Santa Sofia Complex**.

**8:30pm – 9:30pm** Dinner Break.

**9:30pm – 11:00pm** Performance by members of **Compagnia Daltrocanto**
traditional Neapolitan music. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

11:00pm 100TPC Open Mic & Jam, Host: TBA. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

DAY 5 / SUNDAY JUNE 7TH

10:30am Optional trip to Pompeii. Admission FREE. Private bus transportation (round trip) provided for fee of €6 per person. Bring your own packed lunch or buy at the snack bar at Pompeii. Departure location TBA.

11:30am – 4:00pm Pompeii semi-guided tour and exploration. Return to Salerno by 5:30pm.

5:30pm - 8:00pm Dinner Break.

8:30 - 11:30pm 100TPC Group Poetry Reading #4.
Hosts: Waqas Khwaja and Laura Shovan. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

Midnight Midnight Open Mic #2.
Hosts: Supriya Kaur Dhaliwal and Youssef Alaoui. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

DAY 6 / MONDAY JUNE 8TH

12:00pm - 1:00pm Round Table #4 “100TPC-How to Grow the Movement”.
Moderator: Pilar Rodríguez Aranda - Malinalco, Mexico.
Moderator: Michael Rothenberg - Guerneville, California.
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1:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch Break

2:00pm - 4:00pm Round Table #5 “Building a Sustainable Community”. Moderator: Jennifer Karmin - Chicago, USA. Moderator: Eriata Oribhabor - Lagos, Nigeria. Matteo Rimi - Florence, Italy (Translator Italian). Lance Henson - Cheyenne Nation of Oklahoma; Silvana Fracasso - Bologna, Italy; Richard Paa Kofi Botchwey - Accra Ghana; Mark Lipman - Venice, California, USA; Matteo Rimi - Fiesoli, Italy; Nirmal Kumar Thapa - Kathmandu, Nepal; Charles Mulaga - Mzuzu, Malawi; Debby Rippey - Baltimore, Maryland, USA; Paolo Sentinelli - Rome, Italy; Prekebena Kariebi - Yenagoa City, Nigeria; Rikter Hossain - Sirajganj, Bangladesh. At Santa Sofia Complex conference room.

4:30pm - 7:00pm Free Time.

7:00pm - 9:00pm Farewell Dinner Party (Details TBA)

9:00pm - 11:00pm 100TPC Group Poetry Reading #5. Hosts: Michael Dickel and El Habib Louai. In the church at Santa Sofia Complex.

DAY 7/ TUESDAY JUNE 9TH

There will be an optional day trip to the Amalfi Coast via ferry and an evening gathering in Salerno for those who plan to stay past the official conference dates. More details TBA.
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