

## Arthur Sze named Twenty-Fifth U.S. Poet Laureate

On Monday September 15, the Library of Congress announced that [Arthur Sze](#) is the twenty-fifth Poet Laureate of the United States.

Sze succeeds twenty-fourth U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón who held the office for an historic three years, from 2022–2025. He is the third Copper Canyon Press poet to serve as U.S. Poet Laureate, joining the ranks of [W.S. Merwin](#) and [Ted Kooser](#).

A celebrated poet and translator, Arthur Sze is the author of eleven books with Copper Canyon Press. His most recent collection, [Into the Hush](#) (2025), was hailed by *Lit Hub* as “another reminder that he deserves the lifetime achievements he’s been winning on a yearly basis.” His previous collection, *The Glass Constellation* (2021), won the 2024 National Book Foundation Science + Literature Award. In 2025, Sze also received the Bollingen Prize for Lifetime Achievement for American Poetry.

Sze has been hailed “... not only one of our best poets, [but] one of our greatest translators,” by Charles Simic (*No Land in Sight*), and his translations are as celebrated as his original poetry. With the publication of his anthology [The Silk Dragon II](#) (2024), Sze introduced groundbreaking poems by masterful living Chinese poets to American audiences. His laureateship will follow in this tradition, foregrounding the power of translation to deepen our engagement with poetry and with each other’s shared humanity.

Upon Sze’s appointment, Copper Canyon Press Publisher, Ryo Yamaguchi, stated:

I am overjoyed by this news and think Arthur Sze is the perfect Laureate because he is one of our finest literary citizens. His groundbreaking poetics—materially rich, emotionally sophisticated, vibrant, sonic, and formally charged—have continuously brought the craft to new frontiers. His poetry has been deeply informed by his commitment to translation, which underscores a truly global and millennia-spanning appreciation for literature and its traditions.

An inaugural reading will be held on October 9 at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

To learn more about the office of poet laureate, please visit the [Library of Congress](#). For media resources, please visit the [Media and Event Support](#) page or email Communications & Publicity Assistant Elizabeth Brueggemann at [poetlaureate@coppercanyonpress.org](mailto:poetlaureate@coppercanyonpress.org).