



LAWRENCE FERLINGHETTI, author of THE SECRET OF MEANING OF THINGS, A CONEY ISLAND OF THE MIND, HER, STARTING FROM SAN FRANCISCO, UNFAIR ARGUMENTS WITH EXISTENCE, and ROUTINES. All published by New Directions. Photo credit: Annette Lena.

Ferlinghetti..... tonight..... at the Gym.....

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, truly one of the most relevant poets of our times, will lecture and present poetry readings tonight at the gym. Ferlinghetti stirred up interest here at the University 2 years ago when he lectured at Trinity. At that time, his work THE CONEY ISLAND OF THE MIND was widely heralded by our students.

Tonight he brings with him his new work, TYRANNUS NIX. It is a highly sensitive poem commenting on the election of Nixon. Ferlinghetti's dismay over America today is so deeply put in a language that is beautifully simple but the impact is heavy.

This is your opportunity to come and hear Ferlinghetti. His words are liberating. His mind is beautiful. The only admission there is at the door is an open mind.

quotes from Ferlinghetti's TYRANNUS NIX

*Nixon Nixon bush league president
this is a populist hymn to you and yours...*

*Americans love underdogs and your jowls growled old
lionhearted but your eyes kept their curious focus.
You beamed them on the fences
You aimed at the top bleachers and swung and swung and
swung
and finally connected with sandbags loaded. You're off
and running
and the ball is lost in the sun...*

*Richard Poor Richard this is your almanach de Golgotha
and
we're your Cross. Is it true you once went to a shrink to
find out who you really were. I hope so. It doesn't mean
you're
sick. It means you just recognized the onion skin of
fucked-up
modern manunkin. It is possible the New Nix is not
really
the same old Nix. It is possible for an old snake to learn
new
tricks....*

*I raise my middle finger to you smiling supporter of
benevolent
imperial nationalism built upon political falsehoods which
still
rule Washington D.C. and which you and every other
politician
and president including Kennedy were too political not to
inherit.
Don't call me on your red telephone. War is good business.
Invest
your son....*

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TYRANNUS NIX*