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JOHN CIARDI SPEAKS FRIDAY AT UM

MISSOULA, MONT.----John Ciardi, Poetry Editor of the <u>Saturday Review</u>, will speak at the University of Montana Friday, April 25, at 8:15 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Readers of the <u>Saturday Review</u> know Ciardi for his forthright critical articles, his editorials, and for his popular column, "Manner of Speaking." Students, fellow writers, and lecture audiences across the nation have found in him a man who can speak plain sense on the subject of poetry.

Professor Ciardi has contributed articles and poems to Atlantic Monthly,

Harpers, Ladies Home Journal, New Yorker, and many literary journals here and
abroad. A former assistant professor at Harvard University and author of
such works as "Other Skies," "Live Another Day," "As If," and some 25 volumes
of poetry, Professor Ciardi is listed in "Who's Who," Celebrity Register, and
Twentieth Century American Authors.

Ciardi, former professor of English at Rutgers University, was a former host of CBS-TV's weekly show, "Accent," one of television's most highly-rated discussion programs.

A native of Boston, Professor Ciardi graduated from Tufts College and was recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Literature degree by his Alma Mater. He is also Director of the Bread Loaf Writers Association.

Professor Ciardi's Friday appearance on campus is sponsored by ASUM Program Council.