Richard Blanco joined a select group that includes Robert Frost, Maya Angelou, Miller Williams, and Elizabeth Alexander when Barack Obama chose him to be the fifth inaugural poet in history. Both a professional engineer as well as a poet engineer, Blanco is the author of four collections of poetry, *City of a Hundred Fires* (1998), winner of the Agnes Lynch Starrett National Poetry Prize; *Nowhere But Here* (2004); *Directions to the Beach of the Dead* (2005), winner of the PEN/American Center Beyond Margins Award; and *Looking for the Gulf Motel* (2012). Beacon Press will publish his *For All of Us. One Today: An Inaugural Poet’s Journey* on November 19, 2013.

Blanco will sign copies of his books—which will be available for sale, including *For All of Us Today*—after the reading.