

Award-Winning Poet Featured In UNH Authors' Series April 2

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Friends of Dimond Library at the University of New Hampshire will host the sixth in a series of one-on-one conversations with authors who have ties to the Granite State Sunday, April 2, 2006, at 2 p.m. when local author Rebecca Rule interviews Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Charles Simic before a live audience. The program is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. To reserve a space, e-mail nh.authors@unh.edu or call (603) 862-1540.

Simic has published more than 60 books, including "Charon's Cosmology," which was nominated for a National Book Award, and "The World Doesn't End: Prose Poems," which won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. In addition, he has contributed hundreds of poems and essays to the most widely read literary journals in the country, including *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The Paris Review*, *Harpers* and *The New Republic*. His work has brought him an impressive list of national awards, most notably a MacArthur Fellowship, the Pulitzer Prize, the American Academy of Poets Edgar Allen Poe Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship and two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, and in 2003 he was awarded his first major international prize, the Horst Bienek Prize for Poetry. Simic has been a professor of English at UNH for more than 30 years.

Three times per year, in the style of Bravo's *Inside the Actors' Studio*, Yankee humorist, book reviewer and author Rebecca Rule invites poets, fiction and non-fiction writers, and journalists with a connection to New Hampshire to share their insights and discoveries as they pursue their passion for writing. These one-on-one interviews are conducted in front of a live audience and recorded by New Hampshire Public Television for future broadcast on *NH Outlook*. *NH Outlook*, NHPTV's award-winning nightly newsmagazine, airs weeknights at 7:30 p.m., and again at 11:30 p.m., 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. *NH Outlook* programs are also available for viewing online at <u>www.nhptv.org/outlook</u>. There will be an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions, light refreshments will be served after the interview and both authors will be available to sign their books.

To learn more about the series or to receive updates, e-mail <u>nh.authors@unh.edu</u> or call (603) 862-1540. A photo is available at: <u>http://www.unh.edu/news/img/library/simic.JPG</u>.