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Poet Michael McClure
Friday February 11, 2011

San Francisco writer Michael McClure gained fame as one of the five poets who read at the legendary Six Gallery event in 1955, where Allen Ginsberg first read *Howl*. A key member of the Beat Generation and California counterculture, McClure has published extensively as a poet, playwright, essayist, novelist and songwriter, and is known for the highly original, visionary quality of his writing as well as for his dynamic poetry performances. In recent years he has collaborated with many musicians, notably Ray Manzarek, former keyboardist with The Doors, and the composer Terry Riley.

McClure's Vancouver appearance comes on the occasion of the publication of *Of Indigo and Saffron: New and Selected Poems* (U. of California Press), which follows closely the 2010 publication of *Mysteriosos and Other Poems* (New Directions). *Abstract Alchemist of Flesh*, a fifty-five minute documentary film of Michael McClure, with cameos of Dennis Hopper, Ray Manzarek, and Allen Ginsberg, is soon to be released.

Michael McClure will be making two appearances on Friday February 11, 2011:

2:00pm
Screening of new documentary film,
***Abstract Alchemist of Flesh*, presented by McClure**
Room 7200
WAC Bennett Library
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

8:00pm*
Reading from his works (Introduced by George Stanley)
Room 1700 (Labatt's Hall)
SFU Vancouver - Harbour Centre
515 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 5K3

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*** Events are free but seating is limited to the evening reading. Please RSVP to library@sfu.ca for the 8pm reading.**