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To celebrate our tenth birthday, Pen to Paper, the North Laine's dedicated stationery shop, is pleased to announce that Maria Jastrzebska will be our Poet in Residence on National Poetry Day, Thursday 7 October 2010.

Maria will be exploring this year's National Poetry Day's theme of Home from 10.30am to 4.30pm at Pen to Paper, 4 Sydney Street. Maria will read a poem every hour on the hour. She will welcome customers offering their own thoughts on what home means to them which may be incorporated into a poem written at a later date. This is your chance to meet a working writer. So come and meet Maria, talk to her about writing and celebrate National Poetry Day.

Maria Jastrzebska was born in Warsaw, grew up in London, studied at Sussex and now lives in Hove. Poet, editor, translator and creative writing tutor, her recent collections include *I'll Be Back Before You Know It* (Pighog Press, 2008) and *Everyday Angels* (Waterloo Press, 2009). *Dementia Diaries*, a play with original music by Peter Copley, was performed in Lewes and Eastbourne last year. Maria won the 2009 Off-Press International Writing Competition. Her work has been published in translation in France, Finland, Romania and Slovenia.

Pen to Paper is celebrating ten years of supplying stylish and quirky stationery and pens to the inhabitants of North Laine, Brighton and beyond. Our shop at 4 Sydney Street is packed with notebooks from the irresistible Moleskines to journals for cooks, musicians and book lovers. We stock everything a prospective or seasoned writer could desire.

This is a free event.

Maria Jastrzebska's residency at Pen to Paper is part of the UK-wide celebration of National Poetry Day, the largest annual celebration of poets and poetry in the UK. The 17th National Poetry Day is celebrated on Thursday, 7 October with the theme, Home. National Poetry Day was launched in 1994 by William Sieghart of The Forward Arts Foundation to fuel the nation's enthusiasm for verse and to provide a platform for poets and poetry of all kinds. More information about National Poetry Day can be found at www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk.

For more information about Maria Jastrzebska's residency at Pen to Paper, you can contact Maria at maria.jastrzebska@ntlworld.com (tel. 01273 230563) or through www.south-pole.org.uk. Joyce Chester or Margaret Monod of Pen to Paper can be contacted at info@pentopaperonline.com (tel. 01273 676670). We can supply photos of Maria Jastrzebska and the Pen to Paper shop.