

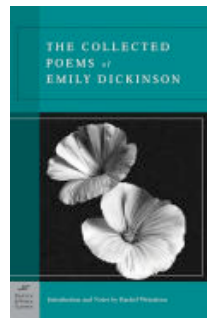
**LA Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF)**  
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*To create a cinematic bridge between the people of the region and the people of the world*

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**Media Alert**

**LA Harbor International Film Festival & The Big Read L.A.**  
**Film & Discussion 2 p.m. March 18<sup>th</sup> Warner Grand Theatre San Pedro**  
**Featuring Poetry of Emily Dickinson**  
**Screening *The Belle of Amherst* starring Julie Harris**



**Who:** 14<sup>th</sup> annual LA Harbor International Film Festival (March 16-19) in association with City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) "The Big Read L.A." (TBRLA)

**What:** *The Belle of Amherst* (USA, 1976, 90 min.; Dir. Charles S. Dubin)  
Conversation and poetry of Emily Dickinson after the film screening

**When:** Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - 2 pm

**Where:** Warner Grand Theatre (WGT)  
478 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. (at Pacific Ave.), historic downtown San Pedro - the Port of Los Angeles

**Why:** TBRLA selection for 2017 is the poetry of Emily Dickinson (see below). A multitude of events are planned from February through June - calendar of that take place throughout the Los Angeles region from February through June. The LAHIFF program featuring filmed version of the one woman show *The Belle of Amherst* reveals a more personal perspective of the 19<sup>th</sup> century American poet, based on her letters, notes and verse. acclaimed actress Julie Harris, who won the 1977 Tony Award for Best Actress in a Drama, portrays the reclusive poet with insight and charm.

**Cost:** **Program is FREE** (donations accepted to LAHIFF - address above)

**Tickets:** LAHIFF takes place March 16-19, 2017 – for tickets for other programs go to [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) - telephone (800) 838-3006;  
**or WGT box office one hour prior to screening cash sales only**

**More:** TBRLA is part of The Big Read (TBR) program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest initiative designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. Presented in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest, TBR brings together partners across the U.S.A. to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. Since the inception of TBR, the NEA has annually awarded grants to the DCA to be a partner and produce TBRLA. This year marks DCA's eighth year of producing the program and the fifth time LAHIFF has been a partner/supporter. See [www.NEABigRead.org](http://www.NEABigRead.org); and [bigreadla.org](http://bigreadla.org) for more and list of regional events.

Limited quantity of complimentary (free) copies of *The Collected Poems of Emily Dickinson* (Barnes & Noble Classics, 2003) available.

**To obtain a copy contact Festival Director. Also find other editions of Dickinson's poetry at bookstores or local libraries.**

**Website:** [www.laharborfilmfest.com](http://www.laharborfilmfest.com)

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