

5th Presidential Inaugural Poet
RICHARD BLANCO

STUDENT FORUM & RECEPTION

Free & Open to the Public
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1-3 PM
East Reading Room
Van Pelt & Opie Library

READING & BOOK SIGNING

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Born in Madrid, Richard Blanco immigrated to the United States as an infant with his Cuban-exile family and was raised in Miami. He earned a BS in civil engineering and MFA in creative writing from Florida International University, and has been a practicing engineer, writer, and poet since 1991. He is the award-winning author of several books of poetry and in 2013 he was chosen to serve as the fifth inaugural poet of the United States. Blanco performed "One Today," an original poem he wrote for the occasion, becoming the youngest, first Latino, immigrant, and openly gay writer to hold the honor.

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