

You are cordially invited to the 34th Annual

# Evening of Irish Music and Poetry

*presented by the*

Howard County Poetry and Literature Society  
Friday, February 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

*featuring*

## Hugo Hamilton

*followed by*

**NARROWBACKS**, in a concert of traditional Irish music with  
championship stepdancers

Books and DVDs on sale in the lobby starting at 7:00 p.m.  
Theatre doors open at 7:15 p.m.  
Books and refreshments available at intermission.

**Smith Theatre, Horowitz Center**  
10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Maryland 21044

General Admission Tickets: \$30 each. Send a check and S.A.S.E. before February 3;  
(\$35 after February 3 and at the door) to HoCoPoLitSo, 10901 Little Patuxent Pkwy,  
Duncan Hall 239, Columbia, MD 21044.

Credit cards accepted at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/211558](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/211558)  
For more information call 443.518.4568, email [information@hocopolitso.org](mailto:information@hocopolitso.org) or  
visit [www.HoCoPoLitSo.org](http://www.HoCoPoLitSo.org).

*In the event of inclement weather, visit [HoCoPoLitso.org](http://HoCoPoLitso.org) or call 443.518.4568 for more  
information.*



HoCoPoLitSo features best-selling author **Hugo Hamilton**, who will read from his work *The Speckled People: A Memoir of a Half-Irish Childhood*. Told in the language of a child, the life-story recounts the complexities of living in a dual language household of Irish and German, where the English language was held hostage by his staunch, nationalist father. Translated into fifteen languages, the story resonates as it touches on the absorbing inheritance of cultural divides. "You inherit your identity, your history, like a birthmark that you can't wash off," writes Hamilton.

Awarded the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature, France's Prix Femina Etranger, and Italy's Giuseppe Berto Prize, Hamilton has written six novels, two memoirs, and a short story collection. He is noted for his works *Sad Bastard*, *Headbanger*, and *The Sailor in the Wardrobe*. *The Speckled People* made its world premiere at the Gate Theatre in Dublin. His works remind us that there is more than one Irish story, "I'm not afraid of being homesick and having no language to live in. I don't have to be like anyone else. I'm walking on the wall and nobody can stop me."

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# 34<sup>th</sup> Irish Evening

**Smith Theatre**

### Directions to the Smith Theatre, Horowitz Center

On the campus of Howard Community College  
10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044  
(www.howardcc.edu)

#### FROM BALTIMORE & POINTS NORTH

Take I-95 North or Rt 29 North towards Baltimore  
Exit Rt 32 West towards Columbia  
Exit onto Cedar Lane  
Turn Right at Little Patuxent Parkway (HCGH on Right)  
Turn Right into the HCC Campus  
Bear Right at the traffic circle  
Follow road to Parking Garage on Right  
Theatre across from the parking garage

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Seniors in Columbia may request transportation by calling the Senior Request Shuttle Line at 410.715.3087. HoCoPoLitSo venues are wheelchair accessible. Patrons requiring accommodations, please call HoCoPoLitSo at 443.518.4568 or email hocopolitso@yahoo.com no later than February 10. In the event of inclement weather, call 443.518.4568 or visit www.HoCoPoLitSo.org, www.facebook.com/hocopolitso or www.twitter.com/hocopolitso.

### 34th Irish Evening Ticket Order/Donor Form

#### PRINT ALL INFORMATION

To expedite your order, please include this form with your payment information and self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Program tickets @ \$30/35 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Refreshment tickets @ \$1 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Service fee for credit card orders \$2.00/ticket \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tax-deductible donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks payable to HoCoPoLitSo. Mail to HoCoPoLitSo, DH 239, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044)

Donations received before January 30 will be listed in the program.

My CHECK is enclosed.

CHARGE my  MasterCard  VISA  American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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