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Classical Baby (I'm Grown Up Now): The Poetry Show
Receives Primetime Emmy® Nomination

CHICAGO—The Poetry Foundation is proud to announce that “Classical Baby (I’m Grown Up Now): The Poetry Show” is one of 5 shows nominated in the category of Outstanding Children’s Program for a 2008 Primetime Emmy® Award. Produced by HBO/HBO Family in association with the Poetry Foundation, *Classical Baby (I’m Grown Up Now): The Poetry Show* introduces audiences to timeless poetry through animation and song and features poems by Shakespeare, Langston Hughes, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Gertrude Stein, William Carlos Williams, Christina Rossetti, and Federico García Lorca.

“The Poetry Foundation is delighted by the nomination and the further recognition it brings to poetry’s importance in our culture,” said John Barr, president of the Poetry Foundation. “We are certain that young children—and their parents—who are introduced to the art form through this enchanting program will become lifelong readers of poetry.”

Emmy® winners will be announced during the 60th Creative Arts Awards on Saturday, September 13, in Los Angeles.

Featuring the voices of performers Andy Garcia, John Lithgow, Elizabeth Mitchell, Gwyneth Paltrow, Susan Sarandon, and Jeffrey Wright, *Classical Baby (I’m Grown Up Now): The Poetry Show* consists of approximately a dozen short segments presenting well-known poems—and some surprises—in a unique format. Between each segment, children—ranging in age from 4 to 9—offer commentary and muse on the meaning and mystery of poetry. An HBO/HBO Family original program, *Classical Baby (I’m Grown Up Now): The Poetry Show* was created in association with the Children’s Poetry and Media Initiatives of the Poetry Foundation.

About the Poetry Foundation

The Poetry Foundation, publisher of *Poetry* magazine and one of the largest literary

organizations in the world, exists to discover and celebrate the best poetry and to place it before the largest possible audience. The Poetry Foundation seeks to be a leader in shaping a receptive climate for poetry by developing new audiences, creating new avenues for delivery, and encouraging new kinds of poetry through innovative literary prizes and programs. For more information, please visit www.poetryfoundation.org.