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**BEAT LEGEND JACK KEROUAC TO BE HONORED IN CONCERT
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

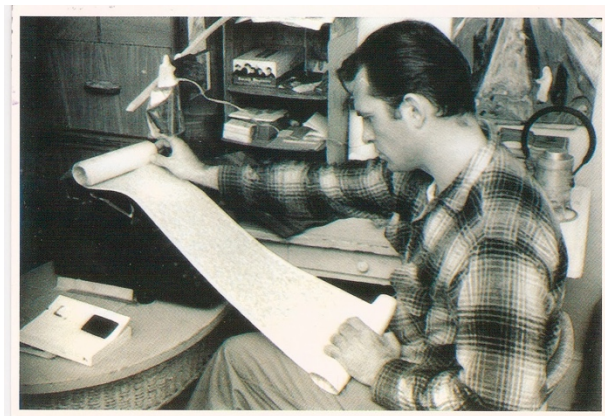


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(October X, 2018 – New York, NY) – Author **Jack Kerouac**, whose iconic novels include *On the Road* and *The Dharma Bums*, will be honored in a jazz concert featuring composer **David Amram** and his quintet on **Friday, October 19 at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine**, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), Manhattan. Selected readings will be performed by actors **Michael Shannon** (*Boardwalk Empire*, *Shape of Water*), **Kate Arrington** (*Grace*, *The Irishman*), poet/actor **Frank Messina**, and poet **Quincy Troupe**.

David Amram, 87, is one of Kerouac's earliest collaborators and accompanied Kerouac in the first jazz-poetry readings ever performed in New York City in the late 1950s. Amram will perform on a baby grand piano originally owned and bequeathed to the Cathedral by jazz master Duke Ellington, accompanied by drummer **Kevin Twigg**, bassist **Rene Hart**, saxophonist **Erik Lawrence**, and percussionists **Eliot Peper** and **Adam Amram**.

Proceeds will support The Jack Kerouac Writer-in-Residence Project of Orlando, Florida, home to nearly sixty writers since 2000, and the American Poets Corner, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine's shrine to American literature.

Tickets start at \$25. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit <https://www.stjohndivine.org/visit/calendar/events/music/27085/kerouac-at-the-cathedral>.

About The Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

People from many faiths and communities worship together in services held more than 30 times a week; the soup kitchen serves roughly 25,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Adults and Children in Trust, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.