

# The IMSA Great Minds Program®

An Evening with Robert Pinsky: Poetry Reading and Commentary Date: March 20, 2001 Time: 8:00 PM Location: IMSA Auditorium Dr. Robert Pinsky, U.S. Poet Laureate (1997-2000), was captivating as he read a selection of his favorite poems - some he has authored and others that have enthralled the public for many years. As the thirty-ninth U.S. Poet Laureate, Pinsky was one of the most visible in the history of the position. In 1997, he started the Favorite Poem Project [www.favoritepoem.org](http://www.favoritepoem.org) that has recorded and videotaped hundreds of Americans reciting poems that have deeply intertwined themselves into the reader's life. His own book of poems - *The Figured Wheel: New and Collected Poems 1965-1995* - was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.