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**Hudson Valley high school teacher has latest poetry collection published**

Somerville, Mass. (November 28) – Hudson Valley alternative high school teacher Rebecca Schumejda will have her second chapbook of poetry published by Somerville, Massachusetts publisher sunnyoutside. The title, *Dream Big, Work Harder* (ISBN 0-9769857-6-4), will be released November 30 and will feature at the publisher's table at the Nineteenth Annual Small Press Fair in New York City (December 2–3), at which Schumejda will also be a featured reader. The book has cover art by New Hampshire author and artist Nathan Graziano.

Schumejda, who earned her MA in Poetics and Creative Writing from San Francisco State University after a BA in English from SUNY New Paltz, integrates personal narrative with universal concepts in her writing. She explains, "The collection explores how and why we allocate our time and efforts. I endeavor to merge the narrative with the abstract and the universal. The movements of words and people motivate me to scrutinize the intentions of both."

Schumejda says she submitted the manuscript to sunnyoutside after seeing previous titles by William Taylor Jr. (San Francisco) and cover artist Nathan Graziano (Manchester, New Hampshire). On working with sunnyoutside publisher David McNamara, who was also the editor for this title, Schumejda says, "David is a perfect match for me as an editor because he pays attention to details and strives to produce the finest works possible. Great editors like David take the journey with the writer and in that way the book is a collaborative piece of art in itself."

The Nineteenth Annual Small Press Fair takes place December 2 & 3 in the landmark building of the General Society Library of Mechanics and Tradesmen, at 20 West 44th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues, in Manhattan.

Schumejda will read from *Dream Big, Work Harder* on Saturday, December 2 at 12:30 p.m. The Small Press Center writes of the fair, "The Book Fair is one of the most notable literary events of the year. With over one hundred cutting edge presses from the U.S and abroad, exhibiting some of the most distinguished books in contemporary literature, and another hundred showcasing their titles, the Fair truly highlights the diversity and wealth of the independent publishing world today. The 2005 Fair drew nearly 3,000 visitors, and 115 of the nation's most well-respected independents."

Rebecca Schumejda will be supporting the release with other readings throughout New York and New England. Details of the readings are forthcoming.

*Dream Big, Work Harder* retails for \$10 and is available directly from the publisher ([www.sunnyoutside.com](http://www.sunnyoutside.com)) and select bookstores.

**About sunnyoutside**

Sunnyoutside, an independent press, was founded in the autumn of 2005 following publisher David McNamara's graduation from Emerson College's Certificate in Publishing graduate program. Sunnyoutside is a member of both the Fine Press Book Association and the Letterpress Guild of New England. For more information and a complete list of available titles visit [www.sunnyoutside.com](http://www.sunnyoutside.com).

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