



Ithaca

A Romantic Tale of the Sea

Written, produced and directed
by Michael Van Devere

**Thursday, February 21, 2008
6:30 pm**

Carriage House, Longfellow National Historic Site
105 Brattle Street, Cambridge

Filmed in November 2006 at Longfellow National Historic Site, *Ithaca*, a romantic tale of the sea, is inspired by two Longfellow poems, *The Building of the Ship* and *The Wreck of the Hesperus* as well as by Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey*.

Filmmaker Michael Van Devere has produced two other films, *Bachelors' Cottage* (2006) and *John Harvard* (2007). All three films star Harvard undergraduates. Van Devere attended film school at New York's School of Visual Arts. Q & A with filmmaker and refreshments. Film Length: 63 minutes. Space limited. RSVP to 617-876-4491.



George Washington's Birthday

Friday, February 22, 2008

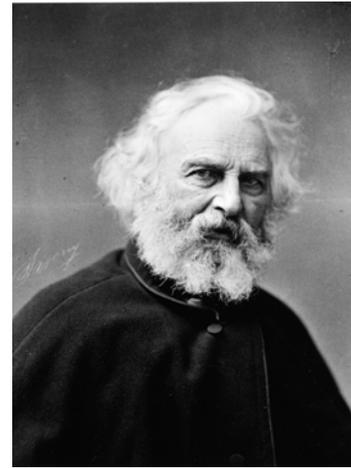
Open House at Washington's Headquarters

Longfellow National Historic Site
105 Brattle Street, Cambridge

Free guided tours: 10:30 & 11:30 am &
1, 2, 3, & 4 pm. Limit of 15 persons per tour.



The Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House served as headquarters and home for General Washington during the Siege of Boston, 1775-1776. Washington planned strategy with his officers, received representatives from the Continental Congress, and met with the chief of the Oneida nation who sided with the Patriot cause. Decisions were made at headquarters to authorize the service of freed black Americans in the Continental Army, to approve the building and arming of private vessels to prey on British ships, and to establish an espionage system of American spies.



Longfellow's Sonnets

Celebrating the 201st Birthday of
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**Saturday, February 23, 2008
10 am – Noon**

Story Chapel, Mount Auburn Cemetery
Cambridge



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote over 75 sonnets, mostly during the last decade of his life. They are considered among the best sonnets written in 19th century America and the most artistic of his works. Join us for a rare opportunity to hear readings of selected Longfellow sonnets. Hosting the program is Paul Blandford, longtime Longfellow NHS ranger. Guest readers are:

- Charles Calhoun, author of *Longfellow Rediscovered*, a recent biography of the poet
- Bree Harvey, director of education and visitor services at Mount Auburn Cemetery
- Adu Laitan Matory, 8th grade honors student at the Kennedy-Longfellow School and 1st prize winner in the 2007 School Poetry Slam for recitation of memorized foreign-language poem by a student in grades 6-8
- J. Lorand Matory, Ph.D., professor of Anthropology and of African and African-American Studies at Harvard University, who has organized poetry recitation contests in Cambridge schools to encourage public poetry recitation among young people
- Matthew Pearl, author of *The Dante Club*, a *New York Times* best-selling historical mystery novel set in Cambridge and Boston during the 19th century
- Nancy Jones, visitor services coordinator and museum educator at Longfellow National Historic Site

Wreath-laying ceremony at gravesite following program. Refreshments in Story Chapel.

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Henry W. Longfellow in his study, early 1870s

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