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## Poetry, Writing & Song Writing Workshops in Cape May

**WHAT:** The Winter Poetry & Prose Getaway is a conference well known for its challenging and supportive atmosphere. Thousands of writers and artists have enjoyed improving their skills and have made lifelong friends. The focus isn't on our award-winning faculty, it's on helping individuals advance as a poets, writers and artists.

Writing workshops emphasize creating new material and are offered in poetry, flash fiction, short story, novel, children's market, creative nonfiction and memoir. There are also workshops in song writing and painting.

**Special Guest Faculty:**

- **Stephen Dunn**, Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry
- **Nancy Falkow**, Dublin-based singer-songwriter

**WHEN:** January 16-19, 2009

**WHERE:** The Grand Hotel, Cape May, NJ

**WHO:** Approximately 200 poets, writers, artists & teachers from across the US, at all levels and experiences, ages 18+

**WHY:** When one of Peter Murphy's poems got "slaughtered" at a famous writer's conference, he vowed to create an event where writers could improve their craft while keeping their egos intact. He founded the Winter Getaway to offer a more compassionate approach, bringing together a faculty of skilled teaching artists who understand the importance critiquing new work in a supportive and frank manner. Participants leave the Getaway with new work and suggestions for making it more publishable.

**HOW MUCH?:** Tuition for most workshops: \$385. Room packages begin at \$225 (& include 3 nights & 6 meals).

**REGISTER:** By December 15 to avoid the \$25 "Tardy Bard Penalty." Visit [www.wintergetaway.com](http://www.wintergetaway.com), email [info@wintergetaway.com](mailto:info@wintergetaway.com) or call 888-887-2105.

**SPECIAL FOR EDUCATORS:** Teachers will receive 17 hours of professional development credit and can earn graduate credit from Rutgers University.

**ABOUT FOUNDER/DIRECTOR PETER E. MURPHY:** Retired after teaching for 29 years at Atlantic City High School, the Ventnor resident is the author two books of poems, *Stubborn Child* (2005), a finalist for the 2006 Paterson Poetry Prize, and *Thorough & Efficient* (2008). For more information and to schedule an interview, please contact Peter at: [info@wintergetaway.com](mailto:info@wintergetaway.com) or 609-823-5076.

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