

# Shelley

## Poet and Legislator

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### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

20 May – 23 May 1992

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# **SHELLEY: POET AND LEGISLATOR OF THE WORLD**

## **20-23 MAY, 1992**

The Keats-Shelley Association of America announces a four-day international conference to celebrate the bicentenary of Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822): poet, philosopher, political visionary, and citizen of the world. To set Shelley on a world stage speakers representing a wide variety of critical and scholarly interests and backgrounds have been invited not only from the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom, but also from the breadth of Europe--France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Rumania, and Russia--and from South Africa, Syria, and Japan. Meeting at the City University of New York Graduate Center and New York Public Library, through lectures, panels, and general discussion participants will explore the impact of Shelley's art and thought over two centuries, their significance for the contemporary world and ramifications for the future. Topics will range from specific nuances opened up by new textual research, to Shelley's conception of the poet's role and his own place in nineteenth-century social thought, to his centrality in current postmodern critical debates. Along with the conference, the New York Public Library will mount a major exhibition of manuscripts and personal artifacts from the Carl H. Pforzheimer Shelley and His Circle Collection, the major archive on the poet outside England.

Although authors of major work on Shelley in America and abroad have been invited, the coordinators encourage others to propose topics of relevance to the conference and/or to send in one-page abstracts of potential contributions: **deadline 14 February 1992**. In addition, five stipends of \$200 have been set aside to assist graduate students with a scholarly interest in Shelley's writings. Applicants should send either coordinator a statement relating their scholarly concerns to the goals of the conference and indicating what they would hope to derive from participation. The application should be supported independently by a written recommendation from a faculty supervisor: **deadline 14 February 1992; notification 21 February 1992**.

**TRAVEL AND HOUSING:** American Airlines will provide reduced fares (40% off regular fare, 5% below lowest apex fare, plus waiver of requirements). Two hotels are designated for conference housing:

The Grand Hyatt (first class, c. \$160 a night) at 42nd and Park.  
The Lexington (economy, c. \$90 a night) at Lexington and 47th.

**ALL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH JOYCE STOGO OF ZENITH TRAVEL (16 EAST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, NY 10016): tel 212/889-6969; toll free 800/221-2786; telex 236244 ZENTUR; fax 212/594-4754.** Although there is no conference fee, for planning and space considerations we ask prospective attendees to return the enclosed card by **10 April 1992**.

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