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Neda Miranda Blažević-Krietzman is an award-winning poet, prose-writer and painter. Her collection of poems, *String Orchestra*, is titled after the string orchestra, which her grandfather Mile Emil Vrkljan, a Croatian economic emigrant, founded in Barkerville, Canada, in 1928.

In her poems Blažević-Krietzman writes about contemporary themes, such as family, nomadism, tradition of letter-writing, Eastern Europe and Western Europe, music, the America and Canada, languages, blissful moments of everyday life and mythological love.

Photo on the front cover: Mile Emil Vrkljan and his String Orchestra, Barkerville, Canada, 1928, in the author's possession.

STRING ORCHESTRA

Poems

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Neda Miranda Blažević-Krietzman is a poet, prose-writer, painter and former professor of English and Core Curriculum at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minnesota (1993-2007). She was born in Gračac, Croatia, and raised in Zagreb where she majored in Comparative Literature and Sociology at the Zagreb University. She studied art in Berlin, Germany. In the past twenty-five years she lived in Berlin and several US cities. Since 2007, she lives and works in San Diego, California, and Zagreb, Croatia. She writes in both Croatian and English and has published twelve collections of poetry. In 2012, she won the prestigious Croatian Poetry Award “Tin Ujević” for her collection *Vesuvius Door* (“Vezuvska vrata,” Fraktura, Zagreb2011). Her books of poems have been published in Croatian, English, German and French. She has also published three collections of short stories, three novels, three plays and three screen plays. Her collaborative book of essays, *A Woman is a Woman is a Woman*, has been published in 2003 by Houghton Mifflin. Her short stories, essays, and poems have been published in various European and US anthologies and journals. Her paintings, sculptures and photographs have been exhibited in numerous museums, institutes of culture and galleries in Zagreb, Hvar, Munich, Berlin, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Winona, Elk River, New York, La Jolla and San Diego. She has received numerous grants, honors and fellowships, including a Fulbright Fellowship, the German DAAD-Artist-Writer Fellowship, The American Biographical Institute Honor, An Outstanding Achievement in Photography by the International Society of Photographers, etc.