THE READING SERIES

AT THE LILLIAN VERNON CREATIVE WRITERS HOUSE

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM
FALL 2007

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 13, 7 pm
Reading & Conversation
DONALD REVELL
Author of 10 poetry collections and 3 volumes of translation, most recently *A Thief of Strings* and *Pennyweight Windows.*
Introduction by **RONNIE YATES**

Friday, September 14, 7 pm
Memorial Reading for **PHEBUS ETIENNE**
A reading of the poems of Phebus Etienne, alum of the NYU Creative Writing Program and Cave Canem Foundation Fellow.
Co-sponsored with Cave Canem Foundation.

Thursday, September 20, 7 pm
Poetry Reading
ARACELIS GIRMAY
Author of *Teeth* and a collage-based picture book, *Changing, Changing.*
LINDA SUSAN JACKSON
Author of *What Yellow Sounds Like.*
TRACY K. SMITH
Author of *The Body's Question* and *Duende.*
Co-sponsored with Cave Canem Foundation.

Friday, September 21, 3:30 pm
Reading & Conversation with Undergraduate Faculty
PAUL LISICKY
Author of *Lawnboy, Famous Builder* and the forthcoming novel *Lumina Harbor.*
MATTHEW ROHRER
Author of five poetry collections, including *Rise Up* and *A Hummock in the Malookas.*

Thursday, September 27, 7 pm
Women's Words Without Borders: Reading & Conversation
ADRIENNE RICH
Acclaimed author of 16 volumes of poetry and winner of a National Book Critics Circle Award and a National Book Award, Rich's latest book is *Telephone Ringing in the Labyrinth.*
MONTSERRAT ABELLÓ
Catalan translator for Adrienne Rich and others, she is also the author of *At the Heart of the Words: Collected Poems 1963–2002.*
Co-sponsored by the Institut Ramon Llull and the Catalan Center at NYU.
▸ Jurow Hall, Silver Center, 100 Washington Square East

Friday, September 28, 7 pm
2007 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Awards Reading
Winners: **ELIF BATUMAN**, **SARAH BRAUNSTEIN**, **ROBIN EKISS**, **ALMA GARCÍA**, **JENNIFER GROTZ** and **HOLLY GODDARD JONES**
The Rona Jaffe Foundation provides support to women writers in the early stages of their writing careers.

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 4, 3:30 pm
Reading & Conversation
SIMON ARMITAGE
A broadcaster and playwright, he is the author of *The Shout: Selected Poems* and other poetry collections, as well as of a new translation of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.*

Thursday, October 4, 7:30 pm
Cave Canem Poetry Prize Reading
Introduction by this year's judge, **CARL PHILLIPS**, author of *The Rest of Love*, a finalist for the National Book Award, *Quiver of Arrows: Selected Poems, 1986–2006* and other titles.
Winner: **DAWN LUNDY MARTIN**
Finalists: **SEAN HILL** and **NADIA NURHUSSEIN**
Co-sponsored with Cave Canem Foundation.
▸ Hemmerdinger Hall, Silver Center, 100 Washington Square East

Friday, October 5, 3:30 pm
Reading & Conversation
REBECCA WOLFF
Author of two books of poems, *Manderley* and *Figment*, as well as editor of *Fence* and Fence Books.
Introduction by **MATTHEW ROHRER**

Friday, October 5, 7 pm
The New Salon: Fiction Writers in Conversation
MYLA GOLDBERG
Author of the best-selling novel *Bee Season*, as well as *Wickett's Remedy* and *Time's Magpie.*
In conversation with **DARIN STRAUSS**

Thursday, October 11, 7 pm
Reading & Conversation with Contemporary Women Poets
OLENA KALYTIAK DAVIS
Author of *And Her Soul Out of Nothing* and *shattered sonnets love cards and other off and back handed importunities.*
DANA LEVIN
Author of *Wedding Day* and *In the Surgical Theatre.*
CHELSEY MINNIS
Author of *Bad Bad* and *Zirconia.*
MEGHAN O'ROURKE
Author of *Halflife* and editor for the *Paris Review* and *Slate.*

Thursday, October 18, 7 pm
The New Salon: Poets in Conversation
DAN CHIASSON
Author of the poetry collections *Natural History, The Afterlife of Objects* and *One Kind of Everything: Poem and Person in Contemporary America.*
In conversation with **ALICE QUINN**
Co-sponsored with the Poetry Society of America.
$5 for the general public, free for PSA members or with an NYU ID card.

Friday, October 19, 3:30 pm
Reading & Conversation
WANG PING
Chinese-born fiction writer, essayist and poet, her latest book is *The Last Communist Virgin.*

Thursday, October 25, 7 pm
Fiction Reading
RICK MOODY
Author of *The Ice Storm, Demonology* and other works of fiction, most recently *Right Livelihoods.*
HELEN SCHULMAN
Author of several books, including *The Revisionist, P.S.* and most recently, *A Day at the Beach.*
▸ Fales, Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, 70 Washington Square South

Friday, October 26, 3:30 pm
Reading & Conversation
ANGELA VON DER LIPPE
Novelist and senior editor at WW Norton, she is the author of *The Truth About Lou: A Novel* and translator of Lou Salomé's memoir of Rilke, *You Alone Are Real to Me.*

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 1, 7 pm
The New Salon: Fiction Writers in Conversation
A.M. HOMES
Author of several novels, short story collections and memoirs, most recently *The Mistress's Daughter*, she has also written for *The L Word.*
In conversation with **DARIN STRAUSS**

Friday, November 2, 7 pm
Reading & Conversation
JANETTE TURNER HOSPITAL
Author of *Orpheus Lost, Oyster, Due Preparations for the Plague* and other novels.

Thursday, November 8, 7 pm
Poetry Reading
YUSEF KOMUNYAKAA
Pulitzer Prize-winning author of numerous books of poetry including *Pleasure Dome: New & Collected Poems.*
Introduction by **SHARON OLDS**
▸ Hemmerdinger Hall, Silver Center, 100 Washington Square East

Thursday, November 15, 7 pm
The New Salon: Poets in Conversation
BRENDA SHAUGHNESSY
Author of *Interior with Sudden Joy* and the forthcoming *Human Dark with Sugar.*
In conversation with **ROB CASPER**
Co-sponsored with the Poetry Society of America.
$5 for the general public, free for PSA members or with an NYU ID card.

Wednesday, November 28, 7 pm
The Geometry of Hope *Creative Writing Prize*
Readings by the winner and finalists of the undergraduate student prize for the best poem or short prose piece inspired by the exhibition, *The Geometry of Hope: Latin American Abstract Art from the Patricia Phelps de Cisneros Collection*, on view at NYU's Grey Art Gallery from September 12 to December 8, 2007.
Organized with the Grey Art Gallery. Supported by the Fundación Cisneros. Information: 212-998-6780, greygallery@nyu.edu, www.nyu.edu/greyart.
▸ Grey Art Gallery, 100 Washington Square East

Thursday, November 29, 7 pm
Philip Levine 80th Birthday Tribute
A reading to celebrate the birthday of one of our most important and influential poets.
Featuring **PHILIP LEVINE** with **KATE DANIELS**, **E.L. DOCTOROW**, **EDWARD HIRSCH**, **GALWAY KINNELL**, **YUSEF KOMUNYAKAA**, **MALENA MÖRLING**, **SHARON OLDS**, **TOM SLEIGH**, **GERALD STERN**, **JEAN VALENTINE** and **CHARLES WRIGHT**.
Co-sponsored with the 92nd Street Y Unterberg Poetry Center, the Academy of American Poets, Cave Canem Foundation, Cooper Union, Knopf, Poets House, the Poetry Society of America and Poets & Writers.
▸ Great Hall, Cooper Union, 7 East 7th Street

Friday, November 30, 7 pm
Acclaimed New York poets read selections from the **ALHAMBRA POETRY CALENDAR 2008** and their own work. A desk calendar and anthology, *Alhambra* showcases the best American and British poets from the 14th to the 21st century.

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 6, 7 pm
The New Salon: Poets in Conversation
JOSHUA BECKMAN
Author of five books of poetry, including *Something I Expected to Be Different* and *Your Time Has Come*, his latest is *Shake.*
In conversation with **DEBORAH LANDAU**
Co-sponsored with the Poetry Society of America.
$5 for the general public, free for PSA members or with an NYU ID card.

Friday, December 7, 7 pm
The Writer's World: *A New Series of International Writing*
Series editor **EDWARD HIRSCH** introduces editors **EAVAN BOLAND**, **MARGARET SAYERS PEDEN** and **ADAM ZAGAJEWSKI**, who will read from the first three books from the Trinity University Press series, featuring Irish, Mexican and Polish writers on writing.
Co-sponsored with the Poetry Society of America.
▸ Greenberg Lounge, Vanderbilt Hall, 40 Washington Square South

Thursday, December 13, 7 pm
The New Salon: Fiction Writers in Conversation
CERIDWEN DOVEY
Author of *Blood Kin*, her first novel.
In conversation with **DARIN STRAUSS**

THE EMERGING WRITERS READING SERIES features an established writer alongside writers from NYU's graduate Creative Writing Program. Events are held at **7 pm** at the legendary **KGB Bar, 85 East 4th Street**. The special guest readers for fall 2007 are:

Friday September 21
ANA CASTILLO
A celebrated poet, novelist, short story writer and essayist whose works include *The Mixquiahuala Letters, So Far From God* and her latest novel, *The Guardians.*

Friday, October 19
SAM HAMILL
Author of 14 volumes of poetry, including his latest, *Measured by Stone*, founding Editor of Copper Canyon Press and Director of Poets Against War.

Friday, November 9
BREYTEN BREYTENBACH
Distinguished poet, fiction writer, dramatist, essayist, painter and activist whose work includes *The True Confessions of an Albino Terrorist*, a memoir of time spent in South Africa's prisons, his latest book is *Windcatcher: New & Selected Poems 1964-2006.*

Friday, December 14
MARY GORDON
Author of numerous short-story collections, novels and non-fiction works, including *Circling My Mother: A Memoir*, and her most recent, *The Stories of Mary Gordon.*

FRIENDS OF THE READING SERIES include Barbara K. Bristol & Galway Kinnell, Robert Holmes, the New York Community Trust, the NYU Book Center and Lillian Vernon.

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All events are open to the public. Unless otherwise indicated, the events are free of charge and held at the **Lillian Vernon Creative Writers House**, **58 West 10th Street**, **between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, New York City**. Vernon House is wheelchair accessible with advance notice. **For more information**, please call the Creative Writing Program at 212-998-8816 or email creative.writing@nyu.edu.