



House of SpeakEasy

SERIOUSLY ENTERTAINING

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UPDATED: Season Finale for House of SpeakEasy June 23rd

New Yorker Cartoon legend, Bob Mankoff, Joins Barnard College President, Debora Spar in Literary Cabaret's Season Finale at City Winery

New York, NY, June 23rd, 2014 – **Seriously Entertaining**, New York's sizzling new literary cabaret, celebrates the end of a seriously successful first season with a lineup for its **June 23rd** show that proves there is no better literary experience to be had in the city. Produced by the House of SpeakEasy, the **June 23rd** show presents the legendary New Yorker Cartoon Editor and author, **Bob Mankoff**, President of Barnard College, feminist author and provocateur, **Debora Spar**, Obie award winning playwright, **Adam Rapp**, Daily Show head writer, **Elliott Kalan**, highly acclaimed poet, **Jeffrey McDaniel** and breakthrough best selling novelist, **Emma Straub**. The format presents each writer onstage for 15 minutes – unedited and unbound – riffing, ruminating or reacting to June's theme: **Falling for Perfection**. This follows Seriously Entertaining's sold-out May 20th show, *The Ink Runs Dry*, featuring Jonathan Alter, Daniel Gilbert, Christopher Mason, Jay Parini, and Amanda Vaill with **Salman Rushdie** filling the **monthly mystery** hosting spot for the literary quiz, *Tip of My Tongue*.

The brainchild of Amanda Foreman and Lucas Wittmann, House of SpeakEasy is a new non-profit arts initiative that unites cultural entertainment with community outreach. Founded in 2013, SpeakEasy's core mission is to develop and nurture new ways of bringing writers and audiences together while recognizing and sustaining the economic value of ideas and writing. Each Seriously Entertaining show brings an outstanding roster of writers from across the literary arts—fiction, nonfiction, stage, film, television, music and poetry— together for a night celebrating words, verse and song. SpeakEasy writers receive 50% of the door of each show. SpeakEasy's mandate also includes borough wide community outreach programs. These include SpeakFreely, an initiative to bring teachers and students free of charge to Seriously Entertaining events; and A Writer in Every Classroom, a program that takes Seriously Entertaining writers to NYC public middle and high schools.

Produced by House of SpeakEasy, Seriously Entertaining is a monthly literary cabaret presenting the best writers of today, in a dinner-theater setting, for a night of serious entertainment and intellectual fun.

Press tickets available.

Tickets start at \$25 and are available at www.houseofspeakeasy.org

Monday, June 23rd, 2014

6pm door / 8pm show

Food and wine available for purchase

