



House of SpeakEasy

SERIOUSLY ENTERTAINING

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UPDATED: House of SpeakEasy Announces May 20th Lineup

Emmy and Peabody Winning Biographer, Amanda Vaill Joins Best-Selling Author and Journalist, Jonathan Alter in Literary Cabaret at City Winery

New York, NY, May 20th, 2014 - Seriously Entertaining, New York's glittering new monthly literary cabaret, flexes its literary muscle once again with another sensational lineup for their **May 20th** show at City Winery, New York at 8pm. Produced by the House of SpeakEasy, the **May 20th** show presents Emmy and Peabody winning biographer, screenwriter and journalist, **Amanda Vaill**, award winning author, journalist and political provocateur, **Jonathan Alter**, highly acclaimed poet, biographer, novelist and spiritual seer, **Jay Parini**, best selling author and one of the NYT's Editors choices for 2013, **David Gilbert** and sensational satirical songwriter and roaster of the rich and famous, **Christopher Mason**. The format presents each writer onstage for 15 minutes – unedited and unbound – riffing, ruminating or reacting to May's theme: **The Ink Runs Dry**. This follows Seriously Entertaining's sold-out April 28th show, **In Case of Emergency**, featuring Daniel Bergner, JD McClatchy, Maggie Shipstead and Amor Towles with legendary radio host, Leonard Lopate hosting 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

Tuesday, May 20th, 2014

6pm door / 8pm show

Food and wine available for purchase

