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UPDATED: Fall Season of Seriously Entertaining opens September 29th

Pulitzer Prize Nominee Andrew Solomon Joins Legendary American Dramatist John Guare in Literary Cabaret's Fall Season Debut at City Winery

New York, NY, September 29th, 2014 – **Seriously Entertaining**, New York's most intellectually exhilarating literary cabaret, opens its new Fall season tonight with a prodigiously erudite and eclectic opening lineup: dramatist **John Guare** author of such notable contemporary plays such as *Six Degrees of Separation* and *The House of Blue Leaves*, joins National Book Award winner and Pulitzer Prize nominee **Andrew Solomon** (*The Noon Day Demon* and *Far From the Tree*), trailblazing writer and feminist **Gail Sheehy** (*Passages*), world renowned theoretical physicist and cosmos connoisseur **Marcelo Gleiser** (*The Dancing Universe*) and acclaimed English comedian and debut novelist (*The Furies*) **Natalie Hynes**. Each writer will take the stage for 15 minutes – unedited and unbound – in the trademark Seriously Entertaining format, riffing, ruminating or reacting to September's theme: **Inside the Lie**. The evening follows Seriously Entertaining's barnstorming June finale show, **Falling for Perfection**, featuring Bob Mankoff, Debora Spar, Elliot Kalan, Jeffrey McDaniel, Adam Rapp and Emma Straub. **Amanda Vaill**, SpeakEasy's new Executive Director, filled the **monthly mystery** hosting spot for the literary quiz, Tip of My Tongue. This spot has previously been filled by Salman Rushdie, Uma Thurman and Oscar-winning writer and director, Paul Haggis.

Seriously Entertaining is the flagship production of the House of SpeakEasy, a new non-profit arts initiative founded by Amanda Foreman and Lucas Wittman to develop new ways of bringing writers and audiences together while recognizing and sustaining the economic value of ideas and writing. Each Seriously Entertaining show presents an outstanding roster of writers from across the literary arts - fiction, nonfiction, stage, film, television, music and poetry - and the performers receive 50% of the ticket receipts. In addition to its Seriously Entertaining cultural entertainment, SpeakEasy is also committed to a program of community outreach, Seriously Involved, which includes an initiative to admit teachers and students free of charge to Seriously Entertaining events (SpeakFreely), and a partnership that will bring SpeakEasy writers to work with college-aspirant students from New York public high schools.

Seriously Entertaining performances take place, dinner-theater style, at City Winery, 155 Varick St., New York, New York. The 2014-2015 performance dates are September 29, November 17, January 28, March 9, April 21 and June 15.

Press tickets available.

Tickets start at \$10 and are available at www.houseofspeakeasy.org

Monday, September 29th, 2014

6pm door / 8pm show

Food and wine available for purchase

