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UPDATE: Announcing Addition to Seriously Entertaining's April 21st Lineup

Beau Willimon, Legendary *House of Cards* Creator, Joins High Voltage Lineup for Literary Cabaret's April 21st Show.

New York, NY, April 21st, 2015 – **Seriously Entertaining**, New York's one and only literary cabaret, has added more fuel to its fiery April 21st show with the addition of Beau Willimon, creator of Netflix's mega-hit show, *House of Cards*. Willimon joins a blazing lineup for Seriously Entertaining's April show with **Branden Jacobs-Jenkins**, Obie award-winning playwright of the highly-acclaimed *An Octoroon*, Emmy award-nominated actress and poet **Amber Tamblyn**, Turkish novelist, commentator, and Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor **Elif Shafak**, rock journalism's ultimate insider **Lisa Robinson**, and bestselling and award-winning suspense novelist **Tom Rob Smith**. Each writer will take the stage for 15 minutes – unedited and unbound – in the trademark Seriously Entertaining format – riffing, ruminating or reacting to April's theme: **One Simple Rule**. The Tip of My Tongue literary quiz – another hallmark of Seriously Entertaining – will be hosted by a mystery guest. Previous hosts have included Uma Thurman, Salman Rushdie and Dan Stevens.

Seriously Entertaining is the flagship production of House of SpeakEasy, a non-profit arts initiative founded by Amanda Foreman and Lucas Wittmann 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 – with the performers receiving 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 with Union Settlement Association's College Readiness program (SpeakTogether) that brings SpeakEasy writers to work with East Harlem high-schoolers.

Seriously Entertaining performances take place, dinner-theater style, at City Winery, 155 Varick St, New York, New York. Remaining 2015 performance dates are June 15, September 21st and November 16th.

Press tickets available

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

Tuesday, April 21st, 2015

6pm door / 8pm show

Food and wine available for purchase

