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ERIN L. COX JOINS HOUSE OF SPEAKEASY TEAM AS EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF "SERIOUSLY ENTERTAINING" SERIES AT JOE'S PUB

"A literary mixtape [with] perfect flow and variety."
- *The New York Times*

NEW YORK, July 11th - Today, House of SpeakEasy Foundation announced that Erin L. Cox, publishing consultant and literary agent, will be joining the organization as Executive Producer. Cox will be responsible for producing SpeakEasy's flagship show "Seriously Entertaining" as well as coordinating marketing and publicity strategy for the organization's programs, including the SpeakTogether program in area schools, and soon-to-be-launched Book Truck and House of SpeakEasy podcast.

House of SpeakEasy Foundation is a New York based non-profit founded in 2013 by biographer and historian Amanda Foreman and editor Lucas Wittmann with the mission of bringing writers and audiences together in innovative and entertaining ways.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have Erin join the SpeakEasy team," said Foreman. "Her arrival comes on the heels of another successful season for us at Joe's Pub. Erin's collaborative style and curatorial vision will be essential components for our further expansion of the 'Seriously Entertaining' show. We look forward to working with her to highlight the literary talents of an all-new lineup of writers this fall and beyond."

Cox has spent the last 18 years in publicity, marketing, business development, and agenting within the book and magazine publishing space for such companies as Scribner, HarperCollins, *The New Yorker*, Conde Nast digital, *The Daily Beast*, and the Frankfurt Book Fair. She is currently a literary agent at Rob Weisbach Creative Management and Business Development Director of *Publishing Perspectives*, an international publishing trade magazine.

"Seriously Entertaining" is SpeakEasy's flagship program, which has had a home at Joe's Pub at the Public Theater since spring 2016. This literary cabaret brings together writers from across the cultural world, across disciplines, and has featured a diverse array of distinguished journalists, poets, playwrights, novelists, screenwriters, comedians, and historians to tell stories centered on a theme, which changes monthly. Participants include such writers as Elif Batuman, Molly Crabapple, David Ebershoff, Paul Haggis, Jeff Kinney, Lydia Millet, Salman Rushdie, Amber Tamblyn, among others.

The fall season of "Seriously Entertaining" will kick off on September 26th with the theme "One for the Road," the November 1st show centers on "Fear Itself," and the December 5th show imagines being "Caught in the Act." Speakers for the fall season will be announced next month.

For more information about House of SpeakEasy Foundation, please visit our website at: www.houseofspeakeasy.org

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