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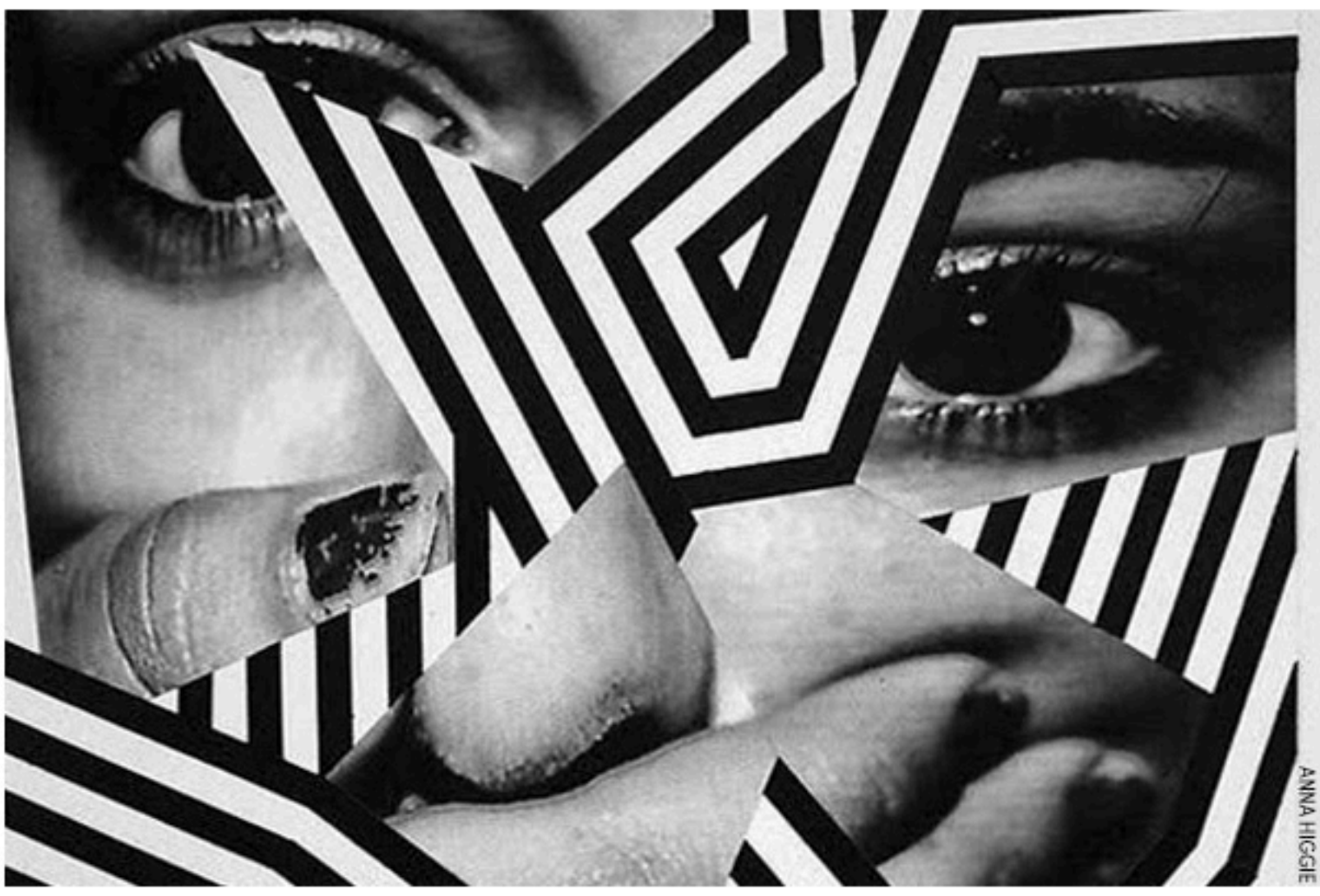

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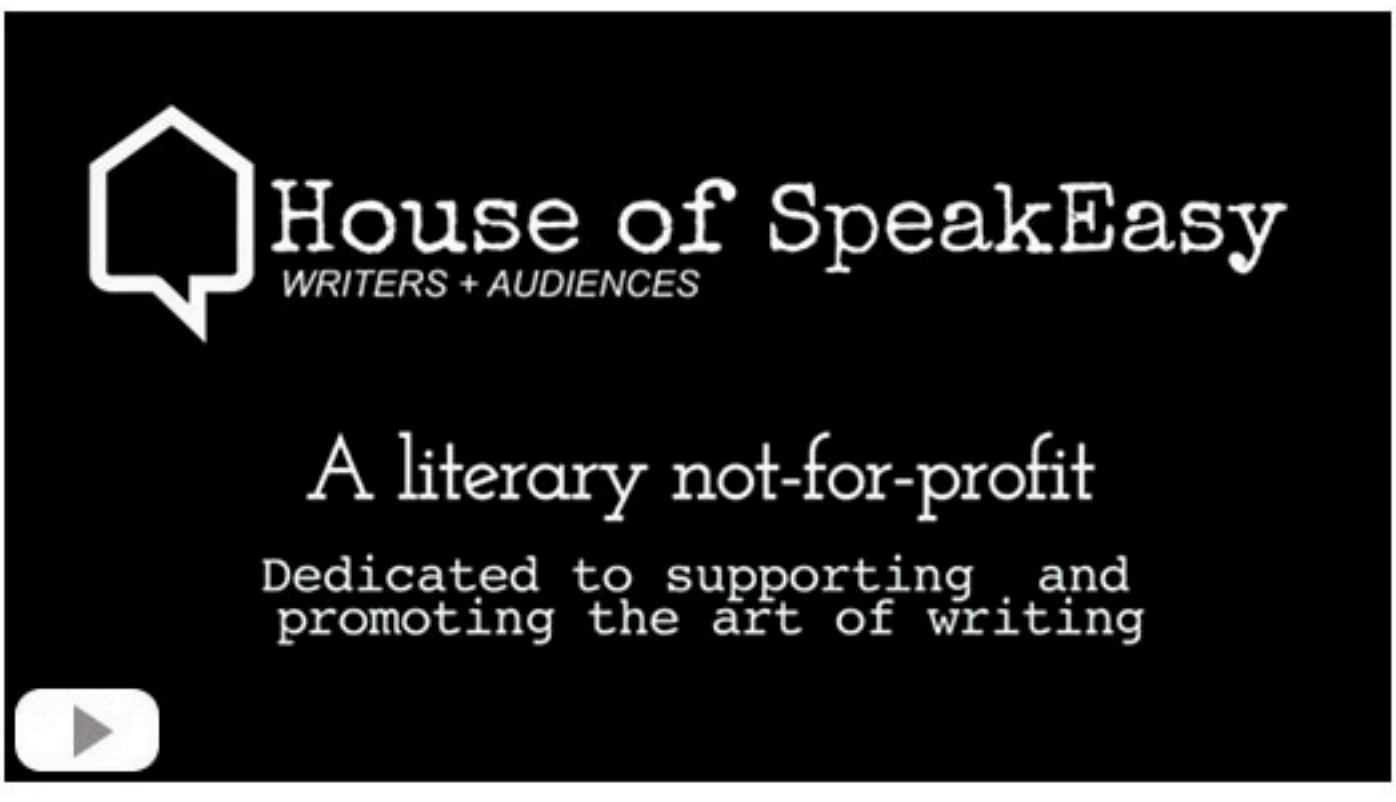
ANNOUNCING: 2015-16 Opening Show of
Seriously Entertaining's Literary Cabaret: September 22

A Mind-Altering Lineup for Seriously Entertaining's 2015-16 Season-Opener

New York, NY, September 22, 2015 - Seriously Entertaining, New York's one and only writers' cabaret, opens its highly anticipated second full season with a cerebrally illuminating program featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Doug Wright, Middle East expert and policy advisor Emma Sky, OBE, political columnist and *New York Times* best-selling author Joe Klein, multiple memoirist and notable contemporary American poet Nick Flynn, and Sirius XMradio host, writer, and performer Kelly Carlin. Following Seriously Entertaining's informal, audience-friendly format each writer will take the stage, solo, to riff, ruminate, or react to September's theme: **Altered States**. 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. Seriously Entertaining has featured writers such as John Guare, Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, PJ O'Rourke, Graham Moore, Steven Pinker, Andrew Solomon, Amber Tamblyn, and Irvine Welsh.

Seriously Entertaining draws audiences of between 200 to 300 people to its shows, but this isn't SpeakEasy's only success story. The organization's community outreach initiative, Seriously Involved, admits teachers and students free of charge to Seriously Entertaining events (SpeakFreely), and in partnership with Union Settlement Association's College Readiness program (SpeakTogether) brings SpeakEasy authors to work with East Harlem high-schoolers in after-school workshops and a summer writing intensive. Participants have included the playwright John Guare, the poets Jeffrey McDaniel and Lemon Andersen, the novelist David Gilbert, and the memoirist and biographer Susan Cheever. The program will continue monthly during the 2015-16 academic year.

Seriously Entertaining performances take place, dinner-theater style, at City Winery, 155 Varick St, New York, New York. Remaining 2015 performance date is November 11 with our fundraising Gala on Feb 1.

Press tickets available: caroline.ohara@houseofspeakeasy.org
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Tickets start at $10 and are available at
www.houseofspeakeasy.org
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
6pm door / 8pm show
Food and wine available for purchase

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