



## OCTOBER 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 1  
8 p.m.

### The Music Committee Presents International Cabaret Star Mark Nadler

#### Performance

RSVP

Internationally acclaimed award-winning entertainer, Mark Nadler, presents a celebration of the Great American Songbook featuring songs by the likes of George and Ira Gershwin and Cole Porter. Hailed by *The New York Times* as "a comic spark plug touched with brilliance", Nadler is, as *The London Times* put it, "an all action entertainer that has to be seen to be believed." The show will also feature young performers from the *Art Start* workshops who will bring a 21st Century twist to some of our favorite standards. This promises to be an evening of great songs, great laughs and sheer joy! RSVP required to (212) 475-3424.

Monday 5  
8 p.m.

### A Journey Through Champagne

#### Tasting & Class

RSVP

The Culinary Arts Committee invites you to explore the world of champagne with two of the world's most prestigious names, Perrier-Jouët and G.H. Mumm. These two houses, both founded in the Champagne region of France in the early nineteenth century, have different styles, yet one purpose: the quest for extraordinary champagne. Through a stylistic tasting of non-vintage, rosé, and vintage champagnes, we will discover the details that make up the characteristics of these two champagne houses. Seating is limited, so reserve early to (212) 475-3424. \$25 per person.

Monday 5  
8 p.m.

### The Theatre/Drama Committee presents *Way Out* by Timothy Nolan

#### Performance

RSVP

Award winning actor Shiek Mahmud-Bey and Fringe Festival regular Tod Engle give riveting performances in this play about renowned boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. After serving over 20 years of a life sentence for a triple homicide, the glamour of the boxing world interweaves in Hurricane's mind with the abuses of incarceration as he stands before the court of last appeals to prove his hands are clean. A reception with the playwright and actors follows. Robin Lane-Krauss, Production Coordinator. RSVP by 9/29 to (212) 475-3424.

Tuesday 6  
8 p.m.

### The NAC Roundtable presents *New York and How It Got That Way*

#### Multi-media Presentation

Between the turn of the century and the First World War, New York City was a magnet for creative, ambitious, radical and revolutionary people. Actress Shirley Romaine explores the exciting personalities who made history during those formative years, including George M. Cohan, Isadora Duncan, Emma Goldman, Edith Wharton, George Bellows, William Glackens, Robert Henri, George Luks, and John Sloane. A reception will follow.

Friday 9  
6 p.m.

### The Board of Governors presents *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*

#### Film & Discussion

Directed by Academy Award nominee Gini Reticker and produced by Abigail Disney, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* tells the story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war. Producer Abigail Disney will then discuss her personal journey from heiress—her grandfather co-founded the Walt Disney Co.—to philanthropist. "Uplifting, disheartening, inspiring, enraging...the body trembles," —*The New York Times*.

Tuesday 13  
8 p.m.

### The Literary Committee Presents Kate Walbert's *A Short History of Women*

#### Reading, Discussion & Booksigning

Kate Walbert's new novel opens in 1914 at the deathbed of an English suffragette who starves herself for the cause. Her choice echoes in the stories of her descendants interwoven throughout the book. In a kaleidoscope of voices and with a richness of imagery, Walbert explores the ways in which successive generations of women have responded to what the Victorians called "The Woman Question." "Her writing wears both its intelligence and its ideology lightly...this is a gorgeously wrought and ultimately wrenching work of art." —*The New York Times*. Kate Walbert is a National Book Award Finalist and winner of the Connecticut Book Award.

Thursday 15  
9 p.m.

### The Jr. Committee Presents NAC Comedy Night

#### Performance

Ricky Butler hosts some of NYC's top established stand-up comedians.

Monday 19  
8 p.m.

## Speaking of Shakespeare with Deborah Tannen

### Discussion & Booksigning

Please join us for a fascinating chat between John Andrews and the Georgetown linguist who has redefined the way we think about conversation. Deborah Tannen is most familiar for *You Just Don't Understand*, a bestseller that held the number-one spot for eight months on the *New York Times* bestseller list. She has also enriched our lives with *I Only Say This Because I Love You* and *Talking from 9 to 5*. She will introduce and sign copies of her latest book, *You Were Always Mom's Favorite*, a volume that illuminates the relationships between sisters, among them Bianca and Kate in *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Tuesday 20  
8 p.m.

## The Architectural Committee presents *Manhattan: The Greenest Place in America*

### Illustrated Lecture, Discussion & Booksigning

Manhattan is the greenest place in America! So argues New Yorker writer David Owen in his new eco-urbanist manifesto *Green Metropolis*. Because they walk and use transit, and because the apartments in their massive buildings heat each other, New Yorkers' greenhouse gasses are a third of other Americans'. Owen argues that the environmental movement's worship of green space and high-tech gadgets like solar panels and triple-paned windows creates sprawl and gizmo consumerism. Joining him in debate are architect Gary Brewer and sustainability consultant Paul Stoller, designers of "green" buildings; and best-selling urbanist-environmentalist James Howard Kunstler, author of *The Long Emergency*.

Wednesday 21  
Mix & Mingle  
6 p.m.

## LeCocktail Français presents *Cézanne's Garden* by Derek Fell

### Illustrated Lecture & Booksigning in English

Visitors still flock to impressionist painter Paul Cézanne's home in Aix-en-Provence where his garden and studio in Les Lauves remain meticulously maintained to honor his memory. In *Cézanne's Garden*, award-winning writer and photographer Derek Fell offers fresh insight into the natural world that inspired Cézanne. See how the artist's unusual garden reflected his theories on color, texture, structure, and light. Derek Fell is the author of over fifty books, including *Van Gogh's Gardens*. He was the host of the QVC show, "Step-by-Step Gardening."

Program  
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 21  
Buffet  
6 p.m.  
RSVP

## The Film Committee Presents A Sneak Preview of *The Messenger*

### Buffet, Film, Discussion

Ben Foster is Will Montgomery, a U.S. Army officer recently returned from Iraq. He has been assigned to the Army's Casualty Notification service where he and his partner (Woody Harrelson) bear the bad news to the loved ones of fallen soldiers. When Will becomes drawn to Olivia after he has delivered the news of her husband's death, his emotional detachment begins to dissolve to reveal a surprising, humorous, very human portrait of grief, friendship and survival. RSVP for the buffet by 9/20 at (212) 477-2389. The buffet prior is \$48 per person. Price includes tax and service charge.

Film  
7:45 p.m.

Thursday 22  
8 p.m.

## The Roundtable presents *The Power of Slow*

### Discussion & Booksigning

Getting to the heart of our stressful, over-scheduled existence, author Christine Louise Hohlbaum cheerfully investigates 101 ways to increase our quality of life and productivity by reevaluating how we perceive and use time. *The Power of Slow* addresses managing one's own personal bank account of time and debunks the myths of multitasking, speed, and urgency as the only ways to efficiency. You may want to leave your iPhone at home. A reception will follow.

Tuesday 27  
8 p.m.

## "Changes," The Literary Committee's Inaugural "Marjory Bassett Writers' Showcase"

### A Reading of Selections from Members' Fiction & Memoirs

Like it or not, times change and so do our lives. Join us as our Literary Committee's gifted authors share their stories of transformation. Readers include: Elaine Williams, John Walsh, Cor van den Heuvel, Martin Tucker, Dee Shapiro, Cherry Provost, Steve Mascatello, Dara Mandle, Ruth Lilian, John James, Aldon James, Arlene Heyman, Joan E. Hartman, Johanna Garfield, Alice Forman, Viviana Pimstein Epelbaum, Dary Day Derchin, Barbara Daddino, Leonore Comora, Constance Brock, Portia Bohn, Pauline Gilbert-Bader, Lisa Dickler Awano and Hiroo Dickler Awano.

Wednesday 28  
7:45 p.m.

## The Film Committee Presents *In The Shadow of the Vampire*

### **Buffet, Film, Discussion**

This documentary by Sumner Jules Glimcher portrays life in a tiny farming hamlet of eight hundred souls, in Transylvania. Glimcher, who will present the film, was part of a group from the Unitarian Church in Westport, visiting Transylvania, the birthplace of Unitarianism. He filmed the farmers at work, and interviewed town elders. The group also visited Vlad Dracula's birthplace, learned the origin of the vampire legend, and watched a local gypsy community perform on a grassy hillside.

Thursday 28  
8 p.m.

## The Photography Committee hosts Fred Ritchin

### **Lecture**

Fred Ritchin, a veteran expert of both photography and new media, offers a compelling look at how the heady mix of the digital, the photographic, and the Internet has affected human consciousness, art, politics, sociology, and ethics in his latest book, *After Photography* (W. W. Norton & Company). In a time of instant uploads, a photo is no longer a photo, but an image that can be manipulated, picked apart, repackaged, and shared with millions.

# OCTOBER 2009 EVENT CALENDAR

S	M*	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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AP = Award Presentation    DI = Discussion    MM = Multimedia BF = Buffet    F = Film    OR = Opening Reception BK = Book Signing    IL = Illustrated Lecture    P = Performance BT = Black Tie    L = Lecture    R = Reading C = Class    LU = Luncheon    RE = Reception				Mark Nadler 8 p.m. (P)		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Champagne 8 p.m. (T/C)  Way Out 8 p.m. (P)	New York & How It Got That Way 8 p.m. (MM)	<i>French Lessons</i> 6:30 p.m.  Margo Grant 6-8 p.m. (OR)	Michael Gibbons 6-8 p.m. (OR)	Jazz at Noon 12 p.m. (P/LU)  <i>Pray the Devil Back to Hell</i> 6 p.m. (F/DI)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<b>COLUMBUS DAY CLUB CLOSED</b>	Kate Walbert 8 p.m. (R/BK)		Comedy Night 9 p.m. (P)	Jazz at Noon 12 p.m. (P/LU)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Speaking of Shakespeare 8 p.m. (DI/BK)	The Greenest Place in America 8 p.m. (IL/DI/BK)	<i>Cézanne's Garden</i> 6 p.m. (IL/BK) Sarah Sill 6-8 p.m. (OR) <i>The Messenger</i> 6/7:45 p.m. (BF/F/DI) RSVP (212) 477-2389	<i>The Power of Slow</i> 8 p.m. (DI/BK)	Jazz at Noon 12 p.m. (P/LU)	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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