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THE @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES ANNOUNCES SPRING 2016 SEASON

Exciting writers read from their new books, with noted interviewers joining them for conversations

(January 5, 2016, New York, NY) – The @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES announces its Spring 2016 lineup of acclaimed authors reading from their new books, along with interviews by significant fellow writers and journalists. The monthly programs will feature **Alexander Chee** with his new novel, ***The Queen of the Night***, followed by an interview with **Boris Kachka**; celebrated author **Katie Roiphe** will read from her new book, ***The Violet Hour: Great Writers at the End***, with **James Atlas** as interviewer; literary bestseller Curtis Sittenfeld brings her latest sensation, *Eligible*, to the series; and **Chris Cleave** will read from his new novel, ***Everyone Brave Is Forgiven***, and discuss his work with novelist and critic **Darryl Pinckney**.

Free and open to the public (reservations recommended), the events take place at 7pm at Macaulay Honors College at CUNY, 35 West 67th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue.

On **February 4**, the @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES welcomes writer **Alexander Chee** with his highly-anticipated novel ***The Queen of the Night***. Already greeted with advance raves, it tells the lush story of a famous, alluring and adventuresome opera singer in Napoleon III's Europe, and her encounters with the era's real and imagined figures as she hides her mysterious and scandalous past. After Chee's reading, he will sit down for an interview with *New York* magazine culture writer and books contributor **Boris Kachka**.

On **March 10**, **Katie Roiphe** appears with her new book, ***The Violet Hour: Great Writers at the End***, in which the always provocative author looks at the final days of Sigmund Freud, Maurice Sendak, Susan Sontag, Dylan Thomas, John Updike and James Salter. Interviewing Roiphe afterwards will be the well-known biographer **James Atlas**, a longtime contributor to *The New Yorker* and a former editor of *The New York Times Book Review*.

On **April 27**, best-selling novelist **Curtis Sittenfeld** (*Prep*) will present her new novel, ***Eligible***, a clever contemporary take on Jane Austen's *Pride and*

Prejudice, set in modern-day Cincinnati, New York and Los Angeles. This will be Sittenfeld's only New York appearance for *Eligible*.

Finally, on **May 4**, best-selling author **Chris Cleave** (*Little Bee*) will read from his new novel, ***Everyone Brave Is Forgiven***, the story of three individuals whose lives are intertwined by war, love, bereavement, courage and their search for a new sense of belonging in England during World War II. Following his reading, Cleave will join in conversation with esteemed author **Darryl Pinckney**, whose widely heralded new novel, ***Black Deutschland***, will be published in February.

The @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES offers unique previews of new work by the season's best writers of fiction and nonfiction paired in conversation with distinguished interviewers. Held in the historic Macaulay building, each program is followed by a book signing and informal reception. Books are sold at the events.

About Macaulay Honors College

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation's largest urban university and the largest city, New York City. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and an Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning, research and service opportunities. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges: Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, and Queens Colleges and the College of Staten Island. For more information, see macaulay.cuny.edu.

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