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@MACAULAY LAUNCHES AUTHOR SERIES ON MANHATTAN'S WEST SIDE WITH NOVELIST SUSANNA MOORE, INTRODUCED BY DAPHNE MERKIN, ON OCTOBER 4, 2012

New York, NY (September 20, 2012) - The publishing community collaborates on an exciting new venture: the @Macaulay Author Series. Partnering with Macaulay Honors College at CUNY, in an historic building on West 67th Street just off Central Park, the series will bring writers of the best in new fiction and nonfiction to a neighborhood teeming with culture consumers and booklovers. The series will be a welcome return of author appearances for an area of the city currently under-served by bookstores and literary events.

The monthly reading series gets underway on Thursday, October 4, with award-winning writer **SUSANNA MOORE** who will read from, discuss, and sign copies of her new novel, *The Life of Objects* (Alfred A. Knopf). The author of such acclaimed works as *The Big Girls*, *In the Cut*, and *My Old Sweetheart* brings us the tragic, suspenseful tale of a glamorous, courageous and seductive bevy of art collectors in the Germany of World War II, and the young Irish Protestant lace-maker who comes to serve them. Advance word has proclaimed it Moore's best book yet, and Joan Didion calls it "exhilarating...truly exciting, new, everything good...every word." Introducing Moore will be the literary critic and novelist **Daphne Merkin**, author of *Dreaming of Hitler* and *Enchantment*.

"Imagine *Downton Abbey* crossed with *In the Garden of the Beasts* as fashioned by a literary master at the peak of her powers." KURT ANDERSEN

"A magnificent achievement." EDMUND WHITE

Next in the series, the goose-bumps-inducing **R.L. STINE** will share his first novel for adults, *Red Rain* (Touchstone/Simon&Schuster). Destined to become as enormous a best seller for grownups as his celebrated *Goosebumps* novels are for the young, *Red Rain* takes an unsuspecting travel writer to an isolated island off the South Carolina coast during hurricane season. But it's the storm's aftermath that confronts her with true horror. Mr. Stine's program takes place on Tuesday, November 13.

"Real characters, crisp writing, and a wicked sense of humor. Keep this book far, far away from your kids." DOUGLAS PRESTON

On Monday, December 10 @Macaulay is pleased to present ABC "Chew" star **CARLA HALL** and her very personal cookbook and memoir *Cooking With Love: Comfort Food That Hugs You* (Free Press). A sure hit for the holidays, *Cooking With Love* bubbles over with family stories, refreshing recipes and culinary adventures.

"Carla Hall knocks it out of the park with her first book, all about love, tradition, family, flavor and style, and flavor again." MARIO BATALI

The monthly evening series is hosted at Macaulay Honors College, conveniently located at 35 West 67th Street, between Central Park and Lincoln Center. The programs will take place in the Lecture Hall and adjacent Reading Room. The series is sponsored by Friends of Macaulay.

Reservations online: <http://macaulay.cuny.edu/rsvp>

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### **About Macaulay Honors College**

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers an exceptional academic and co-curricular environment for the best and brightest students, who come from all parts of New York and around the world. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges (Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, Queens and Staten Island). Through the unique Macaulay advising program, each student develops a coordinated, individualized academic program that includes research, global learning, graduate and professional mentoring, community engagement, and close faculty-student collaboration. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, every Macaulay student receives a full-tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, a \$7,500 study grant to pursue global learning and service opportunities, and a Cultural Passport that provides access to museums, libraries, and other treasures around New York City. For more information about Macaulay Honors College, visit our website at: [macaulay.cuny.edu](http://macaulay.cuny.edu).

### **About Friends of Macaulay**

Friends of Macaulay is a community of committed individuals who value the power of public higher education for New York's highest achieving students. With support of Macaulay's annual fund, Friends of Macaulay invest in our next generation of leaders.

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