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The Montauk Club to host a night of literature featuring JUDY BAUMEL, MARTHA COOLEY, and GILES HARVEY

The Montauk Club is pleased to announce an evening celebrating literature as part of our new readings series, *Book Jackets Required*. Featuring authors Judy Baumel, Martha Cooley and Giles Harvey, the event is produced in partnership with the literary and cultural magazine *AGNI* and is co-curated by Beth Romano. The reading will take place at 8 PM, Wednesday, September 22, 2010, in the historic 120 year-old Ballroom at the Montauk Club, 25 Eighth Avenue, Park Slope, Brooklyn (adjacent to Grand Army Plaza). Authors will read from recent work, followed by a brief panel discussion with a cocktail hour and tour of the club's landmark building afterward.

The ticket price is free to club members and \$5 for non-members; drink tickets for cocktails, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic drinks can be purchased. Visit our website at www.montaukclub.com for details on trains/transportation; RSVP to manager@montaukclub.com.

Notes on Readers:

Judith Baumel is a poet, critic, and translator. She is Associate Professor of English and was founding director of the Creative Writing Program at Adelphi University. A former director of the Poetry Society of America, her poetry, translations, and essays have been published in *Poetry*, *The Yale Review*, *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker*. She has published two books of poetry: *The Weight of Numbers*, a Walt Whitman Award winner, and *Now*. Her new book, *The Kangaroo Girl*, is forthcoming from GenPop books early next year.

Martha Cooley is the author of two novels, *The Archivist* and *Thirty-Three Swoons*. She is a member of the core faculty of the Bennington Writing Seminars and has taught fiction in the graduate writing programs at Boston University and Manhattanville College.

Giles Harvey is an MFA candidate in fiction at New York University and is currently at work on a novel. He has written for the *Times Literary Supplement*, *The Believer*, and *n+1*, among other titles. "The Indifferent Beak," appearing in *AGNI* in 2009, is his first published work of fiction.

AGNI Magazine, founded in 1972, is "one of America's, and the world's, most significant literary journals" (PEN American Center). This fall, *AGNI* launches a major portfolio of African fiction, including stories from Nigeria, Djibouti, Uganda, South Africa, The Gambia, and elsewhere. *AGNI's* web extension *AGNI Online* is one of the internet's premier portals for information about contemporary literary writers working in English.

The Montauk Club is a historic landmark in Park Slope, Brooklyn, designed by architect Francis H. Kimball in a unique combination of Venetian Gothic and Native American motifs. Its splendid interiors are host to a diverse number of cultural programs, including arts events, wine tastings, concerts, and film screenings. We are glad to host this evening showcasing some of America's most exciting contemporary voices in fiction, poetry, and culture. We hope you can join us!

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