

Union Church of Biddeford Pool Presents SUMMER 2018 SPEAKER SERIES

FOUR FASCINATING SPEAKER EVENTS IN BIDDEFORD!

J. Courtney Sullivan, Thursday July 26, New York Times Best-Selling Author *A Saint for All Occasions* was a New York Times Critics' Top Book of 2017, *Engagements* was one of People Magazine's Top Ten Books of 2013 and an Irish Times Best Book of the Year, and has been translated into seventeen languages. *Maine* was named a 2011 Time magazine Best Book of the Year and a Washington Post Notable Book. "Sullivan's characters leap off the page. You don't read this book; you breathe it." -J. Maslin, "Times Critics' Top Books of 2017," The New York Times



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Bill Roorbach, Thursday August 2, Award-Winning Author *The Girl of the Lake* is Roorbach's newest collection, whose "ten, generous, daring short stories start off ordinary, and then turn magically strange." (Publishers Weekly) *The Remedy for Love* was a finalist for the 2015 Kirkus Prize, and his bestselling *Life Among Giants* won a Maine Literary Award in 2012. The collection, *Big Bend*, won the Flannery O'Connor and O. Henry prizes in 2000. Bill was named a 2018 Civitella Ranieri Foundation fellow, and is a National Endowment for the Arts Fellow. His craft book, *Writing Life Stories*, is used around the world.



Wesley McNair, Thursday August 9, Among America's Finest Artists Called, "one of the great storytellers of contemporary poetry," (poet Philip Levine), McNair has won grants from the Fulbright and Guggenheim foundations, two Rockefeller Fellowships, two NEA grants in creative writing, and an Emmy Award. He has twice been invited to read his poetry by the Library of Congress. He was recently selected for a United States Artists Fellowship as one of America's "finest living artists," and in 2015 was named as the recipient of the PEN New England Award for Literary Excellence in Poetry. His 10th book of poetry is *The Unfastening*.



Noah Isenberg, Thursday, August 23, Author and Screen Studies Director. Professor of Culture and Media at the New School's Lang College of Liberal Arts, *We'll Always Have 'Casablanca': The Life, Legend, and Afterlife of Hollywood's Most Beloved Movie*, (2017), earned a spot on the Los Angeles Times best-seller list, was named an Editor's Choice by the New York Times Book Review, was selected as a Summer Book of 2017 by the Financial Times and a Best Film Book of 2017 by the Scotland Herald. His other books include: *Edgar G. Ulmer: A Filmmaker at the Margins* (2014), which the New York Times hailed as "a page turner of a biography" and Huffington Post selected among its Best Film Books of 2014; and *Detour* (British Film Institute, 2008).



Doors Open 7PM. Limited Seating! Series Tickets (\$50), Advance Single tickets (\$15) Contact Elaine Robinson, 283-1398, or erobinson4@maine.rr.com.

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