

# The Main Event

## Speaker Series

**Autumn 2017 Main Library Auditorium**

An author series featuring prominent voices from the worlds of literature, the arts, politics and journalism.

### **ROZ CHAST – Acclaimed New Yorker Cartoonist**

**Thursday, October 12, 7 pm**

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Roz Chast's cartoons began appearing in the NEW YORKER in 1978, where she has since published more than one thousand. She wrote and illustrated the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* a National Book Critics Circle Award and Kirkus Prize winner and finalist for the National Book Award. Her other books include *What I Hate: From A to Z, Theories of Everything*, and her latest, *Going into Town – A Love Letter To New York*.

There will be a Q&A after Ms. Chast's presentation, and a book signing. (Books will be available for purchase).

### **MATT TAIBBI – Rolling Stone Political Correspondent and New York Times Bestselling Author**

**Thursday, November 9, 7 pm**

One of the smartest—and funniest—chroniclers of the rise of Trump, growing inequality, and Wall Street excess, Matt Taibbi is also the author of four *NYT* bestsellers: *The Great Derangement*, *Griftopia*, *The Divide*, and *Insane Clown President*. In talks, as in his award-winning articles for *Rolling Stone*, Taibbi paints an alarming portrait of politics, media, and culture, providing a way forward against our most urgent crises.

This fall, Taibbi releases his fifth book, *I Can't Breathe: A Killing on Bay Street*, described as "a work of riveting literary journalism that explores the roots and repercussions of the infamous killing of Eric Garner by the New York City police."

### **MALU HALASA – Novelist, Journalist**

**Wednesday, November 15, 7 pm**

A regular contributor to the *Guardian* and the *Huffington Post*, Malu Halasa is a Jordanian Filipina American writer and editor based in London. Born in Oklahoma, she was raised in Ohio, graduated from Revere High School in Richfield, Ohio, and is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University. Her books include: *Syria Speaks – Art and Culture from the Frontline* (2014); *The Secret Life of Syrian Lingerie: Intimacy and Design* (2008); and *Creating Spaces of Freedom: Culture in Defiance* (2002). Her first novel *Mother of All Pigs* is being published this fall.



Roz Chast  
(credit Bill Hayes)



Matt Taibbi



Malu Halasa

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(Friends members receive preferred seating).

**Auditorium doors will open at 6:30 pm.**

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