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LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES WRITERS SERIES FOR 2007-2008

Parma, OH — August 20, 2007 — The Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation and *The Plain Dealer* are pleased to present The William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage Program 2007-2008 to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Ohio Theatre at Playhouse Square Center. Here is the line-up of writers:

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Ira Glass, producer and host of NPR's *This American Life*, and **David Rakoff**, humorist and essayist, will "re-create" the popular radio show and share insights about their programs.

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Russell Banks, award-winning novelist (*The Sweet Hereafter*, *Cloud splitter*, *The Darling*) and screenplay writer, will appear on stage with **Michael Ondaatje**, best-selling author of *The English Patient* and *Anils Ghost*.

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Joyce Carol Oates, one of America's most versatile and serious authors will talk about her 25 years of writing novels, short story collections, poetry volumes and essays.

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Dr. Azar Nafisi, professor and best-selling author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, will speak about her experiences teaching in Iran as well as the political implications of literature and culture in times of change.

Subscriptions for the series are available through September 15 for the low price of \$100. After that, the subscription price for the series is \$120. To subscribe, visit cuyahogalibrary.org or call 216-749-9486. Proceeds benefit the Library Foundation.

SPECIAL EVENT

September 27, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at Landerhaven

An Evening with Puzzle Master **Will Shortz**, crossword editor of *The New York Times* and the puzzle master of NPR's *Weekend Edition Sunday*, will baffle your brain. Cocktails, dinner and word games, \$150. For tickets, call 216-749-9486. Corporate tables are available by calling 216-749-9382.