

# *The Norman Mailer Society*

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This July 18 (2008) Newsletter is being mailed to everyone on our current mailing list, even if you are already a member or have registered for the 2008 NMS Conference.

## ***Membership***

If you haven't done so already, there is still time to become a 2008 Member of the Norman Mailer Society and to register for the 2008 Norman Mailer Society Conference to be held in Provincetown on October 15 – 19. An Individual Membership is \$30; Couple Membership is \$35; Individual LIFE Membership is \$300; and Student Membership is \$10. A subscription to *The Mailer Review* goes with membership. Memberships run from January 1 to December 31.

LIFE members are listed on page 4 of this Newsletter.

A **Membership Dues** form is attached. You can also download the form by going to the Society's website at **normanmailersociety .com**.

## ***The Mailer Review***

We are excited to announce that the second issue of *The Mailer Review* will be published in September 2008. The membership price includes a copy of this prestigious journal. ***You are encouraged to join by August 10 as it will greatly assist with bulk mailing.*** Otherwise, the shipping of individual issues after this date becomes expensive.

If you wish to become a Benefactor of *The Mailer Review*, we need to learn of pledges **by July 31**. There are three categories of donors: Sponsors (\$100 to \$249), Patrons (\$250 to \$999) and Angels (\$1,000 or more). All donors' names will be listed on Page One of the forthcoming issue.

We are planning on publishing two Limited Editions of Issue Two: a hardcover edition (\$250) and a leather bound edition (\$550). Pre-orders will be taken through the October conference. Issue Two is exceptionally rich in contributors, including Norman Mailer, The Mailer Family, Günter Grass, Don DeLillo, E. L. Doctorow, William Kennedy, Sean Penn, Gay Talese, and others. We hope to obtain a signature page containing some contributors' signatures. These limited editions will be sold only on a pre-order basis. No copies will be available after the press run. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact Phillip Sipiora at **psipiora@gmail.com**.

## ***2008 Norman Mailer Society Conference***

The 2008 Norman Mailer Society Conference will be held at The Provincetown Inn on October 15 – 16. The theme of the conference is **Norman Mailer: Memory and the Afterlife**. Conference registration fee for a Society Member is \$135, and the registration fee for a Student is \$80. ***Only 2008 members or Individual LIFE members of the Society can attend the 2008 Conference.*** Those who have been selected to be presenters at the Conference must be 2008 members of The Society and register for the Conference.

A **Conference Registration Form** is attached. You can also download the form by going to the Society's website at **normanmailersociety .com**.

**Mr. Christopher Ricks**, Professor of Poetry at Oxford University and the William M. and Sara B. Warren Professor of Humanities at Boston University, will be the keynote speaker at the October 18 Luncheon.

Attached is the tentative Program Schedule for the 2008 Conference. Shortly, abstracts of the Conference's various panels and biographies of the panelists will be posted on the website at **normanmailersociety.org**.

We have added a full day (Thursday, October 16) to the conference this year and it will be devoted to a celebration of the life and works of Mr. Mailer. We have reserved time for Society members and for the general public, and we will widely advertise the event in the media. **If you wish to speak for five minutes**, please contact Deborah Martinson (dmartin@oxy.edu), who is arranging the schedule for October 16<sup>th</sup>.

***Society Members are encouraged to register for the Conference by October 7, 2008.***

The 2008 NMS Conference is sponsored in part by a generous grant from the Provincetown Tourism Fund.

### ***Provincetown Inn***

Those who will be attending the Conference will have the opportunity to lodge at the Provincetown Inn at reduced rates. A limited number of rooms are available for Society members. To receive the reduced rates, rooms must be reserved by September 12, 2008. Call 1-800-942-5388 or 508-487-9500. **Reserve a room as soon as possible!**

### ***Blue Nights***

The Provincetown Arts press is proud to announce its publication of ***Blue Nights*** by **George Hirose**, and includes a Preface by **Norman Mailer**. ***Blue Nights*** is a beautiful collection of night photographs taken of Provincetown. A limited number of 100 copies have been donated to The Mailer Society by the Provincetown Arts Press. The Society will sell them for \$30 each (plus \$5 shipping). All proceeds will benefit future Society activities. You may purchase your copy by mailing a check (made out to The Norman Mailer Society) to Treasurer David Light, 75 Jennings Lane, Windham, CT 06280.

### ***October 17 Dinner at Michael Shay's***

On Friday, October 17, an informal cocktail hour and buffet dinner for Society members are planned for Michael Shay's Restaurant. From 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM there will be a social hour (cash bar) followed at 6:30 PM by a buffet dinner. This gathering is limited to 75 people. **Cost is \$30 per person.** Those who wish to attend must *reserve a seat* and are to send a check (made out to The Norman Mailer Society) to Treasurer David Light *by October 7, 2008.*

### ***Robert F. Lucid Awards***

The Robert Lucid Award Committee (Barry Leeds, Barbara Lounsberry, Phil Bufithis) welcomes suggestions for the 2008 award. These should be substantive pieces of research published during calendar year 2007. Write **bhleeds01@snet.net**.

### ***Raffle***

A rare, oversize poster from Norman Mailer's 1969 mayoral campaign will be raffled off at the Conference. Tickets may be purchased from Treasurer David Light. Cost per ticket is \$5. Proceeds from this raffle will benefit future publications of *The Mailer Review*. The winner will be chosen during the October 18 Luncheon.



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