

WINDOWS ON *DEATH ROW*



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WINDOWS ON DEATH ROW:
ART FROM INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PRISON
WALLS

RECEPTION AND PRESENTATION:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 4-8PM

THE BILLY IRELAND
CARTOON LIBRARY & MUSEUM
SULLIVANT HALL, 1813 N. HIGH ST
COLUMBUS, OH 43210

GALLERY IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
AUDIENCE Q & A WILL FOLLOW THE
PRESENTATION.

AUTHOR **PIPER KERMAN** WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN OUR WINDOWS ON DEATH ROW PRESENTATION THIS **SATURDAY, FEB. 25**, AT 6:30 PM. KERMAN'S MEMOIR, **ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK: MY YEAR IN A WOMEN'S PRISON**, WAS ADAPTED FOR NETFLIX, AND IS NOW AN EMMY AWARD-WINNING ORIGINAL SERIES.

KERMAN WILL BE JOINING OUR SPECIAL GUESTS **PATRICK CHAPPATTE**, **ANNE-FREDERIQUE WIDMANN**, AND **NDUME OLATUSHANI** TO GIVE OPENING REMARKS. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMEN'S PRISON ASSOCIATION AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS OF INSIDEOUT WRITERS AND JUSTLEADERSHIPUSA, AND IS INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF PRISON REFORM AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. HER ACCOLADES INCLUDE THE JUSTICE TRAILBLAZER AWARD FROM JOHN JAY COLLEGE'S CENTER ON MEDIA, CRIME & JUSTICE (2014), THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMENTARY AWARD FROM THE CONSTITUTION PROJECT, AND RECOGNITION AS A CHAMPION OF JUSTICE FROM THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (2015).

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM AND RECEPTION ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, FEATURING WINDOWS ON DEATH ROW EXHIBITION FOUNDERS ANNE-FRÉDÉRIQUE WIDMANN AND PATRICK CHAPPATTE, AS WELL AS PAINTER NDUME OLATUSHANI, A FORMER DEATH ROW INMATE WHO WAS WRONGFULLY CONVICTED OF MURDER AND SPENT 28 YEARS IN PRISON.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING IS AS FOLLOWS:

4:00 PM: FOUNDERS' TOUR OF WINDOWS ON DEATH ROW, MUSEUM GALLERIES

5:00-6:30 PM: CATERED RECEPTION, WILL EISNER SEMINAR ROOM

6:30-8:00 PM: MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION, JEAN & CHARLES SCHULZ LECTURE HALL

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EXHIBITION VIEW AT BILLY IRELAND

IN A TED-STYLE TALK FEATURING SOUND, VIDEO, ART, AND JOURNALISM, WIDMANN AND CHAPPATTE WILL SHARE STORIES FROM A WORLD BEYOND OUR IMAGINATIONS AS THEY RETRACE THEIR JOURNEY INTO THE AMERICAN JUSTICE SYSTEM. OVER THE COURSE OF A YEAR, WIDMANN AND CHAPPATTE ESTABLISHED CONTACTS WITH THIRTY DETAINEES, VISITED HIGH SECURITY PRISONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND LED A CARTOON WORKSHOP FOR DEATH ROW INMATES. THE RESULT OF THIS UNIQUE ART AND DOCUMENTATION PROJECT IS AN EXHIBIT OF EDITORIAL CARTOONS AND INMATE ARTWORK, CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY AT THE BILLY IRELAND CARTOON LIBRARY & MUSEUM.

THE FOUNDERS WILL INTRODUCE SPECIAL GUEST NDUME OLATUSHANI WHO WAS FINALLY RELEASED FROM PRISON IN 2012 AFTER A 20-YEAR BATTLE. HIS STORY IS REMARKABLE; EVEN IN THE DARKEST CIRCUMSTANCES, OLATUSHANI CONTINUED TO FIGHT AND KEEP HOPE ALIVE. SINCE HIS RELEASE, HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES A VOICE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.

TRAVELING EXHIBITION ORGANIZED WITH CURATORIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ANNE HROMADKA. ARTWORK GATHERED WITH THE HELP OF COMPASSION, R.E.A.C.H., MINUTES BEFORE SIX, WHO DECIDES INC., WITNESS TO INNOCENCE, AND ART FOR JUSTICE. ALSO SPONSORED BY MURDER VICTIMS' FAMILIES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SWISS FEDERAL DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FDFA).