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For Immediate Release

An Evening Featuring Major New Works by Stony Brook Southampton MFA Faculty and Alumni: Roger Rosenblatt, Jules Feiffer, Helen Simonson, Elena Gorokhova and Whiting Writer's Winner Julie Sheehan Read from Forthcoming Books

Southampton: The Stony Brook Southampton MFA in Writing and Literature Program is hosting a very special reading of important new works by faculty and alumni on Thursday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Duke Lecture Hall, Chancellors Hall, Stony Brook Southampton.

Roger Rosenblatt, Jules Feiffer, Julie Sheehan, Helen Simonson and Elena Gorokhova are each publishing eagerly anticipated new works in the next few months. The event is also in celebration of the inauguration week of Samuel Stanley, Jr., the new president of Stony Brook University. Dr. Stanley will be in attendance.

Jules Feiffer, world famous cartoonist, playwright and children's book author, is about to publish his newest book, *Backing into Forward: A Memoir* (Nan Talese/Doubleday).

Elena Gorokhova's memoir, *A Mountain of Crumbs*, about life in Communist Russia, is forthcoming from Simon & Schuster. She is an alumni of the Southampton Writers Conference.

Novelist, essayist and playwright **Roger Rosenblatt** will be reading from *Making Toast: A Family Story*, the memoir which grew out of a *New Yorker* essay. The book will be published in February 2010 by Ecco, an imprint of HarperCollins.

Julie Sheehan's honors include a 2008 Whiting Writer's Award and a 2009 New York Foundation for the Arts fellowship. Her third collection, *Bar Book: Poems & Otherwise*, is forthcoming from W.W. Norton.

Helen Simonson is a graduate of the London School of Economics and the MFA program at Stony Brook Southampton. Her novel, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, received the Bronx Writers Studio First Chapter Award and is a featured novel on Random House's Spring 2010 list.

The event is free and open to the public.

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