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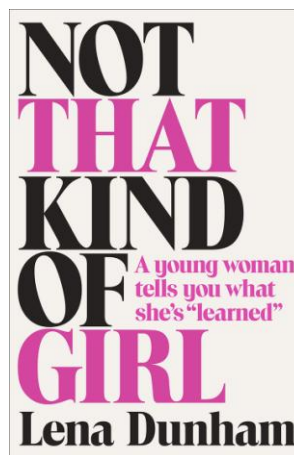
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## Chicago Humanities Festival Announces Pre-Festival Event

### Lena Dunham: Not That Kind of Girl

**Girls** Creator to Discuss Upcoming Book of Essays with Producer Jenni Konner

**Monday, Oct. 6, 2014 at Northwestern University School of Law**

**Tickets on Sale Now to CHF Members and at Noon to the Public**

CHICAGO, IL—July 15, 2014—Today the Chicago Humanities Festival (CHF) announced [Lena Dunham: Not that Kind of Girl](http://chicagohumanities.org), a special event kicking off the Fall Festival season on **Monday, Oct. 6, 2014 at 6 p.m.** at **Thorne Auditorium, Northwestern University School of Law** (375 E Chicago Ave). The *Girls* creator and star will discuss her upcoming book *Not That Kind of Girl: A Young Woman Tells You What She's "Learned"* with *Girls* Executive Producer **Jenni Konner**. **Tickets are \$35**, which includes a signed copy of *Not That Kind of Girl*. **Tickets are on sale now to CHF Members** and go on sale to the **general public at Noon today**. Tickets can be purchased at [chicagohumanities.org](http://chicagohumanities.org) or by calling the CHF Box Office at (312) 494-9509 **Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

At only 23 years old, **Lena Dunham** wrote, directed and starred in the multi-award winning film *Tiny Furniture* (2010). She is the creator, executive producer, writer, and star of the HBO series *Girls*. Dunham graduated from Oberlin College in 2008 with a degree in Creative Writing and currently resides in New York City.

Dunham's latest project, a book of essays titled *Not That Kind of Girl: A Young Woman Tells You What She's "Learned"*, will be published Sept. 30 of this year. **David Sedaris** raves "It's not Lena Dunham's candor that makes me gasp. Rather it's her writing—which is full of surprises where you least expect them. A fine, subversive book." **Judy Blume** describes *Not That Kind of Girl* as "always funny, sometimes wrenching, **these essays are a testament to the creative wonder that is Lena Dunham.**"

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**Jenni Konner** began her career on the celebrated television series, *Undeclared*. Currently, she is co-executive producer of *Girls* and co-founder, along with Lena Dunham, of the production company, A Casual Romance. In addition to a documentary on the illustrator Hillary Knight, Konner and Dunham are also developing a project based on the work and life of Bergdorf Goodman personal shopper and icon Betty Halbreich.

The **Oct. 6 Lena Dunham event** kicks off the Fall Festival season, which also includes a special **public event with David Brooks on Oct. 21** as part of the **CHF Gala Benefit**, as well as the **25th Anniversary Fall Festival**, which will explore the theme of **Journeys, Oct. 25–Nov. 9, 2014**. Previously announced presenters include: author and editor **Roxane Gay**, jazz composer-pianist **Vijay Iyer**, filmmaker **Guy Maddin**, jazz vocalist **René Marie**, comedian and *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* panelist **Paula Poundstone**, Top Chef Masters winner **Marcus Samuelsson**, graphic novelist **Marjane Satrapi**, TV/film actress **Victoria Tennant**, and author/playwright **Colm Tóibín**. A complete Fall Festival schedule will be released in August at [chicagohumanities.org/journeys](http://chicagohumanities.org/journeys). Tickets to the 25th Anniversary Chicago Humanities Festival go on sale to **CHF members on Tuesday, Sept. 2** and to the general public on **Monday, Sept. 8**.

#### **TICKETS:**

Tickets to **Lena Dunham: Not That Kind of Girl** on **Oct. 6** are \$35, which includes a signed copy of *Not That Kind of Girl*. Tickets are **on sale now to CHF Members** and go on sale to the **general public at Noon today**. Tickets can be purchased at [chicagohumanities.org](http://chicagohumanities.org) or by calling the **CHF Box Office** at **(312) 494-9509 Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** To become a member, visit [supportCHF.org](http://supportCHF.org).

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- **Oct. 6, 2014 – Lena Dunham: Not That Kind of Girl**
  - Part of the *Elaine and Roger Haydock Humor Series*
- **Oct. 21, 2014 – The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Benefit**
  - Honoring John and Jeanne Rowe and featuring a public program with David Brooks
- **Oct. 25–Nov. 9, 2014 – The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chicago Humanities Festival**
  - **Oct. 25** – The fourth annual Morry and Dolores Kohl Kaplan Northwestern Day on the Northwestern University campus
  - **Oct. 26** – The eighth annual Hyde Park Day on the University of Chicago campus

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#### **About the Chicago Humanities Festival**

For 25 years, the Chicago Humanities Festival has celebrated the questions that shape and define us as individuals, communities, and cultures. For the intellectually curious, CHF's vibrant **year-round programming** and robust **Fall Festival** offer the opportunity to engage with some of the world's most brilliant minds. Collaborating with leading arts, cultural, and educational organizations, it presents scholars, artists and architects, thinkers, theologians, and policy makers that change how we see the world, where we're from, and where we're going. CHF also presents the spring **Stages, Sights & Sounds** international children's theater festival. Under the leadership of **Executive Director Phillip Bahar** and **Artistic Director Matti Bunzl**, CHF has become an institution central to the fabric of the city. Visit [chicagohumanities.org](http://chicagohumanities.org) for more information.