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## **The Author Evening Series Presents Roxane Gay and Randa Jarrar**

**Los Angeles, CA – March 27, 2017** – PEN Center USA, a human rights and literary arts organization that advocates for free expression and supports a diverse literary community is proud to present a conversation with authors Roxane Gay and Randa Jarrar on May 9, 2017 at the historical Hollywood Forever Masonic Lodge. This event is part of PEN's Author Evening Series which celebrates the power of words to inform, entertain, inspire, and foster a vital literary culture. The conversation will be followed by a reception.

**Roxane Gay's** writing appears in *Best American Mystery Stories 2014*, *Best American Short Stories 2012*, *Best Sex Writing 2012*, *A Public Space*, *McSweeney's*, *Tin House*, *Oxford American*, *American Short Fiction*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, and many others. She is a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*. She is the author of the books *Ayiti*; *An Untamed State*; the *New York Times* bestselling *Bad Feminist*; and *Difficult Women* and *Hunger*, forthcoming in 2017. Roxane is also the author of Marvel's *World of Wakanda*.

**Randa Jarrar's** work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Utne Reader*, *Salon.com*, *Guernica*, *The Rumpus*, *The Oxford American*, *Ploughshares*, *The Sun*, and others. Her first book, the Arab-American coming of age novel, *A Map of Home*, is now on many college syllabi. Her new book, *Him, Me, Muhammad Ali*, was named one of the Most Anticipated Books of 2016 by *The Millions*, and one of *Electric Literature's* 25 best collections of the year. Randa runs RAWI (the Radius of Arab-American Writers) and loves coordinating events and strengthening communities.

PEN Center USA's mission is to stimulate and maintain interest in the written word, to foster a vital literary culture, and to defend freedom of expression domestically and internationally.

For more information on The Author Evening Series, please contact PEN Center USA at [pen@penusa.org](mailto:pen@penusa.org) or visit [penusa.org](http://penusa.org).