

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SPIRIT OF

NORRIS CHURCH MAILER



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“I am not in a hurry to leave this life, but I won’t be greedy, either. I’ve had so much more than most. I wouldn’t trade with anybody in the world. And who knows what Norman is doing on the other side? I’m curious to catch up with him and find out.”

- Norris Church Mailer
A Ticket to the Circus
Brooklyn, November 2009

PROGRAM

Welcome
John Buffalo Mailer

Video One: Little Miss Little Rock
John Wiley

Video Two: Barbara Jean becomes Norris Church
Dotson Rader
Richard Stratton

Video Three: The Circus Begins - Norris the Stepmother
Barbara Wasserman
Danielle Mailer
Michael Mailer

A View Through The Prism
Matthew Mailer
Salina Sias

Video Four: I Thought It'd Be Fun - Norris the Model
Robert Belott

Video Five: Always an Artist - Norris the Painter
Edie Vonnegut

The Show Goes On - Norris the Actress and Playwright
Sondra Lee

Norris and the Art of Shopping
Sasha Lazard

PROGRAM CONTINUED

Video Six: The Circus is a Hit! - Norris Church Mailer the Writer
Nancy Collins
David Ebershoff
Margo Howard

Video Seven: The Golden Years - Life In Provincetown
J. Michael Lennon

Video Eight: Birth of an Institution -
Norris and The Start of the Norman Mailer Center
Larry Schiller

Living Landmark
Liz Smith

Video Nine: Inspiration - A Warrior Through It All
Rita Gigante

Video Ten: One For The Road

SPEAKERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

JOHN BUFFALO MAILER is an actor, playwright, producer, and journalist.

JOHN WILEY is a native of Atkins, Arkansas, a 1978 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University BS/Communications, former Newspaper editor, and presently co-owner of The New Delhi in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in addition to being a lifelong friend of Norris Church Mailer.

DOTSON RADER is the author of seven books. He frequently writes articles for *Parade* magazine and the *Sunday London Times* magazine. He was one of Norris' very first New York friends and remained so throughout her life.

RICHARD STRATTON is a writer, director, and producer. He currently lives in New York City with his wife Antoinette and son Ivan.

BARBARA WASSERMAN is Norman Mailer's sister. She has worked as a researcher for film and television documentaries and in 1967 published *The Bold New Women*. At present she is writing short memoirs.

DANIELLE MAILER has exhibited her artwork in many prominent galleries and museums throughout the United States.

MICHAEL MAILER has been working extensively in the independent film business since graduating from Harvard University in 1987. He has produced over twenty feature films, in addition to writing for publications such as *Plum* and *Vanity Fair*.

MATTHEW MAILER is an artist and filmmaker. He is currently writing and illustrating an adult science fiction graphic novel. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Salina, and their two children, Mattie James and Jackson Kingsley.

SALINA SIAS is a singer and songwriter living in Fort Greene, Brooklyn with her husband, Matt Mailer, and two children, Mattie James and Jackson Kingsley. She is co-director and producer for Eclectic Muse Productions.

ROBERT BELOTT is a photographer who has created artwork for numerous national ad campaigns, including American Express, Kodak and Continental Airlines. Of all the photographers Norris worked with, Robert Belott was her favorite.

EDIE VONNEGUT's artwork has been showcased at galleries and museums across the United States, and is featured in the book *Domestic Goddesses*, along with her humorous commentary. She is the daughter of the late novelist Kurt Vonnegut, and shared a studio with Norris in SoHo through much of the '80s.

SONDRA LEE is an award-winning actress, dancer, teacher, director and the original Tiger Lilly of Broadway's Peter Pan. She is a lifetime member of the Actors Studio who recently published her memoir *I've Slept with Everybody*. She was a good friend to Norris, and continues to be to the Mailer family.

SASHA LAZARD is a recording and performance artist whose accomplishments include two albums for EMI records and a PBS special.

NANCY COLLINS is a print and television journalist. Her interviews have been featured on the covers of *Vanity Fair*, *Rolling Stone*, *Architectural Digest* and *New York* as well as on the Today Show, Primetime Live, and 20/20 as an on-air correspondent.

DAVID EBERSHOFF is an editor-at-large at Random House. He worked with Norman Mailer on a number of books from 2003-2007 and Norris Church Mailer on *Cheap Diamonds* and *A Ticket to the Circus*. His most recent novel is *The 19th Wife*.

MARGO HOWARD is an advice columnist for Creators Syndicate and www.wowowow.com.

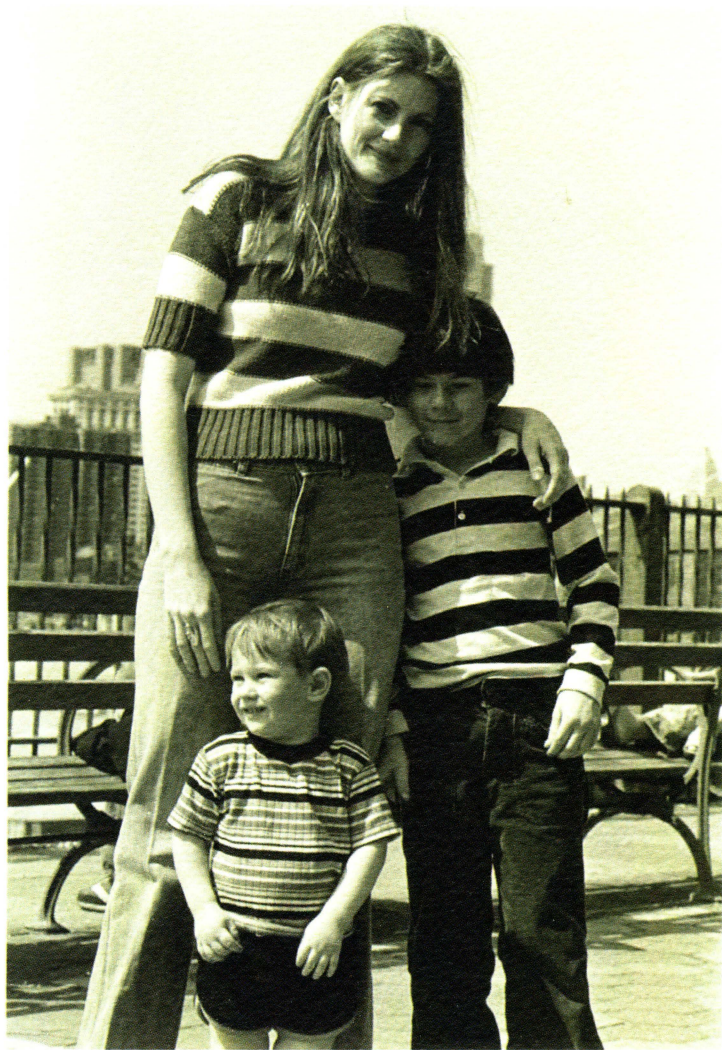
J. MICHAEL LENNON is an Emeritus Professor of English at Wilkes University. He co-authored *On God: An Uncommon Conversation* with Norman Mailer, and recently edited Mailer's *Marilyn* for Taschen Books. He is currently writing Mailer's authorized biography for publication by Simon and Schuster in 2012.

LAWRENCE SCHILLER is a Senior Advisor to the Norman Mailer Estate and is the President and Co-Founder of the Norman Mailer Center and the Norman Mailer Writers Colony, in addition to being a legendary photographer and producer.

LIZ SMITH has worked in celebrity/show business for 57 years. She has written for seven different New York City newspapers and for almost every magazine. She appears on Fox News and in 70 newspapers. Liz has become a voice of reason and common sense, observing popular culture. Her philanthropy is legend — raising millions for AIDS, Literacy Partners, N.Y. Restoration Project, P.A.L., the Mayors Fund to Advance New York and the Landmarks Conservancy, which made her a "Living Landmark" in 1996.

RITA GIGANTI has dedicated herself wholeheartedly to intuitive healing and spiritual counseling for over 15 years. She uses her intuition and knowledge to help others connect to their highest potential, allowing them to discover their soul's limitlessness.





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"You'll Come Back (You Always Do)"
Music by Angelo Badalamenti; lyrics by Norman Mailer; performed by Norris Church Mailer

