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The Art of Writing Your Life

Celebrate International Women's Day 2008 getting inspired and refining your craft.

"One of the few things I know about writing is this: spend it all, shout it, play it, lose it, all, right away, every time."
- Annie Dillard

ROBSON STREET: In celebration of International Women's Day the Listel Hotel has colluded with our favourite wordsmiths at *Geist* magazine. The result? A fabulous workshop and retreat for women who love to write.

The workshop is for all women writers, from those embarking on their life-writing adventure to those who need a tune-up in the company of women and words. Mary Schendlinger, Senior Editor of *Geist*, will navigate us through discussions around form and the work of writing while participants take time to find their voice, inspire and be inspired and refine their craft.



Elements of "The Art of Writing Your Life" package include:

- ❖ "The Art of Writing Your Life: A Workshop for Women" on March 8 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm;
- ❖ A single occupancy Gallery Floor room for one night, Saturday March 8;
- ❖ A half bottle of wine upon arrival (to get those creative juices flowing);
- ❖ Breakfast in O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar on Sunday, March 9;
- ❖ French press coffee on the morning of March 9, delivered to your room;
- ❖ A notebook and elegant pen (to inspire);
- ❖ A copy of The Listel Hotel's own inspiring *Vancouver Stories*;
- ❖ A one year subscription to *Geist* magazine.

Cost/Small Print. The package is priced at \$288.00 CDN (+ applicable taxes and fees) per room based on single occupancy. Bookings are based on availability and can be made by calling 604.684.8461 or 800.663.5491 or by email at reservations@thelistelhotel.com.

To book just the workshop (\$50.00 including a subscription to *Geist* magazine), please call 604-681-9161 (or toll free: 1-888-434-7834).

For more information on the workshop, please go to: www.geist.com/life-workshop.

The Magazine. *Geist* is a quarterly magazine of ideas and culture, with a strong sense of place and an equally strong sense of humour. Specialties include stories, dispatches, images, rants and the interactive accumulation of little-known facts that put the North back in North America. Read about the self-destruction of the CBC, savour the Fruit and Veggie Map of Canada, and more—in print and at www.geist.com. The Art of Writing Your Life is one of a series of workshops co-hosted by *Geist* and The Listel Hotel, including The Art of Cartoons and Comix, a fun afternoon of drawing with Mary Schendlinger, coming up at the Listel on January 19 (geist.com/events/comix-workshop).

The Hotel. The Listel Hotel is a cultural tourist's dream and the city's most interesting and well-appointed boutique hotels. Located on Vancouver's most eclectic shopping and dining street, The Listel Hotel has a sought-after location, a reputation for warm, genuine service and creative partnerships with some of the city's most dynamic cultural organizations.

The Restaurant. O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar is one of the city's favourite jazz venues featuring all of Vancouver's finest performers – 7 nights a week! Their remarkable West Coast menu is complemented by an award-winning wine list (Wine Spectator "Award of Excellence" annually since 1997) and a reputation for impeccable service.

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