

An Evening with Norman Mailer

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Norman Mailer was twenty-five when his first novel, The Naked and the Dead, established his reputation as a major American writer by remaining on the best-seller list for sixty-one weeks following its publication in 1948. Among his best known novels are The Deer Park (1955); An American Dream (1965); Why Are We in Vietnam? (1967), which was nominated for a National Book Award; and The Executioner's Song, which won a Pulitzer Prize in 1979.

After co-founding the Village Voice in 1955, Mailer extended his novelistic skills to journalism. His mastery of the non-fiction narrative was recognized when The Armies of the Night (1968) won both a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Over the past forty years, he has written regularly for Esquire, Dissent, The Paris Review, and many other periodicals. His essay on the 1992 Republican National Convention appeared in the October issue of The New Republic.

His most recent novels include Ancient Evenings (1983), Tough Guys Don't Dance (1984), and Harlot's Ghost (1991).

An exhibition of materials on the life and works of Norman Mailer, curated by Jon Lindgren, Wilkes University Librarian, from the archives of Norman Mailer and J. Michael Lennon, is on display in the Lobby.

Welcome

Christopher N. Breiseth
President

Introduction

J. Michael Lennon
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Reading

Norman Mailer

A question and answer period will follow the reading.

A reception sponsored by the Jewish Community Center through the Henry and Sylvia Greenwald Endowment will be held in the lobby following the reading.

Mr. Mailer will sign books at the reception.