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The Society 2017 Launch

Featuring

Martha Baillie and Kimmy Beach

In celebration of The Society 2017 Edition launch, St. Peter's College is pleased to welcome Martha Baillie and Kimmy Beach. In addition to these two entertaining and renowned readers, contributors to this year's edition of The Society will read from their works.

Monday, March 27

7:00 pm

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**Free
Admission**

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Refreshments**



Martha Baillie's most recent novel, *The Search for Heinrich Schölge*, was an Oprah editors' pick, and was included in "The Globe 100: the best books of 2014." Her previous novel, *The Incident Report*, was nominated for the Scotiabank Giller prize and was a "Globe 100: the best books of 2009." She is the author of five novels, her creative-nonfiction has been published in *Brick* magazine, and she has written about visual art for the AGO and the Koffler Gallery. Her multimedia installation, *The Schölge Archive*, a part of *Erratics*, was selected as a "Must See" by *Now* magazine during the Contact photography festival, and given a rave review in *The Star*. Her work has been translated into German, Hungarian, and French, and been published in the US (Tin House Books). Martha has appeared at festivals across Canada, at Adelaide Writers' Week, in Australia, and at Arctic Encounters, in Roskilde, Denmark. Martha lives and works in Toronto.

Nuala: A Fable is Kimmy Beach's sixth book. Her fifth, *The Last Temptation of Bond* was published to wide acclaim.

As *The Engine* breathes life into *Nuala*, her gaze falls on Teacher-Servant, the Chosen One. He alone will be able to hear her thoughts and interpret her innermost emotions. But soon Teacher-Servant starts to worry that *Nuala* will be able to give away her thoughts freely. Set in an atypical dystopian world, *Nuala* is a startlingly original and inventive work, redolent of Margaret Atwood, José Saramago, and Kazuo Ishiguro. Beach's dark, fearless imagination has created a time and space that are at once remote and strange, but absorbing and deeply credible. *Nuala* leaves the reader with much to ponder about the nature of love, possessiveness, jealousy, envy, and autonomy.

Kimmy is a mentor, editor, writer, and teacher. She lives in Red Deer, Alberta with Stu, her husband of thirty years.

