



A partnership proposal

THE TRINITY CREATIVE WRITING RESIDENCIES AT THE BETSY-SOUTH BEACH

*Designed to nurture the emergence of creative writers at Trinity College
& To honor the memory of Trinity Graduate and Poet, Hyam Plutzik ('32)*

Presented to

The Watkinson Library (Trinity College, Hartford)

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The Family of Hyam Plutzik (Trinity '32) is proud to offer an annual residency in South Beach in the Betsy Writers Room to a graduating senior or first year graduate student, with outstanding talent in the literary arts¹. The award will be given in May, as part of the graduation program. This residency comes with a \$500 travel stipend, six days lodging, and a per-diem of \$50. During the residency, the recipient will be invited to participate in an Arts Salon to share his/her work with the community; planning will be done in close partnership with the visiting artist. The residency will be awarded annually by the Director of Special Collections and Archives at the Watkinson², in cooperation with collegial advisors, for a residency to be scheduled directly with the Betsy Writers Room - at a mutually convenient time.

To read more about The Writer's Room at The Betsy
Betsywritersroom.com

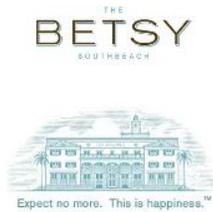
To read more about The Betsy-South Beach
Thebetsyhotel.com

To read more about The PG Family Foundation
Pgfamilyfoundation.com

To read more about Hyam Plutzik's Poetry
Hyamplutzikpoetry.com

¹ This program is presented to Trinity College for a period of 5 years, beginning with in 2013-14.

² It is recommended that the Watkinson staff work with representatives of the Department of English to select the annual recipient of the award, in a process administered by library staff. A faculty member at Trinity is invited to visit The Writer's Room, on behalf of the selection team during the 2013-14 year, for planning purposes, since no student was selected during the May 2013 graduation program.



About the Writer's Room at the Betsy

The purpose of the Writer's Room is to create a very special place on South Beach for writers and other creative artists where they can find the tranquility and inspiration needed to do their best work. The Betsy Hotel makes the room available to visiting artists and writers working a wide variety of domains and disciplines, at many project stages, but with a hyper-focus on poets during final-stage efforts.

Community Partnerships

In the greater Miami and national arts communities, the Betsy Hotel collaborates with the Plutzik Poetry Series (University of Rochester); Florida International University Creative Writing Program; the Society for the Study of Jewish American & Holocaust Literature (JAHLIT); Next At 19th; University of Wynwood and the O, Miami festival; Yoko Ono Wish Tree Project; Miami Design Preservation League; the John Lennon Tour Bus, and many other arts and educational partners. The Betsy has worked with over 200 nonprofit partners since its' re-opening in 2009.

Awards

The Betsy (and the Writer's Room) have been lauded for contributions to community by local, national, and international entities, including:

- John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Arts Challenge Grant – for the Writer's Room – 2012
- Boutique Lifestyle and Lodging Association – Best Boutique Hotel – 2012 (For a unique and powerful hospitality commitment to Philanthropy, Arts, and Culture)
- Miami Dade Public Schools – Outstanding Charity Volunteer – 2013 (Presented by the Superintendent to the region's most selfless educational promoter)
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce – Good to Great Award – for an outstanding socially conscious business– 2013 (Nominated by the President of Florida International University for partnerships with the Departments of English, Creative Writing, Hospitality, and Music)