MARK TWAIN HOUSE & MUSEUM VIRTUAL WRITERS WEEKEND JULY 10-12, 2020

TIME Session Α

FRIDAY, JULY 10

7 P.M. Keynote: Sophfronia Scott

8 P.M. **Cocktail Hour**

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Welcome/Opening Remarks 9 - 9:25 A.M.

9:30-10:25 Breakout Sessions: Susan Harlan Jennifer Smith Turner

10:30-11:30 Featured Reading and Discussion: Amy Bloom and Amity Gaige

11:35-12:30 **Breakout Sessions:** Dana Meachen Rau: Flash Fiction as Writing Practice Susan Campbell: "A pen warmed up in hell"

Grab a sandwich and meet us back!

1 P.M. Keynote: Mike Reiss: Finding the Funny in Hard Times

2:15-3:10 Breakout Sessions: Chris Knopf: 180-Degree Character Development Lucy Ferriss

Nnedi Okorafor and Nikki Woolfolk 3:15-4:40 4:45-5:40

Playwrights Panel: Telling Our Stories on Stage: Moderator: Godfrey L. Simmons, Jr., Artistic Director, HartBeat Ensemble; Playwrights: Cin Martinez, Edwin Sanchez, and Ted Lange Drew John Ladd and Chion Wolf

6 P.M.

7 P.M. **Keynote: Scott Dikkers**

SUNDAY, JULY 12

9 - 9:55 A.M. Soraya Nadia McDonald: Writing and Thinking Critically About Almost Anything

10-10:55 Breakout Sessions: Frank Rizzo: Being A Critic in Critical Times Kim Knox-Beckius: How to Interview Anyone

11 - 11:55 Noon Breakout Sessions: Closing Remarks **Matthew Dicks** TBA