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Author Nicholson Baker at UNH Feb. 12, 2015

DURHAM, N.H. -- Internationally-acclaimed author Nicholson Baker will read from his work and hold a question and answer session Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, at 5 p.m. at the University of New Hampshire's Memorial Union Building, Theatre I, as part of the UNH English Department's Writers Series. The event is free and open to the public.

Baker is the author of 10 novels and four works of nonfiction, including *The Mezzanine*, *Vox*, *Double Fold*, *Human Smoke*, and *The Anthologist*. He has received a National Book Critics Circle award, a James Madison Freedom of Information Award, and the Katherine Anne Porter Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Harper's*, and *The New York Review of Books*. A new novel, *Traveling Sprinkler*, was published in 2013.

His fans are many, including Charles McGrath of *The New York Times* ("Baker is one of the most beautiful, original and ingenious prose stylists to have come along in decades."), *Time* magazine's Lev Grossman ("His prose is so luminescent and so precise it manually recalibrates our brains."), *The Washington Post's* Carolyn See ("Nicholson Baker is such a swell, smart writer that he rarely – maybe never – tips his hand...")

In Baker's view, the mundane, closely enough observed, may be the skate key to the sublime."), and the *Financial Times* of London ("[He] is an essayist in the tradition of GK Chesterton and Max Beerbohm, writing winning fantasies upon whatever chance thoughts may come into his head."

Baker lives with his family in Maine. The UNH Writers Series is made possible through the support of the MacArthur/Simic, Edmund G. Miller, and the Hall Kenyon Writer in Residence Funds. For more information call (603) 862-1313.

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