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**Henry Miller Memorial Library Announces "Aller Retour Paris"
Festival (May 5-11) celebrating the writer and his beloved Paris, anchored
at Shakespeare and Company bookstore**

Programming includes dinner party celebrating the 80th anniversary of the publication of "Tropic of Cancer" at Dorothy's Gallery, salon littéraire at Chez Jenny, Parisian premiere of "Big Sur" based on Jack Kerouac's novel, poetry, music, and more.

April 26, 2014 - The Henry Miller Memorial Library, a non-profit arts center in Big Sur, California, announces the "Aller Retour Paris" festival. From May 5-11, 2014, **the festival will celebrate the city's role in shaping Henry Miller as a writer and raconteur with poetry readings, dinner parties, film, and music.** (Full schedule below.)

Aller Retour Paris will be anchored at the Shakespeare and Company bookstore (37 Rue de La Bucherie) from 12 – 10 pm each day, and will include an exhibit of rare manuscripts, letters, and books. The festival will also act as a springboard by New York production company House of Nod to create the definitive film about Henry Miller and the city.

"The Library curated a successful festival last year in Miller's hometown of Brooklyn last year (the "Big Sur Brooklyn Bridge"), and Paris seemed like the next logical step," explains festival organizer and Henry Miller Memorial Library Executive Director Magnus Toren.

"For starters, 2014 marks the 80th anniversary of 'Tropic of Cancer's' publication in Paris. Then our friends at Shakespeare and Company and Dorothy's Gallery enthusiastically opened their doors for us. Then we added a series of talks with Miller scholars like Mary Duncan, Katy Masuga, and Jim Haynes, and performances at other spaces across the city.

"Then we discovered that some of the the seminal figures in Miller's life, like **publishers John Calder and Georges Hoffman** would attend. Having a week-long party celebrating Miller in the heart of Paris just seemed like an incredibly obvious and fun thing to do – and then it just took on a life of its own." [Editors note: Magnus Toren is available for interviews.]

In a 1962 interview with the Paris Review, Miller was asked what he found in Paris in the thirties that he couldn't find in America. His response: "For one thing, I suppose I found a freedom such as I never knew in America. I found contact with people so much easier — that is, the people that I enjoyed talking to. I met more of my own kind there."

For more information about Aller Retour Paris and to reserve tickets for events, please visit henrymillerparis.org and <https://www.facebook.com/allerretourparis/>

Aller Retour Paris Schedule

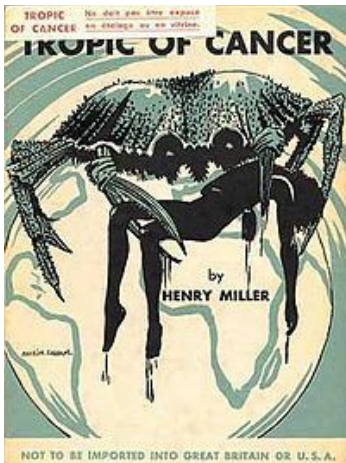
May 4 - "Flush Game, Or the Gospel According to Henry Miller," a play by Corneliu Mitracheat Carr's Pub & Restaurant (1 Rue du Mont Thabor), 8 pm. Free.

May 5 - Poetry reading and party hosted by Ping Pong, the Henry Miller Library literary magazine, at Shakespeare and Company. 7 pm. Free.

May 6 - "A Walk Through Literary Paris" with Thirza Vallois, whose "Around and About" Paris books have been universally hailed as the best travel books ever written on the city. Beginning with a talk at Shakespeare and Company at 4:00 pm. Free.

May 6 - Acclaimed singer-songwriter Al Rose with guitarist Steve Doyle performs "en plein air" outside Shakespeare and Company, 5-6:30 pm. Free.

May 7 - "Henry Miller in His Own Words" and "How Henry Miller Can Change Your Life (Again)" at Shakespeare and Company, with founder of the Paris Writers Group and advisor to the Henry Miller Memorial Library Mary Duncan and writer and Miller scholar Katy Masuga, 3-4 pm. Free.



May 7 - Acclaimed singer-songwriter Al Rose with guitarist Steve Doyle performs "en plein air" outside Shakespeare and Company, 5-6:30 pm. Free.

May 7 - "80th Anniversary of the Publication of 'Tropic of Cancer' in Paris Celebration" at Dorothy's Gallery American Center for the Arts (27 Rue Keller 75011, Metro Bastille www.dorothysgallery.com, Tel 33143570851) Speakers include Mary Duncan, Stockholm-based writer Ida Theren, Magnus Toren, and music by Al Rose. 7:30 pm. By donation.

This event will be part of a larger Miller exhibition at Dorothy's Gallery to be held from May 6-10 from 12-7 pm. During this time, visitors can view autographed original Miller paintings and lithographs from 1949, watch "The Henry Miller Odyssey," and browse a large stock of photographs, drawings and manuscripts covering Miller's life and loves lent by Mary Duncan

May 8 - Acclaimed singer-songwriter Al Rose with guitarist Steve Doyle performs "en plein air" outside Shakespeare and Company, 5-6:30 pm. Free.

May 8 - Henry Miller Library in Paris Soirée at Chez Jenny (39, Boulevard du Temple.) Evening will include a three-course meal, wine, talks from Jim Haynes, host of Paris Sunday Dinners, Mary Duncan, Katy Masuga, and more. 8 pm. 35 Euros. Tickets at henrymillerparis.org.

May 9 - Acclaimed singer-songwriter Al Rose with guitarist Steve Doyle performs “en plein air” outside Shakespeare and Company. 5-6:30 pm. Free.

May 9 - Jesse Goodman and Colour 8 Present a night of dream-time, immersive ambient and experimental music with with Michael Crowe, CJ Mirra, and Ronika at La Flaq, (36 rue Quincampoix) 8 pm. By donation.

May 10 - Acclaimed singer-songwriter Al Rose with guitarist Steve Doyle performs “en plein air” outside Shakespeare and Company. 3-4:30 pm. Free.

May 10 - Parisian premiere of "Big Sur," the Michael Polish film based on the Jack Kerouac novel, at Cinema le Grand Action (5 rue des Ecoles) *“Big Sur” cracks the code of how to adapt Jack Kerouac for the screen,” says the New York Times.* Tickets (8 Euros) at henrymillerparis.org.



May 10 - Alison Young & Son Sublime Orchestre at Le Chair de Poule, 141 Rue Saint Maur. 9-11 pm.

May 11 - Launch of "Proteus and the Magician, the letters of Henry Miller and John Cowper Powys," at Shakespeare and Company, 5 pm. With Chris Thomas, Hon. Secretary, and Prof. Charles Lock, from Copenhagen University.

About the Henry Miller Memorial Library

The Henry Miller Memorial Library is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit arts organization championing the late writer, artist, and Big Sur resident Henry Miller, who settled in the area after leaving Paris. The Library also serves as a cultural resource center, functioning as a public gallery/performance/workshop space for artists, writers, musicians and students.

The Library hosts events throughout the summer months including fashion shows, theater, open mics, lectures, book signings, art shows, the acclaimed Big Sur Short Film Screening Series, and more. With a capacity of 300 and nestled in a towering redwood grove, it is also one of the most unique live music venues in the world.

Past performers include Philip Glass, Marianne Faithful, Arcade Fire, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Fleet Foxes, Band of Horses, Frank Black, Thurston Moore, Animal Collective, Al Jardine, Gillian Welch, Blonde Redhead, Laurie Anderson, and countless of local and touring bands.

CNN called the Library the “beating cultural heart” of Big Sur.