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Concord Library's *Thursday Author Series* - Focus on Ballet

CONCORD, MA The Concord Free Public Library is pleased to welcome first time novelist, Daphne Kalotay, on Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 pm as part of its *2011/2012 Thursday Author Series*. Howe's debut novel, ***Russian Winter***, set in both modern-day Boston and post World War II Moscow, tells the story of Nina Revskaya, a Bolshoi ballerina who achieves stardom in the era of Stalin but later defects to the West. Kalotay's novel alternates the past with the present and introduces multiple characters to tell this complex and compelling story of artistic triumph set amidst the betrayal and treachery of the Cold War.

Daphne Kalotay is very familiar with the Boston area in which she places her lead character, Nina Revskaya. After graduation from Vassar College, she attended Boston University's Creative Writing Program where her stories were awarded the Florence Engel Randall Fiction Prize. She remained at BU to complete a PhD in modern and contemporary literature. Her writings have brought her additional recognition including fellowships from the MacDowell Colony, from the Christopher Isherwood Foundation and Yaddo among others. In addition, she has taught creative writing at Boston University, Middlebury College, Skidmore College and Grub Street. She makes her home in Brookline, Massachusetts.

Russian Winter was a finalist in the James Jones First Novel competition and is being published in 19 languages.

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library sponsor the *Thursday Authors Series* from September through June. Programs are held in the second floor Periodical Room of the Main Library and are free and open to all. Following each presentation, books are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to continue their conversations with the authors.

Upcoming programs include (all at 7:30 pm):

Thursday, December 1 – Lecture and informal book appraisal from Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store: “Is there value in your old and rare books?”

Thursday, January 19, 2012 – Book talk by Concordian Polly Peterson, ***Stirring the Nation’s Heart: 18 Stories of Prophetic Unitarians & Universalists of the 19th Century***

Thursday, February 9, 2012 – Boston College professor and Concordian Richard Cobb-Stevens, ***James & Husserl: The Foundation of Meaning***

For more information, please call the Library at (978) 318-3300 or visit www.concordlibrary.org .

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