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BESTSELLING *NEW YORK TIMES* NOVELIST SUSAN VREELAND (*GIRL IN HYACINTH BLUE*) READS FROM HER NEW BOOK, *LUNCHEON OF THE BOATING PARTY*, JUNE 30TH AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

San Diego, CA... ...The City of San Diego Public Library and will host a book reading and talk by Susan Vreeland, author of *Luncheon of the Boating Party* on Saturday June 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Ms. Vreeland will read from her recently released novel, *Luncheon of the Boating Party*, which immortalizes the real Parisians in Renoir's beloved painting. Period music and slides will compliment the program. This event is FREE to the public.

Luncheon of the Boating Party, the novel and the painting, depicts the summer of 1880, an exuberant postwar time when social constraints were loosening, Paris was healing, and Parisians were bursting with a desire for pleasure. Vreeland's novel takes us behind the scenes at the Folies Bergère, to artists' studios, cafés, cabarets, salons, and regattas, while reflecting tumultuous changes as Paris careens toward modernity. Coinciding with the impending and agonizing breakup of the Impressionist group, as Renoir faces his own double crisis in art and love.

Ross King, author of *Brunelleschi's Dome; Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling; and The Judgment of Paris: The Revolutionary Decade That Gave the World Impressionism*, has said of Ms. Vreeland's book, "The figures stroll from Renoir's painting and into the pages of Susan Vreeland's new novel with all the vibrancy and elegance of the canvas itself. A marvelous evocation that brings a painting - and an entire age - beautifully to life."

Mrs. Vreeland, a graduate of San Diego State University, taught high school English in San Diego for 30 years before turning to writing. She has become internationally renowned for books based around historic works of art

After the presentation and slide show, Mrs. Vreeland will be signing copies of her book. Reservations are not required for this public event. Copies of *Luncheon of the Boating Party* will be available for purchase courtesy of Wahrenbrocks.

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