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Just a Tiny Piece of Freedom

In the pursuit of freedom of expression
and shelter cities for persecuted writers

Monday, October 22, 7:00–9:00 pm

Scandinavia House

38 Park Avenue @ 38th Street, New York, NY

Free admission

Anna Funder explores the destinies of persecuted German writers and intellectuals before and through World War II in her highly-acclaimed novel *All that I am*. Using her novel as a backdrop, she asks how we can mobilize solidarity and hospitality for persecuted writers of today.

Yu Jie is the recipient of the 2012 Civil Courage Prize. He is known as one of China's most prominent essayists and critics. Following severe harassment and persecution he fled to the U.S. with his family in January 2012. From his new point of exile, he sees his lifelong goal as "achieving democracy and freedom in China."

U.S. premiere of Marion Stalens' documentary *Silence or Exile*. The film tells the stories of five exiled writers who, in their pursuit for freedom of expression, have been forced to flee their home countries. The writers whose lives and work are portrayed, are: Philo Ikonya (Kenya/Oslo), Mana Neyestani (Iran/Paris), Horacio Castellanos-Moya (El Salvador/Iowa City), Svetlana Alexievitch (Belarus/Berlin), and Ma Jian (China/London).

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