



# Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
presents an author talk and book signing with  
Marisa J. Futernick, author of 13 PRESIDENTS  
Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Henry A. Wallace Center at the  
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present an author talk and book signing with **Marisa J. Futernick**, author of **13 PRESIDENTS**. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2016 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Futernick will be available to sign copies of her book. This event is free and open to the public.

In 2014, Marisa J. Futernick drove nearly ten thousand miles across America, visiting all thirteen of the country's Presidential libraries along the way. **13 PRESIDENTS** is the result: an artist's book that combines photographs from the journey with a suite of short stories. Mixing fact and fiction, each President from Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush is a protagonist in this collection of unexpected portraits.

The photographs, shot on analogue film, depict the everyday details of the towns that these men are from, including the homes where they were born, and their final resting places. **13 PRESIDENTS** weaves together personal narrative with wider cultural observation, forming a vision of America that is both fact and fiction.

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**Marisa J. Futernick's** work explores the realities of the American Dream, intertwining the personal with the historical and fact with fiction, often through the act of searching for something or someplace lost or inaccessible. Issues of class, progress and real estate are also central to her practice. She uses a variety of media including photography, writing, installation, video, drawing, screenprinting and painting; with the combination of text and image a regular feature throughout her work. Futernick was born in Detroit, Michigan, USA in 1980. She studied at Yale University (1998 – 2002), receiving a BA with cum laude honors and distinction in the major of Fine Art. In 2000, she was a Visiting Student in Visual Art at Goldsmiths College, London, where she received first honors. She has lived and worked in London since 2002, and received a postgraduate diploma from the Royal Academy Schools, London in 2014.

Copies of Futernick's will be available for sale after the talk. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email [clifford.laube@nara.gov](mailto:clifford.laube@nara.gov) with questions about the event.

### **Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum**

Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit [www.fdrlibrary.org](http://www.fdrlibrary.org).