

INFO SHEET: Kent Davis Lecture Presentation at the ARKEN

[“The Parisian Girl: Gerda Wegener and the Power of Her Art”](#)

LOCATION: [ARKEN Museum of Modern Art](#), Ishøj, Denmark.

DATE & TIME: 2:30PM on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in celebration of the 131st anniversary of Gerda Wegener’s birth in Hammelev, Denmark in 1885.

TOPIC: American historian Kent Davis describes how his discovery of an obscure 1913 erotic novel—entirely illustrated by Gerda Wegener—inspired him to create a modern edition of the work.

ARKEN Gerda Wegener Exhibition: On Nov 7, 2015 [the ARKEN Museum of Modern Art opened the largest exhibition of Gerda Wegener’s art in history](#). Featuring 178 works, it is her first major showing in Denmark, and one of the first at any museum.

GUEST SPEAKER: Kent Davis is chief editor at [DatAsia Press](#). Working as a literary archaeologist, Davis divides his time between Florida and Southeast Asia.

[DatASIA Press](#) – US-based publisher of exceptional fiction and non-fiction books relating to history, art, culture and education. DatAsia focuses on locating rare, out-of-print and forgotten works of literature and restoring them as modern editions.

BOOK: *The Parisian Girl*

Meet Marinette: a precocious, teenage French girl who chooses her own destiny to pursue dreams of independence. She runs away from her rural French home to Paris, arriving during the final glamorous years of *La Belle Époque...The Beautiful Era*. There, Bohemian lifestyles flourished in an artistically, intellectually and sexually permissive atmosphere. Champagne, absinthe and assignations flowed freely in the vibrant City of Light.

Marinette, however, is a moral girl—a virgin, no less—and her tale reveals her compelling coming-of-age experiences. She shares her most intimate dreams, hopes, fears and experiences on a journey of self-discovery, filled with humor, drama, romance, heartbreak and, ultimately, epiphany.

In fact, her experiences are *identical* to those young women have today. After more than a century *nothing* has changed!

BOOK DETAILS: *The Parisian Girl—The Adventures of a Curious Woman*. Illustrated by Gerda Wegener with 100 original drawings, and more than 100 supplemental images. The full color book is set for release mid-2016 in English (ISBN 978-1-934431-10-8) and French (ISBN 978-1-934431-19-1). DatAsia Press, Holmes Beach, FL. US\$34.95.

MEDIA: (available for download)

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PHOTO: Alicia Vikander, 2016 Oscar-winning actress who portrayed artist Gerda Wegener in “The Danish Girl.” ARKEN Photo by Henrik Jauert.

VIDEO: [Oscar Winner Alicia Vikander as Gerda Wegener in “The Danish Girl”](#)

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