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NEW YORK, NY — **jen bekman** introduces **@jenbekman: pictures and words**, a new salon series that makes its debut with Lizzie Skurnick reading poems from her award-winning chapbook *Check-In* (Caketrain, August 2005) on Wednesday, December 7th, at 7:00pm. Admission is free, but reservations are essential due to limited space.

Lizzie Skurnick is the author of *Check-In*, the winner of Caketrain Journal's 2004 chapbook competition and recently nominated for a Pushcart Prize. The recipient of awards or fellowships from Yaddo, the Virginia Center of the Creative Arts, the Associated Writing Programs, and the Sewanee Writers Conference for her poetry, she has been published in the *Iowa Review*, *Barrow Street*, *The Delta Review*, *Shade*, and elsewhere. Her reviews of recent fiction appear frequently in the *New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post*, *The Baltimore Sun*, and elsewhere. Her literary blog, *Old Hag*, has received notice in *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *The Scotsman*, and *The Village Voice*. She is currently an editor at *Girls' Life* magazine in Baltimore

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Since its inaugural exhibition in March of 2003, **jen bekman** has attracted the attention of critics, museum curators and collectors alike. Gallery artists and exhibitions have been featured in publications such as *ARTFORUM*, *The New York Times*, *Interior Design*, *W Magazine*, *The Village Voice* and *New York Magazine*. The gallery also has a well-established online presence, having been featured on sites such as Curbed, Daily Candy, Gawker, and Gothamist. Ms. Bekman, the gallery's founder and director, is the editor of the popular design weblog, *Personism*, bringing the gallery and its artists to the attention of an even broader audience of designers, architects, and magazine editors.

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