



## THE BRODY HOUSE GROUP CONTINUES THE WRITER'S VILLA LITERARY TRADITION

Acclaimed authors, Damian Barr, Angie Hobbs, Tessa Dunlop, Owen Matthew, Jaap Scholten and Tommy Wiëringa, have lent their names to their eponymous bedroom in The Writer's Villa. Each author has stayed, supped and entertained club members in BrodyLand. This continues a tradition started in Brody House in 2009 with each of the 11 hotel bedrooms being named after an artist-in-residence.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WRITER'S VILLA

The Writer's Villa was built in 1881 as a hunting lodge in the hills of Budapest, a stone's throw from the home of one of Hungary's most famous literary son's Jókai Mór.

The house was built for a ballerina, the mistress of the owner, like many houses on Sváb hill. By 1913 Baron József Szerényi de Brasso acquired and enlarged the Villa. He added the celebrated Wintergarden with its Miksa Róth stained glass windows.

Born József Stern as son of the rabbi of Ujpest, the Baron was a journalist and author before being appointed Minister of Commerce. After the first world war, he tried but was unsuccessful in forming a government with himself as Prime Minister. He then became a representative to the League of Nations. He gained a reputation as patron of the arts while cultivating relationships with a myriad of writers and actors, including the beautiful actress and singer, Blaha Lujza.

## A CREATIVE LEGACY

In 2002, after half a century of Communist neglect the Villa was purchased and lovingly restored to its former glory by Dutch writer Jaap Scholten and his half Hungarian wife, Ilona Jankovich de Jezsenice. The couple continued Szerényi's tradition of hosting numerous creative types. Also, Jaap wrote four books in the Villa including the Libris History Prize winning 'Comrade Baron'.

In 2016, The Brody House Group opened The Writer's Villa as a 7 bedroom accommodation and events venue to develop further the creative narrative. Guests include writers, artists and Hollywood glamsters.

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