SALLY ROONEY TO PUBLISH NEW NOVEL
INTERMEZZO to be published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux on September 24, 2024

New York, NY, February 29, 2024 — Farrar, Straus and Giroux, a division of Macmillan Publishers, announces the forthcoming US publication of INTERMEZZO by the international bestselling writer Sally Rooney on September 24, 2024. This is Rooney’s fourth novel.

Mitzi Angel, President and Publisher, acquired US rights from Tracy Bohan at the Wylie Agency. Knopf will publish in Canada and Faber in the UK.

Aside from the fact that they are brothers, Peter and Ivan Koubek seem to have little in common. Peter is a Dublin lawyer in his thirties—successful, competent, and apparently unassailable. But in the wake of their father’s death, he’s medicating himself to sleep and struggling to manage his relationships with two very different women—his enduring first love, Sylvia, and Naomi, a college student for whom life is one long joke.

Ivan is a twenty-two-year-old competitive chess player. He has always seen himself as socially awkward, a loner, the antithesis of his glib elder brother. Now, in the early weeks of his bereavement, Ivan meets Margaret, an older woman emerging from her own turbulent past, and their lives become rapidly and intensely intertwined.

For two grieving brothers and the people they love, this is a new interlude—a period of desire, despair, and possibility; a chance to find out how much one life might hold inside itself without breaking.

Angel says: “Two men, three women—two brothers and the women they love. Through the components of everyday life, Sally Rooney builds a world of ethical complexity that matches that of the great nineteenth-century novels. Intermezzo is an astonishing novel: it marks yet another advance in the work of a writer who captures our life and our times with more stylistic elan and generosity of spirit than ever.”
Sally Rooney is the author of Conversations with Friends, Normal People, and Beautiful World, Where Are You. All three of her novels have been international bestsellers, and her work has been translated into more than forty languages. Her first two novels have been adapted as television series for the BBC and Hulu. In 2022, Time magazine named her among the 100 most influential people in global culture. She lives and works in County Mayo, Ireland, where she was born.

About Farrar, Straus and Giroux: Farrar, Straus and Company was founded in 1946 by Roger W. Straus and John C. Farrar. In 1964, Robert Giroux's name was added to the roster and the company became Farrar, Straus and Giroux. The firm is renowned for its international list of literary fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children's books. Farrar, Straus and Giroux authors have won extraordinary acclaim over the years, including numerous National Book Awards and Pulitzer Prizes, and twenty-five Nobel Prizes in Literature.