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Journey to the Middle East

An Inspired Blend of Food, Jazz, and Jewish Folk

Prelude Dinner and Concert

“Listening to the Amos Hoffman and Noam Lemish Journeys to the Middle East Quartet, it’s easy to feel like you’ve been transported to a musically intoxicating Garden of Eden”

– The WholeNote

Wednesday, June 1

The Amos Hoffman & Noam Lemish Quartet

The Rock House

6:30 p.m. Prelude Dinner and Concert

\$64.00 per person

Reservations begin 1 p.m. April 29

Prelude Dinner Menu

First Plate

Middle Eastern Appetizer Sampler

Hummus, Bababaganoush, Muhammara Pita Wedges

Main Plate

Shawarma Spiced Free Range Chicken

Israeli Couscous Risotto with Chick Peas and Spinach, Summer Squash

Pastry

Baklava

For at least two millennia music has played a special role in Jewish life around the world, each community developing its own practices and traditions. Out of cultural exchange in various regions, a diverse and beautiful array of musical practices emerged. Amos Hoffman and Noam Lemish have spent years collecting Jewish melodies from different parts of the world including Kurdish, Yemenite, Moroccan, Ladino, Russian and Israeli songs. Since 2016, Hoffman and Lemish have been presenting concerts across North America dedicated to breathing new life into these timeless melodies. Together with their quartet, they infuse these songs with the contemporary sounds of jazz and Afro-Caribbean music.

Amos Hoffman is an internationally renowned guitar & oud virtuoso and innovator, a winner of Israel’s Prime Minister Award for the arts. Noam Lemish is a multi-faceted, world-class pianist, composer, and professor at York University’s Department of Music in Toronto, Canada. Both have roots in Israel but have spent much of their adult life in North America.

Together, the quartet creates a refreshing and compelling sound, filled with vibrant sonorities, unique instrument combinations, and compelling arrangements. The result is a joyous, uplifting celebration, texturally rich music, filled with groove, lyrical melodies, and outstanding solos.



Exploring Porcelain

An Investigation of Where Art, Nature and History Intersect Lecture and Discussion

Wednesday, June 8

Jared Peden

Associate Director, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

The Rock House

5:00 p.m. Cocktails

5:30 p.m. Program

\$5.00 per person

Reservations begin 1 p.m. May 6

The Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum is one of the newest buildings at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia which is surrounded by the Discovery and Inspiration Garden built as a pollinator garden and source of inspiration for artists of all ages. This museum strives to be a space for visitors to learn about global conservation efforts, find inspiration from nature and learn about the important and fascinating role art has played in the world of plant sciences. Allow the garden to bring this experience to you at Lake Oconee as Jared Peden discusses how porcelain, the main medium of the museum, has been a mode of botanical knowledge transportation throughout history.



Jared Peden has been the Associate Director of the State Botanical Garden since April 2021. His career at UGA started in the Procurement Office with the Finance Division, and he has held various positions with UGA at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the University Libraries. Before joining UGA he worked for the federal government in various roles. Originally from Hinesville, GA, he, his wife, and two children now live in Watkinsville. He holds an A.B. in Political Science and a Master's in Public Administration, both from the University of Georgia.



The London House

The Inspiration and Stories Behind the Novel

Lecture and Discussion

"In this story of war, deception, and absolution, we find also a tale of sisters, love, loss, and all of the unspoken things in between. A history of heroism and tragedy unfolds bit by bit through letters that illuminate the past and change everything one woman thought about her family—and her own journey forward. Carefully researched, emotionally hewn, and written with a sure hand, *The London House* is a tantalizing tale of deeply held secrets, heartbreak, redemption, and the enduring way that family can both hurt and heal us. I enjoyed it thoroughly."

— Kristin Harmel

New York Times bestselling author of *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* and *The Book of Lost Names*

Tuesday, June 14

Katherine Reay, Author

The Rock House

5:00 p.m. Cocktails

5:30 p.m. Program

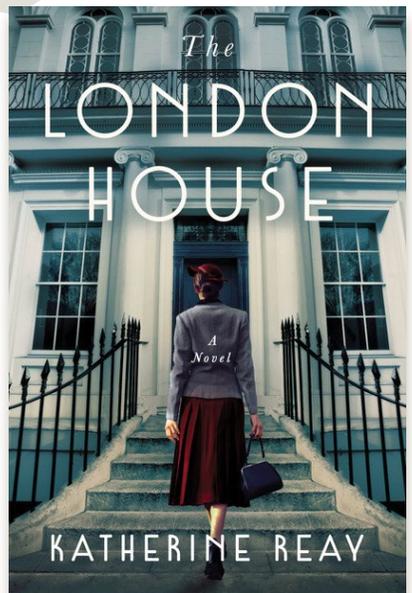
\$5.00 per person

Reservations begin 1 p.m. May 13

Discovering a family secret sets one woman on the journey of a lifetime — through the history of Britain's WWII spy network and glamorous 1930s Paris — to understand her past, save her family, and shape her future.

In this lecture, Katherine will share with you the inspiration behind *The London House*, the fascinating world of famed haute-couture designer Else Schiaparelli, the early days of WWII, and Britain's first foray into the world of spies and espionage — along with a few insights and tantalizing teasers about this family saga of sacrifice, secrets, and love.

Katherine Reay is a national bestselling and award-winning author of several novels. She has enjoyed a lifelong affair with books and history and brings that love to her stories. Katherine has also written one full-length nonfiction work. She holds a BA and MS from Northwestern University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and has lived across the country with a few years in England and Ireland as well. A full-time author and mother of three children, Katherine, and her husband currently live outside Chicago, IL.



Religious Impact of Ukraine Invasion

Shifts in the Global Eastern Orthodox Church

Lecture and Discussion

"National identity is not something that can be touched or discovered like an island. It exists in our heads, and is nothing but an imagination".

Monday, June 20

David W. Key, Sr., Founding Pastor
The Lake Oconee Community Church
The Rock House

5:00 p.m. Cocktails

5:30 p.m. Program

Complimentary

Reservations begin 1 p.m. May 20

As the global impact of the Ukraine invasion continues to be analyzed in various arenas, the religious landscape has also changed. In recent history, the Russian Orthodox Church has challenged the leadership of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Being marginalized in the global ecumenical movement for supporting Vladimir Putin, how Russian Orthodoxy navigates in the coming years will be a challenge.

Raised a Baptist, the ordained ministry of Reverend David W. Key, Sr., LOCC Founding Pastor, has taken him into various multi-denominational circles. For over 30 years, he has served in a variety of ecumenical settings. David taught at one of the premier theological educational institutions in the country, Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and is presently on faculty with the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, one of the country's leading institutions for governmental training in organizational theory and practice. David is a native of Augusta, GA, earned his BBA in accounting from the University of Georgia and carried out his MDIV and Ph.D. studies in Louisville, Kentucky.



Seen/Unseen

Hidden Lives in a Community of Enslaved Georgians Lecture and Discussion

“Illuminates a subject that has been buried in whitewashed stereotypes. . . . Seen/Unseen has an immediacy and a freshness that makes compelling reading.”

– Pete McCommons
Flagpole Magazine

Tuesday, June 27

Christopher Lawton, Laura Nelson and Randy Reid, Historians

The Rock House

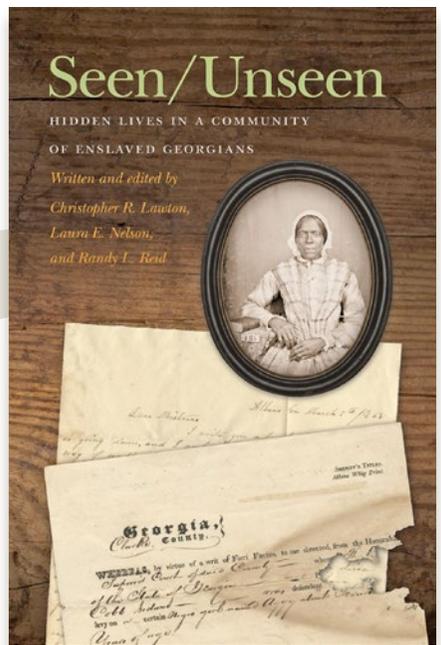
5:00 p.m. Cocktails

5:30 p.m. Program

\$5.00 per person

Reservations begin 1 p.m. May 27

For all we think we know of American slavery, the reality is that we often repeat only a few stories of the lives of enslaved people. *Seen/Unseen: Hidden Lives in a Community of Enslaved Georgians* (UGA Press, 2021) offers a crucial addition. Drawn from thousands of archived letters, this volume tells the previously unknown tale of the people held in bondage by one of the wealthiest and most politically prominent families in the United States. This vibrant community, composed of hundreds of people, fought to remain connected despite laboring on plantations and in houses spread across 250 miles from Athens to Milledgeville to Americus. Theirs is a story of anguish in the face of injustice, struggle and perseverance and ultimately, survival. Most importantly, it is a story about making, fighting for, and living lives that were all their own.



Please join us for an evening with historians Christopher Lawton, Laura Nelson, and Randy Reid, authors of *Seen/Unseen*, as they discuss the lives and experiences of the enslaved people at the center of this exceptional community. All proceeds from book sales at this event will go to support a local educational foundation for area children.

Christopher Lawton (Ph.D., history, UGA) is Director of Experiential Learning for the Putnam County Charter School System. Laura Nelson (MA, history, UGA) is a Ph.D. student in history at Princeton University. Randy Reid (Ph.D., history, LSU) is the chair of the humanities department at Athens Academy.



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