



# WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE

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## FROM THE CHAIR | JIM HERRON



On October 10, James Holland gave an absolutely outstanding presentation at The Prologue Society's first luncheon of our 2017-2018 fall season. In a brilliant, knowledgeable, and completely entertaining 45-minute lecture, James presented a marvelous summary of the first three years of World War II.

I for one, who thought I knew everything about WW II (!), learned a tremendous amount and enjoyed every minute of it. I believe there was general agreement that this was one of our most successful events.

Please register as soon as possible for our Friday evening, November 17 Cocktail Party with **Walter Isaacson** and his new book **Leonardo Da Vinci**. This book is one of the most talked about books of the new season and Isaacson, the acclaimed biographer of Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein, and Benjamin Franklin, has been interviewed recently by *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *CBS Sunday Morning*.

**IMPORTANT:** This event will be completely sold out and this is the only notice you will receive to register for this cocktail party.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The cocktail party will be held at 6:00pm at Palmeiras Beach Club at 4 Grove Isle Drive in the Grove Isle Complex in Coconut Grove. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6:00 pm and Mr. Isaacson will speak at 6:45pm. There will be valet parking only and although Grove Isle is putting on extra folks to help with the cars, in order to avoid any delay in leaving, I strongly urge you to consider carpooling or using Uber or Lyft.

Finally, as a reminder for those of you who registered for lunch on November 17 (before the schedule change) and cannot or do not wish to attend the cocktail party, we will of course refund your money or give you a credit for the next Prologue event. Please contact Debbie Hirshson and let her know your wishes.

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## OUR NEXT EVENT



### **Walter Isaacson**

Friday, November 17, 2017  
6:00-7:30pm

Palmeiras Beach Club at Grove Isle  
4 Grove Isle Drive, Miami FL 33133

Registration closes Sunday, November 12

## *Leonardo Da Vinci*

The author of the acclaimed bestsellers *Steve Jobs*, *Einstein*, and *Benjamin Franklin* brings Leonardo da Vinci to life in this exciting new biography.

Based on thousands of pages from Leonardo's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Walter Isaacson weaves a narrative that connects his art to his science. He shows how Leonardo's genius was based on skills we can improve in ourselves, such as passionate curiosity, careful observation, and an imagination so playful that it flirted with fantasy.

He produced the two most famous paintings in history, *The Last Supper* and *Mona Lisa*. But in his own mind, he was just as much a man of science and technology. With a passion that sometimes became obsessive, he pursued innovative studies of anatomy, fossils, birds, the heart, flying machines, botany, geology, and weaponry. His ability to stand at the crossroads of the humanities and the sciences, made iconic by his drawing of *Vitruvian Man*, made him history's most creative genius.

Leonardo's delight at combining diverse passions remains the ultimate recipe for creativity. So, too, does his ease at being a bit of a misfit: illegitimate, gay, vegetarian, left-handed, easily distracted, and at times heretical. His life should remind us of the importance of instilling, both in ourselves and our children, not just received knowledge but a willingness to question it—to be imaginative and, like talented misfits and rebels in any era, to think different.

*WALTER ISAACSON, University Professor of History at Tulane, has been CEO of the Aspen Institute, chairman of CNN, and editor of Time magazine. He is the author of The Innovators; Steve Jobs; Einstein: His Life and Universe; Benjamin Franklin: An American Life; and Kissinger: A Biography, and the coauthor of The Wise Men: Six Friends and the World They Made.*

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## Author Events

Unless otherwise specified,  
all author events are  
luncheons, held from  
12:00-2:00pm  
at

**Riviera Country Club**  
1155 Blue Road  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Doors open at 11:30am

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration is open for the Fall 2017 author events.

Save the dates for our upcoming Spring 2018 events – registration will open shortly.

Friday, November 17	Walter Isaacson, <i>Leonardo Da Vinci</i>
Tuesday, December 15	Arlo Haskell, <i>The Jews of Key West</i>
Wednesday, January 17	Simon Sebag Montefiore, <i>Red Sky at Noon</i>
Thursday, February 22	Bijan Omrani, <i>Caesar's Footprints</i>
March	<i>To Be Announced</i>
April	<i>To Be Announced</i>

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## HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

### To register:

- **Online:** Visit [ThePrologueSociety.org](http://ThePrologueSociety.org) and follow the instructions;
- **OR by telephone:** Call our office and talk to Debbie Hirshson or leave a voicemail message stating that you plan to attend;
- **OR by regular mail:** Send us a note, along with your check for \$50.00 per person, made payable to The Prologue Society.
- **Include** the names of your guests.
- **IMPORTANT: IF YOU REGISTER BY MAIL, you must also call Debbie** so that she knows to expect you!

### To pay:

- **Enter your credit card details** on the secure website;
- **OR mail your check** for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society;
- **OR bring your check** to the luncheon.

### Note:

- To speed up luncheon check-in and accounting, our preference is that you: 1) pay online, OR 2) mail a check well in advance of the luncheon.
- Mail is taking a while to reach us. (Remember to call or email Debbie right away if you're registering via the mail.)
- **If you haven't yet sent in your membership application**, please do so right away (or activate and pay for your membership online).
- **IMPORTANT: You must register before the posted deadline**, as we must guarantee our reservation with the venue ahead of time.