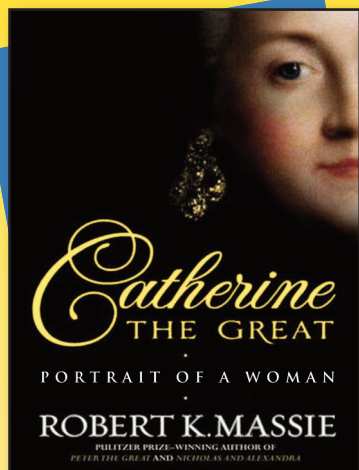


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*University of Delaware Library Associates*  
Wednesday, April 17, 2013



## 2013 Annual Dinner with Robert K. Massie

6 p.m. Hospitality hour

7 p.m. Dinner and program

Arsht Hall

University of Delaware, Wilmington

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Robert K. Massie will talk on “Catherine the Great: A Woman as Well as an Empress” about his book, *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* which was published in November 2011.

His description of a young German princess who traveled to Russia at age fourteen and became one of the most powerful and captivating women in history is fascinating.

Readable and absolutely absorbing, *Catherine the Great* is the work of a master of narrative history, who in Catherine found some of the greatest subject matter imaginable. Drawing from her explicit diaries and thousands of letters, Robert Massie created a landmark work of history, bringing to life not only this singular woman but an entire nation in the throes of extraordinary change.

Robert K. Massie spent much of his youth in Nashville, Tennessee. He studied American history at Yale and European history at Oxford which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. His previous books include *The Romanovs: the Final Chapter*; *Dreadnought*; *Nicholas and Alexandra*; and *Peter the Great: His Life and World* which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1981.

He currently lives in Irvington, New York. His interest in the imperial family began with the birth of his oldest son who was born with hemophilia, the hereditary disease that Tsar Nicholas's son, Alexei, also suffered with.

“What *Catherine the Great* offers is a great story in the hands of a master storyteller.”

– *The Wall Street Journal*

“The Pulitzer-winning biographer of Nicholas and Alexandra and of Peter the Great, Massie now relates the life of a minor German princess, Sophia of Anhalt-Zerbst, who became Empress Catherine II of Russia (1729-1796)... Effectively utilizing Catherine's own memoirs, Massie once again delivers a masterful, intimate, and tantalizing portrait of a majestic monarch.”

– *Publishers Weekly* (\*Starred review)

Mark your calendars! The printed invitation will be mailed in March 2013. All members of the University of Delaware Library Associates will be sent an invitation. Other interested persons may send an email message to [UDLA@udel.edu] or call Library Administration at 302-831-2231 to request a printed invitation. Cost information will be forthcoming in the printed invitation.

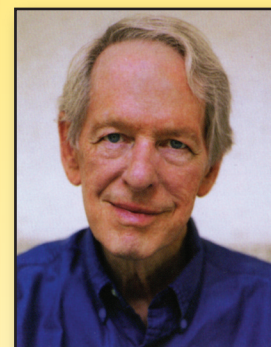


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