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TECHNOLOGY FUTURIST AND AUTHOR JAMIE METZL TO DISCUSS THE GENETICS REVOLUTION AT THE BANKHEAD THEATER

Jamie Metzl, technology futurist and author, will describe how the genetics revolution will transform the world within and around us in a special Rae Dorough Speaker Series presentation at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25 in Livermore's Bankhead Theater.

Metzl's presentation is based on his recently published and much acclaimed book, "*Hacking Darwin: Genetics Engineering and the Future of Humanity*."

In Metzl's view, the genetics revolution will be the greatest opportunity and also the greatest challenge of our era with the power to alter our trajectory as a species. He will explore what the genetics revolution means for you, your family, the country and the world and what we must do to prepare.

"The magic of life is its imprecision, the multiple narratives constantly unfolding before us," Metzl wrote. "Every step we take, every decision we make, reshuffles the deck of our lives and sets a new trajectory of possibility in motion."

Metzl is an American technology futurist, geopolitical expert, and writer, a former partner in the global investment company Cranemere LLC, and a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council. He was formerly the Asia Society's Executive Vice President.

Individual presentation tickets are \$16 for students and vary from \$32 to \$40 for adults. For additional information about the Rae Dorough Speaker Series, visit : <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/>. Tickets are available online raedoroughspeakerseries.org/tickets or may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., or by calling (925)-373-6800.

The speaker series honors the late Rae Dorough, a respected Livermore resident and strong supporter of cultural events. Friends and members of her family were the initiating sponsors in 2008. The series features provocative, entertaining and enlightening presentations on a wide variety of topics. Past speakers have included engineers, scientists, fiction and non-fiction writers and historians, entrepreneurs, comedians and entertainers, diplomats, astronauts, journalists, and a secretary of defense.

The Rae Dorough Speaker Series partners with the Livermore Valley Unified School District and Las Positas College to make presentations easily accessible to students and teachers.

The series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, Sandia National Laboratories, Tri-Valley Conservancy and ImageSetters. Additionally, individual and corporate supporters help sponsor specific presentations. The Livermore Science & Society center is the sponsor of Jamie Metzl's presentation.

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