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ARCHEOLOGIST PATRICK HUNT TO DISCUSS HANNIBAL BARCA OF CARTHAGE THE MAN AND THE LEGEND AT LIVERMORE'S BANKHEAD THEATER

Stanford University archeologist Patrick Hunt will bring to life the story of Hannibal Barca, the Carthaginian military genius, in a Rae Dorough Speaker Series presentation entitled "Hannibal's Secret Weapon" at 7:30 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater, Livermore Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019.

Hunt's talk is based on his recent biography, "Hannibal," the compelling story of the third century BCE (before the common era) general best known for crossing the Alps with war elephants, invading Italy and bringing the Roman Republic to its knees. To this day Hannibal is regarded as a military genius who pioneered the use of spies and intelligence gathering in warfare. He's been admired and studied by the likes of Napoleon, George Patton, Norman Schwarzkopf Jr. and other generals.

"When you read Machiavelli's *The Prince*, Machiavelli goes into lengthy details surrounding Hannibal's circumstances, how he was both a fox and a lion, stealthy but also strong," Hunt said in an interview with Knowledge @Wharton. "Hannibal is the actual story about which Machiavelli is writing. People don't always realize that. Hannibal struck fear into the hearts of Rome, the fear of Hannibal at the gates."

Hunt holds a PhD. In archeology from the UCL Institute of Archeology, University of London. He's an archeologist, historian and biographer who has taught humanities, archeology, mythology and the arts at Stanford University since 1993. From 1994 to 2012, Hunt was director of the Stanford Alpine Archeology Project. Subsequently, he directed the Hannibal Expedition in the Alps from 2013 to 2016. In 2007 and 2008, Hunt's Hannibal Expedition was sponsored by the National Geographic Society's Expedition Council. He has walked every major Hannibal battlefield. For more information, see <https://www.hannibalpatrickhunt.com>.

Hunt's first Rae Dorough presentation in 2015 about "Otzi" the 5,000-year-old Neolithic iceman found frozen in the Otzal Alps and was one of the series' most popular talks.

For additional information about the Rae Dorough Speaker Series Website: <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/>. Tickets are now available online <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/PatrickHunt> 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 Rae Dorough Speaker Series partners with the Livermore Valley Unified School District and Las Positas College to make presentations easily accessible to students, teachers and administrators.

The speaker series honors the late Rae Dorough, a respected Livermore resident and strong supporter of cultural events. 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 series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, Sandia National Laboratories, Tri-Valley Conservancy and ImageSetters. Special sponsor for Patrick Hunt's presentation is Retzlaff Vineyards.

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