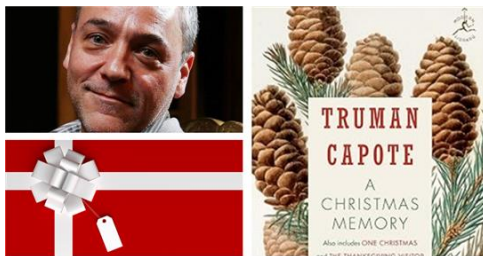




Wednesday December 13, 2023 Program
12:00 Noon at the Fortnightly of Chicago

Please join FAW for an entertaining Holiday program on Wednesday December 13, 2023, at The Fortnightly of Chicago.



December's luncheon features a presentation of Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory* as interpreted by Michael Halberstam.

Mr. Halberstam will entertain us with a holiday reading of Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory*. Truman Capote writes of his boyhood memories of Christmas time in rural Alabama. The story recounts a magical Christmas season shared between the seven-year-old "Buddy" and his elderly cousin. *A Christmas Memory* is an unforgettable portrait of an odd, but enduring, friendship between two innocent souls—one young and one old—and the memories they share of beloved holiday rituals.

A native of Nottingham, England, Halberstam attended the University of Illinois, where he had been granted admission to the actor training program. Shortly after graduation in 1986, he moved to Chicago, where he was immediately drawn to classics, working almost exclusively on the works of William Shakespeare. He went on to join The Stratford Festival's Young Company in Ontario. He spent two years performing in several plays, including *Timon of Athens*, *The Knight of the Burning Pestle* (title role), *Much Ado About Nothing*, *As You Like It*, and *Macbeth*. Michael has received awards from The Chicago Drama League, The Arts & Business Council, and the Chicago Lawyers for the Creative Arts. He was named "Chicagoan of the Year" for Theater by the Chicago Tribune.

In 1992, Halberstam (Artistic Director) and Marilyn Campbell (Artistic Associate) founded Writers Theatre, located in Glencoe, IL. The theater is now in its 30th Season and has produced over 120 productions—everything from inventive interpretations of classics to ground-breaking new work.



There will also be a book exchange with our members. Wrap up one of your favorite books for the exchange, if you would like to participate.

Luncheon reservations and cancellations are due no later than 6:00 PM Tuesday December 5th.

**Call: Pat Adelberg - (847) 588-0911
or Peggy Kuzminski - (cell) (773) 710-8637
for reservations**

Menu - Wednesday, December 13, 2023

*Asparagus Soup with Tarragon and Blood Orange Oil, Roasted Chicken, Wild Rice, Rutabaga, Beurre Blanc
Flan de Rompope with Sugared Cranberries*

You don't want to miss this event! Make your reservation ASAP. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon in the main floor dining room of the Fortnightly Club of Chicago, 120 E. Bellevue Place. The Fortnightly has COVID-19 safety measures in place. The seating is tables of 6 – 8 socially distanced. Proof of vaccination is no longer required. **Please remember that vegetarian meal requests are special order, and the Fortnightly chef only prepares the number of meals that are requested. Do not ask the staff for a vegetarian meal at the luncheon if you did not pre-order one at the time of your reservation.**

- ✓ Cost is \$45.00 Pay by check(preferred) payable to FAW at the door. Cash is accepted also.
- ✓ Vegetarian meals should be requested at the time you make your reservation.
- ✓ You must call to cancel your reservation, otherwise you will still be charged.
- ✓ Group reservations - please only have one person make the group request to avoid confusion.
- ✓ You may request a permanent (standing) reservation for all the meetings. You must then call and cancel any program you can't attend—otherwise FAW is still charged for your meal, and we must charge you.



President's Corner –Ida Hagman

The year is winding down and the holidays are upon us. I'm looking forward to gathering with FAW members at our December luncheon. "A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote is a beautifully written story and one of my favorites. I was introduced to the story when I saw the 1969 film, Trilogy, directed by Frank Perry. Perhaps some of you have seen it too. I haven't decided which book I will bring to the book exchange, but it's been fun thinking of possible titles.

Thanks to all of you who have supported FAW by attending luncheons, making donations, and serving on committees and boards. Wishing you Happy Holidays.

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