

The Rae Dorough Speakers Series



Oct 13, 2009
Tuesday, 7:30pm

JOHN HAMRE
**The American Century:
Past Tense or Future Promise?**

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, America has emerged as the global superpower, alongside a set of regional superpowers. At a time of unprecedented economic turmoil and unparalleled international diplomatic and security challenges, will America emerge stronger or diminished?



Nov 12, 2009
Thursday, 7:30pm

JANE HAMILTON
An Evening with Jane Hamilton

Jane Hamilton lives, works, and writes in an orchard farmhouse in Wisconsin. Her first novel, *The Book of Ruth*, won the PEN/Ernest Hemingway Foundation Award for best first novel and was a selection of the Oprah Book Club. Her second novel, *A Map of the World*, was an international bestseller.



Jan 28, 2010
Thursday, 7:30pm

ALEX FILIPPENKO
Dark Energy and the Runaway Universe

Over the largest distances, our Universe seems to be dominated by a repulsive "dark energy." Dark energy stretches the very fabric of space itself faster and faster with time. But the physical origin of dark energy is unknown, and is often considered to be the most important unsolved problem in physics.



Mar 18, 2010
Thursday, 7:30pm

CAREY PERLOFF
**From Archaeology to Artistic Director:
A Career in the American Theater**

Perloff explores her early roots in archaeology, and how excavating ancient sites led her to rebuild a ruined theater in San Francisco. She celebrates her 17th season as artistic director of A.C.T. (American Conservatory Theater). Directing credits include Tom Stoppard's *Rock 'n' Roll* and the upcoming production of José Rivera's *Boleros for the Disenchanted*.

Tickets \$30, \$12 students 21 and under for each event.

The Rae Dorough Speakers Series, named for long-time Livermore resident and community activist Rae Dorough, features renowned commentators discussing interesting and timely topics ranging from oil to iPhones, dark energy to American Theater. The series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. Programs begin at 7:30pm and will include an audience Q&A following each speaker's presentation, and a post-talk reception with the speaker.

Rae Dorough was professionally known for over 30 years as a respected real estate broker and an active participant in and supporter of charitable organizations and City commissions concerned with health and social issues. Rae's husband, Gus, and their seven children were pleased to provide the initial funding to create and sustain this new Bankhead Theater series in Rae's memory.