Robert K. Massie is the award-winning author of *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* and his remarks during the Annual Dinner will be on “Catherine the Great: A Woman as Well as an Empress.”

Robert K. Massie graduated from Yale University, and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University where he read Modern History. For four years, he served as an air intelligence officer aboard aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean and the Pacific.

Mr. Massie was on the staff of *Newsweek* from 1959 to 1962. His writing has appeared in *The New Yorker, Vanity Fair, The New York Times, Architectural Digest, The Smithsonian Magazine* and other publications. He has devoted much of his career to studying the House of Romanov, Russia’s royal family from 1613 through 1917.

His interest in the Imperial family accompanied the birth of his oldest son who was born with hemophilia, a hereditary disease that also afflicted ‘Tsar Nicholas’ son, Alexei. His first book *Nicholas and Alexandra* (1969), which remained on the *New York Times* Bestseller List for 46 weeks, was translated into 17 languages, and made into a film nominated for nine Academy Awards. Over 6,000,000 copies of this book have been sold around the world. His next book, *Journey*, was an account of his family’s experience with hemophilia. *Peter the Great: His Life and World* won the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for Biography and became a major network mini-series winning three Emmy Awards and starring Laurence Olivier. Numerous other books followed.

His newest biography, *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman*, published in 2011, has won the American Library Association Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Non-Fiction and the PEN American Center Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Biography. *Catherine the Great* is the extraordinary story of an obscure young German princess who traveled to Russia at 14 and rose to become one of the most remarkable, powerful and captivating women in history.

Mr. Massie has taught at Princeton University and Tulane University. He has been a juror for the Pulitzer Prize for History, for the Pulitzer Prize for Biography and a judge for the National Book Award. Over the years, he has been an adviser to and has made frequent appearances on national television programs.

Kathryn Harrison in *The New York Times Book Review* wrote, “One of the unexpected pleasures of *Catherine the Great* is the degree to which Massie invites us to identify with his subject as she grows and changes in a role she began cultivating herself to attain at the age of 14.”
The Officers and Directors of the
_University of Delaware Library Associates_
request the pleasure of your company at the
_Anual Dinner_

**Wednesday, April 17, 2013**
at Arsht Hall, University of Delaware
2700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware

**Robert K. Massie**
will speak on

_“Catherine the Great:
A Woman as Well as an Empress”_

Hospitality hour at 6 p.m.
Program and dinner at 7 p.m.
RSVP by Friday, April 12, 2013

First-come, first-served parking in the lot opposite the entrance to Arsht Hall.
Additional parking in the side lots.

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**Menu**

**Appetizer**
- Mixed Greens with Baby Squash, Asparagus, Mushrooms, Marinated Artichoke Hearts and Roasted Red Peppers tossed in White Balsamic Vinaigrette

**Entrées (select one)**
- Seared Rib Eye Steak with Wild Mushroom Demi-glace, Blue Cheese Mashed Potatoes and an Oven Roasted Tomato with Creamy Spinach and Parmesan Filling
- Coquille St. Jacques, Classic French preparation of Tender Scallops in a Rich Mornay Sauce of Gruyere, Mushrooms and Sherry Wine served with Duchess Potatoes, Sautéed Patty Pans and Haricot Vert
- Roasted Zucchini Boats filled with a Mélange of Sautéed Vegetables and Bulgur Wheat in a Pool of Herb Infused Tomato Veloute Sauce

**Dessert**
- Key Lime Cloud Tart covered in Toasted Sweet Meringue and served with Fresh Blueberry Sauce

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks
Antigal Uno Malbec (Red)
Ferrari-Carano Fumé Blanc (White)
2013 UDLA Annual Dinner Response Card

Member(s) ____________________________________________

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Guest(s) ___________________________________________

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______ Member(s) @ $120.00 Per Person** $_________

______ Guest(s) @ $160.00 Per Person** $_________

(Please enter Guest's Address(es) on back of card)

______ Corporate Table of 8 Persons @ $1,400.00 Per Table $_________

Names of corporate attendees with his/her entrée selection:

Contribution are welcome from individuals and corporations to assist in underwriting the evening's expenses. Donations are appreciated and will be publicly acknowledged unless anonymity is requested. This donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

I/we would like to make an additional contribution in the amount of:

______ $5,000.00 Annual Dinner Leader $_________

______ $1,000.00 Annual Dinner Benefactor $_________

______ $500.00 Annual Dinner Sustaining $_________

______ $250.00 Annual Dinner Advocate $_________

______ $150.00 Annual Dinner Patron $_________

______ Other Annual Dinner Friend $_________

______ $120.00 each to support attendance for a Library Staff dinner(s) $_________

I/we regret that I/we cannot attend, and would like to contribute to assist with expenses $_________

Total enclosed $_________

Please make your check payable to the University of Delaware Library Associates. For further information, contact the Office of the Vice Provost by sending an email message to UDLA@udel.edu or by calling 302-831-2231.

I/we wish to reserve the following quantity of Robert K. Massie's books:

______ Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman (hardcover, 2011) @ $31.50

______ Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman (paper, 2011) @ $18.00

______ Peter the Great: His Life and World (hardcover, 1980) @ $21.60

______ Nicholas and Alexandra (hardcover, 1967) @ $21.60

* The full menu is available on the back panel of the invitation.

** $55.00 of the dinner cost per person is tax deductible.

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Corporate Table Information

Name of Corporation ____________________________________

Corporate Contact ____________________________________

Address of Corporation __________________________________

City State Zip Code

Telephone number with area code ________________________

Names of corporate attendees with his/her entrée selection:

Entrée - Please Select One*

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