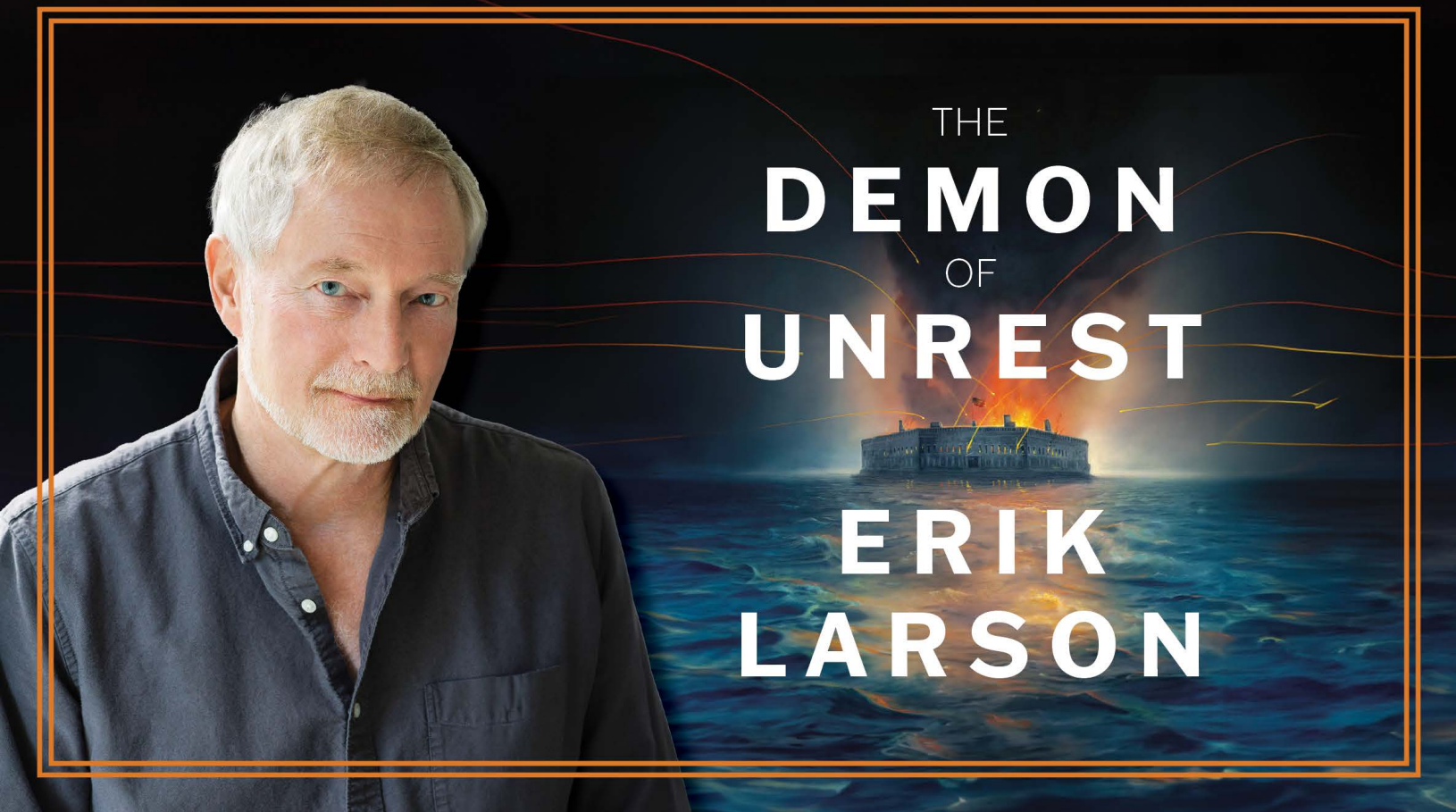


University Club Presents



Date

Friday, May 10, 2024

Time

Luncheon 12 p.m.
Program 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Price

\$60
Ticket includes a copy
of *The Demon of Unrest*

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author
of *The Splendid and the Vile*, “a mesmerizing and
disconcerting look at an era when consensus
dissolved into deadly polarization”

— Publishers Weekly (starred review)

About the program

Master storyteller Erik Larson returns to the University Club for a luncheon conversation on his new book *The Demon of Unrest*, bringing to life the pivotal five months between the election of Abraham Lincoln and the start of the Civil War—a slow burning crisis that finally tore a deeply divided nation in two.

This program will explore Larson’s gripping account of the chaotic months between Lincoln’s election and the Confederacy’s shelling of Sumter—a period marked by tragic errors and miscommunications, enflamed egos and craven ambitions, personal tragedies and betrayals. Lincoln himself wrote that the trials of these five months were “so great that, could I have anticipated them, I would not have believed it possible to survive them.”

Drawing on diaries, secret communiques, slave ledgers, and plantation records, Larson gives us a political horror story that captures the forces that led America to the brink—a dark reminder that we often don’t see a cataclysm coming until it’s too late.

Biography

Erik Larson is the author of six *New York Times* bestsellers, most recently *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz*, which examines how Winston Churchill and his “Secret Circle” went about surviving the German air campaign of 1940–41. Erik’s *The Devil in the White City* is set to be a Hulu limited series; his *In the Garden of Beasts* is under option by Tom Hanks, for a feature film.

More information

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