

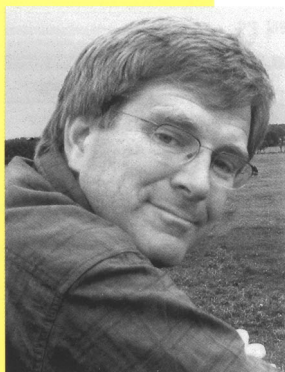
# Creative Living Series

All Programs Begin at 10:00 a.m. • Coffee and Conversation Offered at 9:00 a.m.

## Rick Steves

**AUTHOR AND  
TRAVEL EXPERT**  
October 20, 2005

"Raise your travel dreams to their upright and locked positions," then relax and enjoy listening to and learning from European travel guru Rick Steves. This knowledgeable and amiable writer, producer and host of *Rick Steves' Europe*, seen on 300 public television stations, has been touring, researching and writing on European travel since 1976. His numerous books and videos provide tried and true travel tips as well as hours of entertainment.



## Gioia Diliberto

**AUTHOR AND  
BIOGRAPHER**  
February 16, 2006

After writing the biographies of three American women, Gioia Diliberto applied her considerable writing talents in 2000 to a subject that had obsessed her since the mid-1980s, Virginie Gautreau, painter John Singer Sargent's infamous Madame X. Most interested in "how fate plays on character and how character reacts to fate," Diliberto weaves a riveting story depicting elegant pre-World War I Paris. Diliberto's novel *I am Madame X* highlights the private and public conflicts that plagued the beautiful and notorious Virginie Gautreau.



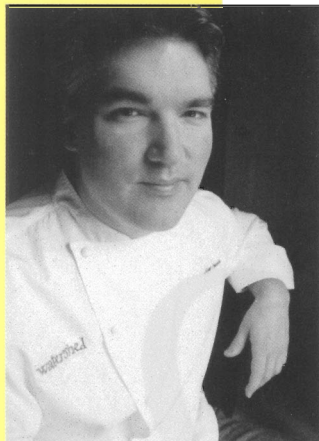
Tom Maday

## Scott Peacock

**CHEF AND AUTHOR**  
November 17, 2005

A genuine, pecan-picking son of the South, Scott Peacock has served as chef to Georgia governors and founded two restaurants, Atlanta's Horseradish Grill and, most recently, Watershed, located in Decatur, Georgia. However, his "friendship/cookship" with Edna Lewis, the grand dame of Southern cooking and the cookbook they co-authored,

*The Gift of Southern Cooking: Recipes and Revelations from two Southern Chefs*, has brought Peacock to national prominence. Come see him cook up some mighty fine and tasty Southern fare.



## Richard Christiansen

**ARTS JOURNALIST  
AND AUTHOR**  
March 16, 2006

Upon leaving his desk at the Chicago Tribune in 2002, Richard Christiansen, the nationally renowned critic and arts and entertainment editor, began work on a book documenting Chicago theater from 1830 up until today. Using historical research and personal recollections, *A Theater of Our Own: A History and a Memoir of*



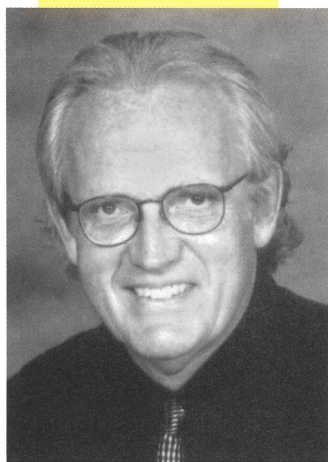
Jennifer Girard Photography

*1,001 Nights in Chicago* is, in the words of choreographer Twyla Tharp, "everything it ought to be — both reference and romantic."

## Lester Munson

**SPORTSWRITER  
AND ATTORNEY**  
January 19, 2006

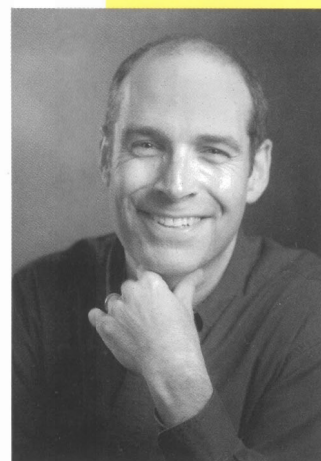
Whether participating in a roundtable discussion on arbitration in professional sports, delivering a heartfelt eulogy for a respected colleague, previewing the upcoming sports season on *Chicago Tonight* or investigating links between sports and criminal behavior for *Sports Illustrated*, acclaimed sportswriter and respected attorney Lester Munson always displays his discerning intelligence, keen wit and public-spirited humanity. Associate editor for *Sports Illustrated* and former president of the DuPage County Bar Association, Munson exhibits an astoundingly broad range of knowledge on a variety of topics.



## Geoffrey Baer

**DOCUMENTARY WRITER  
AND PRODUCER**  
April 20, 2006

Meet the unassuming Geoffrey Baer, who has worked behind the scenes and in front of the cameras at WTTW Channel 11 writing and producing Emmy Award winning programs. Executive producer of *Artbeat Chicago* and *Chicago Stories* for 15 years, Baer also writes, produces and hosts the widely praised *About Chicago* series. He spends his spare time sailboat racing and serving as a Chicago Architecture Foundation docent and Lookingglass Theatre Company board member.



## Past Guests Include:

Carol Marin, Charlie Trotter, Colin Cowie, B. Smith, Calvin Trillin, Dr. Michael Roizen, Nuala O'Faolain, Jane & Michael Stern, Mike Reid, Beverly Sills, Martha Stewart, Shelley Berman, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Beatrice Welles, Wally Phillips, Joan Benny





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