



Hearn, ca. 1870s

Lafcadio Hearn Symposium

“Anniversaries Celebration”

Free Admission

September 28, 2019, 1:00 PM

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Third Floor, Huenefeld Tower Room

800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio

This symposium celebrates the 150th anniversaries of Hearn’s arrivals in the United States and in Cincinnati, Ohio. This weekend is also the anniversary weekend of Hearn’s death in 1904 in Tokyo, Japan. This year, 2019, is also the 30th anniversary year of the founding of the Lafcadio Hearn Society/USA in Cincinnati.

Lafcadio Hearn started his career in his early life as a reporter in Cincinnati at *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, and later in *The Cincinnati Commercial* newspapers. These experiences established a strong literary foundation for his future successes. He later became world famous, especially in Japan, for his cultural and folklore books, articles and stories on Creole and Japanese topics.

The symposium showcases presentations by the following Hearn specialists and guest speakers: Professor Mary Gallagher, University College of Dublin, Ireland; Kevin Grace, Head and Archivist, Rare Books, University of Cincinnati Library; Steve Kemme, retired *Cincinnati Enquirer* reporter and President of the Lafcadio Hearn Society/USA; Professor Noriko Tsunoda Reider, Miami University; and Dr. Kinji Tanaka, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Japan Research Center of Greater Cincinnati and a founder of the Hearn Society/USA in Cincinnati, his presentations to be made by his sons, Kiyoshi Peter Tanaka and Hidenobu Paul Tanaka.

In addition, a brief presentation on the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Hearn Society/USA will be made by Dr. Gary Eith, President of the Japan Research Center of Greater Cincinnati. Also, the proposed design of the Hearn Memorial in Cincinnati will be unveiled by the renowned Cincinnati artist and sculptor, Tom Tsuchiya, and an award will be presented to the researcher who found the date or the closest date of Hearn's arrival in Cincinnati.

This program is sponsored by the Japan Research Center of Greater Cincinnati and the Lafcadio Hearn Society/USA. The program is endorsed by the following organizations: Cincinnati Chapter of the Japan American Citizen's League; Gifu Sister City Committee of Cincinnati and Gifu City Representative; Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati; The Mercantile Library of Cincinnati; and The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, the hosts for this event.

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