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**JOIN AUTHORS DORENE O'BRIEN, BILL HARRIS AND MICHAEL ZADOORIAN  
FOR A SPECIAL SHORT STORIES EVENING TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 AT THE  
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**DETROIT** – The **Detroit Historical Society** continues its **Scholar Series** with a special short story evening featuring **Dorene O'Brien**, author of *Voices of the Lost and Found*; **Bill Harris**, forthcoming author of *Birth of a Notion; Or the Half Ain't Never Been Told*; and **Michael Zadoorian**, author of *The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit*. Each will share selected readings from their works, published by **Wayne State University Press** -- on **Tuesday, January 5, at 6 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**.

*Voices of the Lost and Found* features 11 fictional first-person stories of lost innocence and betrayal. The characters, drawn from contemporary culture, present a striking portrait of alienation, volatility, violence and diversity in post modern America. Each faces an obstacle that ultimately transforms their lives.

In *Birth of a Notion*, a combination of prose and poetry, Harris confronts contemporary stereotypes and prejudices by tracing their roots in early American history. The stories chronicle 19<sup>th</sup> century American history from the 1830s and the rise of the abolitionist movement, to Reconstruction, the Industrial Revolution and the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It ends with the development of jazz and blues.

The stories featured in *The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit* are drawn from everyday events that come to define the characters' lives. Each character is forced to come to terms with the past and present of a broken city. These characters are survivors and have been worn down by tragedy. They are determined to not allow their tragedies to define them.

O'Brien is a fiction writer and a teacher of creative writing at the College of Creative Studies and Wayne State University in Detroit. Harris, a professor of English at Wayne State University, is the author of numerous plays including *Robert Johnson Trick the Devil*, *Stories About the Old Days*, *Riffs* and *Coda*. Zadoorian is the author of the novels, *The Leisure Seeker* and *Second Hand*, which won the Great Lakes Colleges Association's First Fiction award.

The cost of the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register for the event, please call **(313) 833-1801** or visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public, but is available for group tours by calling **(313) 833-7979**. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*; *Frontiers to Factories*; *The Motor City*; and *The Glancy Trains*.

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