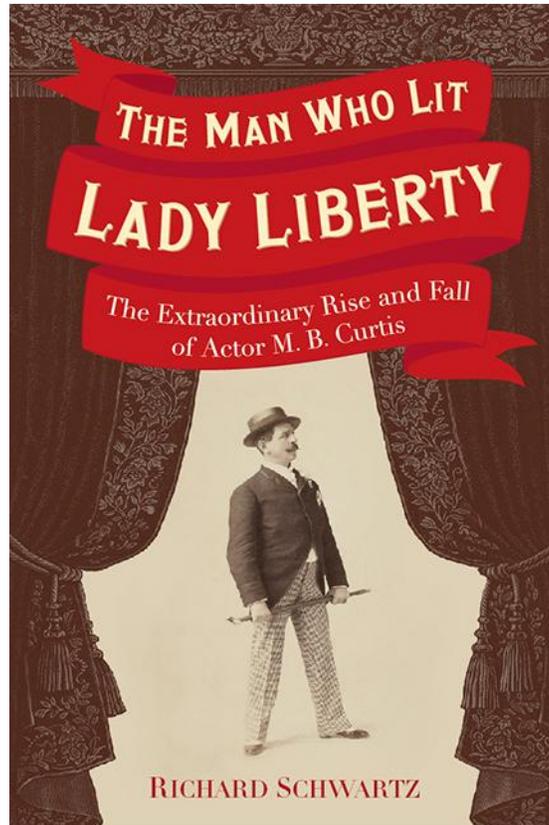


You Are Invited

To a history talk and book signing with
Richard Schwartz, author of
The Man Who Lit Lady Liberty

Join the Martinez Historical Society & the Contra Costa
County Historical Society for this special event.



Saturday, May 6, 2017
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Shell Clubhouse in Martinez

Historian Richard Schwartz presents an illustrated talk about his new book, *The Man Who Lit Lady Liberty: The Extraordinary Rise and Fall of*

Actor M.B. Curtis. His presentation will reveal the life of this incredibly influential immigrant actor of the late nineteenth century. As the first Jewish male actor allowed to portray a Jewish male on stage in America, Curtis' story is one of immigration, assimilation, theatre history and how the invisible wings of comedy can affect the nation's direction.

Richard's talk begins at 1:00 p.m.

A wine and cheese reception with the Author will follow at 2:30 p.m.

Signed books will be available for purchase during the reception.



About the Author

Richard Schwartz is a historian and the author of *Eccentrics, Heroes, and Cutthroats of Old Berkeley*; *Earthquake Exodus, 1906*; *Berkeley 1900*; and *The Circle of Stones*. Originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in English Literature. An outdoor enthusiast and animal lover, Schwartz worked on a Pennsylvania Dutch farm for two years before heading west to find higher mountains. He now lives in Berkeley, California, where he works as a building contractor and documents early Native American sites in the Bay Area. *The Man Who Lit Lady Liberty* (April 2017) is his fifth book. **For more information, visit www.richardschwartz.info**

Directions & Parking

Shell Martinez Clubhouse
1635 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez, CA

Free parking is adjacent to the Clubhouse.

[Click here for directions on Google Map.](#)

The Clubhouse is wheelchair accessible from the parking lot.



Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

(A \$10 donation is suggested at the door. All proceeds benefit the preservation

work of the Martinez and Contra Costa County archives).

RSVP is requested by April 30th.

Please call (925) 229-1042 or send an email to mkting@cocohistory.org

A special Thank You to the Shell Martinez Refinery for donating the Clubhouse for this event. It has enabled the Historical Societies of Martinez and Contra Costa County to hold this program in a beautiful, historic building.

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