



You and your students are invited to join Willesden Reads

The Children of Willesden Lane

by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen

"A beautiful book. An inspiring tribute to the power of a mother's love."
Meryl Streep

"A poignant and heart-wrenching true story that captures the power of one person's dedication to music and immense love for the human."

Zubin Mehta

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In early 1938, Lisa Jura, a young Jewish girl living in Vienna, dreamed that one day she would become a concert pianist. Her dreams were shattered when German troops took over her homeland. She became a refugee, one of about 10,000 children brought to England before World War II as part of the Kindertransport—a mission to rescue children threatened by the Nazis. Her daughter, concert pianist Mona Golabek tells her mother's story through a book, *The Children of Willesden Lane* and by means of a stage performance. Students who have read the book are invited to attend a live show at Dobson High School in Mesa. Other schools may be added. Lisa Jura's message of commitment to one's passion, such as her devotion to music despite seemingly insurmountable odds, inspires audiences to commit to their own passions. The stage show beautifully intersperses piano solos within the narrative of her mother's fight for survival.

WILLESDEN READS

Teachers who plan to teach the Holocaust using *The Children of Willesden Lane* can order books for their classrooms at no charge. There are both adult and young adult editions available. Additionally they will be invited to attend a teacher's training program October 28, sponsored by the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and Echoes and Reflections. Please contact Kim Klett at kkklett@mpsaz.org to register.

AUTHOR WILL BRING HER ONE-WOMAN SHOW TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Mona Golabek, a Grammy-nominated musician, will perform and dialogue with students at several assembly programs. Students who have read the book are invited to attend. Teachers, please contact Kim Klett at kkklett@mpsaz.org to register your classes for a free performance April 2, 3, or 4, including Mesa's Red Mountain High School on April 3. There will be a public performance in Scottsdale for one evening as the opening event of Scottsdale Community College's Genocide Awareness Week.

To order books contact: *Generations After* Phx2G3G@gmail.com

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