

## A talk by William Dalrymple

at Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, W14 8LZ

Wednesday 25th June 2008 at 7pm

William Dalrymple, the youngest fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, has been acclaimed as the most gifted travel writer of his generation. His first book, 'In Xanadu', written at the age of 22, was instantly recognised as a classic and his most recent one, 'The Last Moghul' has won the prestigious Duff Cooper Prize for History and Biography. Of it, one reviewer wrote *"It is rare indeed that a work of such consummate scholarship and insight could also be so accessible and such fun to read."*

Mr Dalrymple has kindly offered to talk about his work in the Studio of Leighton House, the magical home of the Victorian artist, Lord Leighton. It is one of the most extraordinary buildings of the nineteenth century, with sumptuous interiors, the domed hall evoking the world of 'Arabian Nights'.

The talk is followed by drinks and the opportunity to buy William Dalrymple's books. Tickets, cost £30 each and the doors will open at 6.30pm. If you would like to come, please send your cheque with a SAE to Mrs Richard Gayner, 28 Westmoreland Place, SW1V 4AE. Tel: 020 7592 9327.



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