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## AMENHOTEP'S MASK AND HIS BOOK OF THE DEAD LECTURE WITH MET ASSOCIATE CURATOR NICHOLAS REEVES

*Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 2PM*

**Part of the GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies Lecture Series**

ALBANY, NY- On October 27, 2013, Mr. Nicholas Reeves, the Lila Acheson Wallace Associate Curator in the Department of Egyptian Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City will present a lecture in conjunction with the GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies exhibition. Based on research conducted in England, Egypt, and the United States, Reeves will explain how he used nineteenth-century manuscripts, digital photography, x-rays of coffins, and fragments of funerary texts to connect the dispersed burial objects of the Overseer of the Builders of Amun, Amenhotep. Some of the pieces Reeves used in his research are currently on view in the GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies exhibition at the Albany Institute of History & Art. The lecture will take place at the Albany Institute and is free with museum admission.

*GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies Lecture Series* features archaeologists, curators, and scholars from around the world who will share their insights into ancient Egyptian life, art, and funerary practices, as well as recent scientific revelations about the Albany Mummies. This new information includes CT scans and X-rays done by Albany Medical Center in 2012. Upcoming speakers for 2013 are listed below. More speakers are scheduled for Winter/Spring 2014.

- ❖ Anna Tobin D'Ambrosio, Director, Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute Museum of Art  
**Shadow of the Sphinx: Ancient Egypt and Its Influences**  
*Sunday, November 17, 2PM*
- ❖ Joyce Haynes, Consultant Egyptologist  
**Reading Ancient Lives: Translating Hieroglyphs**  
*Sunday, December 8, 2PM*

*GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies* lecture series will be held at the Albany Institute of History & Art, located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. *GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies* exhibition runs from September 21, 2013 through June 8, 2014.

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*GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies* is the largest exhibition on Ancient Egypt ever presented in New York's Capital Region. Art and artifacts from around the world, combined with advanced medical technologies help unravel the mystery of the Albany Mummies. Acquired directly from the Cairo Museum in 1909, the Albany Institute's mummies have kept secrets that only recently have been revealed. Visit the exhibition to discover how new research, new technologies, and a team of experts have helped uncover their hidden stories. Learn about their lives and the ancient practice of mummification, all at the Albany Institute of History & Art.

- **From Cairo to Albany** highlights the 1909 acquisition of the two mummies and their coffins from the Cairo Museum.
- **Preparing for the Afterlife** examines the science of mummification through interactive stations and shows the results of new CT scans and x-rays taken at Albany Medical Center.
- **Ankhefenmut and His World** explores the daily life and culture of ancient Egypt during the 21<sup>st</sup> Dynasty.
- **Egyptomania** will showcase our ongoing fascination with ancient Egypt.

**Interactive stations** include: How to Make a Mummy, Pharaoh for a Day, Learn Hieroglyphs, and more!

**Family Festivals, Art for All** activities, and an **International Lecture Series** will be offered.

A special **Museum Shop** will offer Egyptian-themed items.

The museum is open Wednesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM, Thursdays until 8PM and Sunday Noon-5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is FREE for Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. For more information, visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) or call (518) 463-4478.

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The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of lectures, outstanding educational and family programming, and special events, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. One of America's oldest museums, the Albany Institute of History & Art was founded in 1791, during the presidency of George Washington, making it older than the Louvre, the Smithsonian, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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