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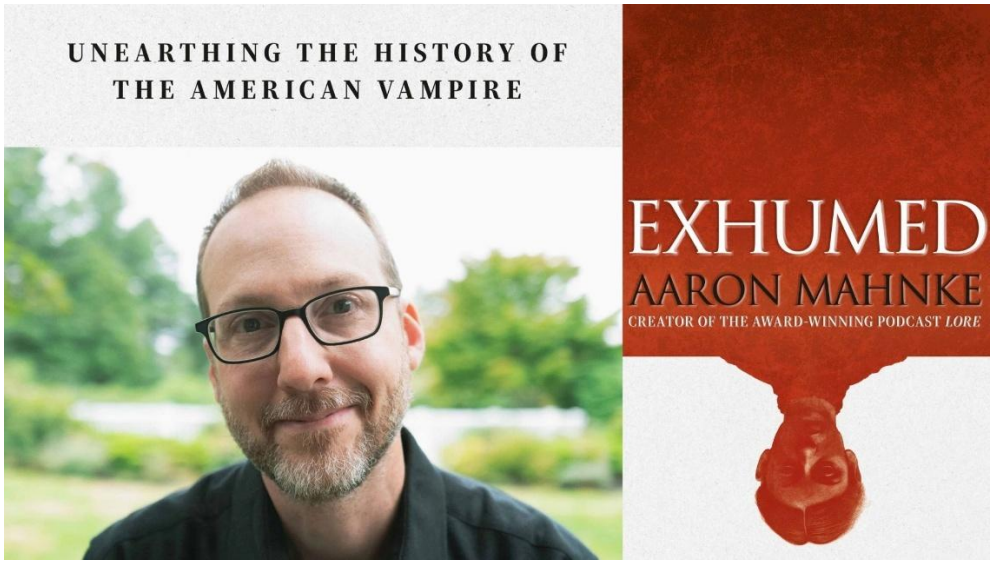
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Critically Acclaimed Podcaster and Best-Selling Author Aaron Mahnke to Explore Roots of New England Vampire Panic

Mahnke brings his latest book to life in a lecture at Rosecliff and online, October 15



NEWPORT, R.I. — The Preservation Society of Newport County (Newport Mansions) has announced that critically acclaimed podcaster and best-selling author Aaron Mahnke will offer a lecture titled “Exhumed: Exploring the Roots of the New England Vampire Panic” on Thursday,

Oct. 15, 6-7 p.m. at Rosecliff. The event will also be available to attend virtually from anywhere in the world via Zoom, in a continued expansion of the Preservation Society's digital offerings.

During the lecture, Mahnke will explore how folklore, medical beliefs, religion and pseudoscience led to the New England vampire panic, culminating in the 1892 exhumation of Mercy Brown in Rhode Island. The content is based on research done for his latest book, “Exhumed: Unearthing the History of the American Vampire.” A reception, book sales and signing will follow.

As an optional way to embrace the spirit of the season, lecture guests are invited to attend dressed in vampire costumes. Prop weapons or pointed articles are not permitted.

Mahnke’s podcast, “Lore,” exposes the darker side of history, exploring the creatures, people and places of our wildest nightmares. It was the winner of iTunes’ “Best of 2015” and “Best of 2016,” and was also named “Best History Podcast 2016” by the Academy of Podcasters.

Preservation Society members are eligible for discounted tickets to the lecture and receive complimentary access to all virtual programming.

For more information, and to purchase in-person and online lecture tickets, visit newportmansions.org/events.

ABOUT NEWPORT MANSIONS | THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF NEWPORT COUNTY

The Preservation Society of Newport County is Rhode Island's largest cultural organization, protecting, preserving and presenting the best of Newport County's architectural heritage. As a nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Preservation Society's 11 historic properties – seven of them National Historic Landmarks – span more than 250 years of American architectural and social development from the Colonial era to the Gilded Age.

Through its historic properties, educational programs and related activities, the Preservation Society engages the public in the story of America’s vibrant cultural heritage. Today, these "Newport Mansions" are an integral part of the living fabric of the city in which they stand.

For more information, please visit NewportMansions.org.

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