



SPRING 2018 SPEAKER SERIES

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FREE TO THE PUBLIC  
AT SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY HALL

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Family Event

**BRICK BY BRICK: BUILDING  
YOUR IMAGINATION**

**SATURDAY • APRIL 7 • 3PM**

**Dan Steininger, former LEGO Master Model Builder**

Dan Steininger has spent the last 24 years working at a dream job building with LEGO bricks. He was one of only 8 LEGO Master Model Builders in the world employed by the LEGO Company. Dan has built thousands of LEGO creations over the years and traveled throughout the world doing LEGO Building Events, celebrating his love of LEGO with over a million children and adults. Dan will talk about how he became a LEGO Master Builder and the process of building large-scale LEGO models. This interactive program is suitable for all ages and will include demonstrations and audience participation.

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Women Who Change the World

**EDUCATE A GIRL, CHANGE  
THE WORLD**

**WEDNESDAY • APRIL 25 • 6PM**

**Shabana Basij-Rasikh  
Co-founder and President of SOLA,  
the School of Leadership Afghanistan**



Shabana Basij-Rasikh was born and raised in Kabul, Afghanistan. Under the Taliban regime, she dressed as a boy in order to go to school since girls were banned from attending - with dire consequences if she was caught. Shabana was one of the lucky few who received an education which enabled her to attend Middlebury College. While in college, Shabana co-founded SOLA - the School of Leadership, Afghanistan. Today, SOLA is the first and only all-girls boarding school in Afghanistan and SOLA students represent all major ethnic groups and religious sects. Its goal is to have their students attend university worldwide and return to substantive careers in Afghanistan. In addition to leading SOLA, Shabana is a global ambassador for Girl Rising, a call to action seeking investment in girls' education worldwide.

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