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## University of Maine News

### **Great-Grandson of Richard Wagner to Speak on Anti-Semitism in Germany**

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ORONO -- The great-grandson of composer Richard Wagner will give a lecture, "From Wagner to Hitler: Anti-Semitism and Culture in Germany," on Nov. 4 at the University of Maine.

Gottfried Wagner, co-founder of the Post-Holocaust Generations Dialogue Group, will speak at 7 p.m. in Devino Auditorium, Corbett Business Building. His talk is sponsored by UMaine's School of Performing Arts, and the Departments of History and Modern Languages and Classics.

A reception sponsored by the Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine will follow the lecture.

Gottfried Wagner, who also is the great-great grandson of composer Franz Liszt, has spent his life confronting the legacy of Richard Wagner and the family's relationship to German anti-Semitism, Hitler and the Holocaust. He is the author of "Twilight of the Wagners: The Unveiling of a Family's Legacy." In addition, Gottfried is a philosopher, musicologist, stage director, lecturer and producer. In 1991, he co-founded the Post-Holocaust Generations Dialogue Group and went into self-imposed exile from the family home in Bayreuth, Germany. He now lives with his wife and son in Milan, Italy.

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