

# INSTITUTE FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

## Willesden READS

One performance can change the world. Experience the inspirational story of Holocaust survivor Lisa Jura, brought to life by her daughter, Mona Golabek.

A partnership between Hold On To Your Music Foundation, USC Shoah Foundation, Echoes and Reflections, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Jewish Federation of Omaha, and the Institute for Holocaust Education.



## THE PROGRAM

Coming March 28th, 2024, educators and students are invited to join thousands of their peers across Omaha for the **Willesden READS**.

Join this 50-minute **theatrical performance** based on the best-selling book, *The Children of Willesden Lane*. Author, performer and virtuoso concert pianist Mona Golabek offers uplifting messages of resilience and hope for students at a time when they most need it.

In advance of the live event, educators will be invited to participate in **professional development on December 7th**, provided by [Echoes & Reflections](#), to deepen understanding of the historical context of *The Children of Willesden Lane* books and to learn to incorporate The Willesden Project's [companion resources](#) found in IWitness, USC Shoah Foundation's educational website, into their teaching.

**This event is free to students and teachers!**

## THE STORY

*The Children of Willesden Lane* is the best-selling book about the power of music and how one teenage refugee, Lisa Jura, Mona's mother, held onto her dreams, survived the Holocaust and inspired a generation of her contemporaries.

## OVERVIEW

We are offering interested middle school language arts classrooms professional development training for teachers, books for each student in the classroom, a corresponding completed curriculum, and a live theatrical performance by author, performer and virtuoso concert pianist Mona Golabek who offers her uplifting messages of resilience and hope for students at a time when they most need it.

## COST

The professional development, books, curriculum and live performance is offered at **no cost** to participating schools.

## CONTACT

For more information regarding this programming, please go to our website at [www.ihene.org](http://www.ihene.org) or contact Jane Nesbit, Education Coordinator of IHE, at [Jnesbit@ihene.org](mailto:Jnesbit@ihene.org)

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**Coming March 28th, 2024!**

We are offering interested middle school language arts classrooms a complete curriculum based on the book "The Children of Willesden Lane," the true story of Lisa Jura, a 14-year-old piano prodigy living in Vienna during the Nazi invasion. The book is written by Lisa's daughter, Mona Golabek, herself an accomplished concert pianist. The amount of time needed to present the curriculum in the classroom will vary, but we estimate teachers will spend approximately 20 hours on this unit.

The climax of the project is a live theatrical performance by author, performer and virtuoso concert pianist Mona Golabek who offers her uplifting messages of resilience and hope for students at a time when they most need it. The performance is offered free to participating schools.

## Why should your school be part of this project?

- The project meets the mandate of Nebraska LB 888, which requires education on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide
- To help combat antisemitism
- The project presents themes of diversity and identity, moral responsibility, acceptance of different cultures and enhance students' appreciation of the arts

## How will we support you?

- We will provide and facilitate the professional development training on December 7th
- We will provide access to the curriculum
- We will provide a copy of the book for each student in the class
- We will provide easy access to a local Holocaust educator for guidance during the project

## How does your school get involved in the project?

- Teachers will need to attend the Echoes & Reflections' professional development training prior to implementing the project
- Commit to your students reading the book
- Implement the companion curriculum to fit your individual classroom needs

## How can you learn more about this amazing project?

Fill out the form on our website [ihene.org/willesden-reads/](https://ihene.org/willesden-reads/) or use the QR Code below so that we can bring a copy "The Children of Willesden Lane" to you and answer any questions you might have about this amazing opportunity!

**Echoes & Reflections**



**Companion Resources**



**3-Minute Video**



**Register today!**

