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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The first September talk in the **KFPL Live** monthly speakers' series is titled **Astana: Architecture, Myth & Destiny**. The presenter, Dr. Frank Albo, comes to KFPL courtesy of the Templum Fidelis Masonic Lodge in Bath.

Dr. Albo is an architectural historian and an expert on secret societies, with graduate degrees in ancient near Eastern languages, Western esotericism and the history of art. He was featured in the 2007 book *The Hermetic Code: Unlocking One of Manitoba's Greatest Secrets*, which showcased Masonic symbols in the Manitoba Legislative Building. His approach to architecture, landscape, and design seeks to transform public spaces into interactive journeys of discovery which elevate the mind and promote a sense of wonder.

In his 2017 book *Astana: Architecture, Myth & Destiny* he explains how the extraordinary buildings in the planned city of Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, encode Illuminati and Masonic symbolism. In this presentation he will provide clues to the "Astana Challenge." The first person or group to decipher the exact wording of the message hidden in Dr. Albo's book will win an all-expenses-paid luxury vacation valued at \$30,000 to Astana, called the "world's most bizarre capital city."

This presentation will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 15, at the Calvin Park branch. It is open to all adults and teens, but seating is limited. There is no admission charge. To avoid disappointment, please register in advance.

Register at events.kfpl.ca (or by phone at 613-549-8888) as of 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 1.

There will be two more KFPL Live presentations in September, both at the Isabel Turner Branch and both in honour of Science Literacy Week. On Thursday, September 20, Michael Cole from Queen's University will speak about **Ocean Sustainability**, and on Saturday, September 22, astronomer Frank Hitchens will examine Earth's vulnerability to comet and asteroid collision in **Target Earth**. Registration for both talks will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 8.

For more information, visit <u>www.kfpl.ca</u>.

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