

Paul Dorpat Public Memorial Celebration

6:30 p.m. Sunday, August 30, 2026

Museum of History & Industry, Seattle, Washington



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Photo at Gas Works Park by Bérangère Lomont, 2011



Paul Dorpat

Oct. 28, 1938 — May 27, 2026

Tonight's program

Emcees Jean Sherrard and Clay Eals

Speakers

Ken Workman Chief Seattle descendant, Duwamish Tribe

Katie Wilson Seattle Mayor

Marie McCaffrey HistoryLink

Ann Ferguson Seattle Public Library

Video interlude

Al Hirsch 'The Old Settler (Acres of Clams)'

Bob Donegan Ivar's

Greg Nickels former Mayor, HistoryLink Board Chair

Mike James former KING5-TV anchor

Leonard Garfield Museum of History & Industry

Words of 'Dorpassion'

I am like an enchanted tourist in my own city.

'Now & Then' is like hide and seek. That's a really deep motive in all of us, to figure out how things are hidden, where things have changed, what things are revealed.

Each of these images is in some way quite precious.

Sometimes you see values that have been lost.

But, happily, you see examples of things improved.

It makes you respect the human effort that went into this city.

Without story, history is a recluse refusing to invite you in.

Responsibility is more the language of obligation. I think we're more enthusiasts. The language of joy is more appropriate to what we do. History is delightful. It's understanding. It's actually the truth if you do it right, and the truth is progressive. It always is.

