

Lise Meitner, Women in Science, and The Nobel Prize

Remembering Miss Meitner

A one-act play by Robert Marc Friedman

Performed by the original cast from
Göteborg Theatre, Sweden

Inger Hayman as Lise Meitner

Ingemar Carlehed as Otto Hahn

Johan Karlberg as Manne Siegbahn

Directed by **Christel Körner**



Friday, January 16

8:00 pm

Saturday, January 17

8:00 pm

The New Theater, 1156 Chapel Street

Admission is free but reservations are required.

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The original cast of the Göteborg Theatre in Sweden will offer two performances (in English) of the one-act play *Remembering Miss Meitner* by Robert Marc Friedman. Lise Meitner (1878 – 1968) was a woman physicist who discovered, in collaboration with Otto Hahn, nuclear fission in 1938, but was overlooked by the Nobel Prize Committee. Otto Hahn received an undivided prize in 1945 for the discovery. Because of her Jewish origin, Meitner fled Germany in July 1938 and settled in Sweden where she worked in the laboratory of Manne Siegbahn, despite the difficulty caused by Siegbahn's prejudice against women in science. In the play, the relationship between Meitner, Hahn, and Siegbahn is explored.

The performances are part of four days of events at Yale University, January 15 – 18, 2009 that include a Tetelman lecture entitled "*Human frailty etched in gold? The Nobel science prizes and the politics of excellence*" on Thursday, January 15 at 5:00 pm by the author of the play, Robert Marc Friedman. The lecture will be held in the Lecture Hall of the Yale University Art Gallery. The Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics will also take place at Yale on January 16 – 18.

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