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### **“Florida IS a Land Remembered”**

Tampa, FL (January 4, 2019) - Few, if any books, have captured the spirit and colorful history of Florida as has Patrick Smith’s beloved novel, ***A Land Remembered***. It has been said many times that people should be issued a copy of ***A Land Remembered*** when they cross the Florida state line. The Henry B. Plant Museum is proud to offer a one-night-only experience inspired by all Patrick Smith’s books at the Tampa Theatre on March 11, 2019 at 7 pm.

This is your opportunity to get to know the author and his work better as Smith’s son, Rick, takes the stage to delight audiences with a multimedia show about his father and the extraordinary life experiences that enabled him to write with such authority of Florida pioneers, the Seminoles, migrant workers, “river rats” of Mississippi, the social injustices of the South, the Merchant Marine in World War II and the challenges of the present.

“I describe this as a show, not a talk or a lecture,” Rick says. “The presentation consists of over 50 videos, photos, artwork, music and sound effects. I narrate it live throughout. I make it visually stimulating and throw in a joke or two for good measure.” This show has been offered throughout the state, though rarely at a venue as lovely and historic as the Tampa Theatre.

This event is part of a year-long celebration of Henry Plant’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. A variety of programs and events will be offered showcasing Florida as Henry Plant knew it during the late 1800s and the heyday of the Tampa Bay Hotel. The programs accompany the exhibit “Henry Plant: He’s More Important Than You Thought.”

**“Florida IS a Land Remembered”** is a rare opportunity to step back in time and experience Florida history. Tickets are available at [www.tampatheatre.org](http://www.tampatheatre.org), \$15 at the box office, \$17 online. Advanced purchase is strongly encouraged. For more information visit [www.plantmuseum.com](http://www.plantmuseum.com) or call 813.254.1891. This event is graciously underwritten by the Knox Family Foundation.

*The Henry Plant Museum interprets the turn-of-the-century Tampa Bay Hotel and the lifestyles of America’s Gilded Age. Critical to the success of this mission is the restoration and preservation of this National Historic Landmark, an opulent 1891 railroad resort, and the artifacts significant to its history, and the life and work of Henry Bradley Plant.*