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***The Design and Handcrafting of Cast Iron Cookware  
and Sterling Silver Fine Tableware***

**Atelier Metalworker and Silversmith  
Berthold Hoffmann, Hoffmann Metallgefaesse**

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 AT THE GENERAL SOCIETY LIBRARY  
The Lecture starts at 6:30 P.M. – RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

In his studio in Nuremberg, the skilled metalworker, silversmith and artisan **Berthold Hoffmann** has been producing everyday objects out of metal since 1985: sterling silver tableware and cast iron vessels. These stunning hand-crafted cast iron cookware and sterling silver fine table ware were made, developed and produced under the label of Hoffmann-Metallgefaesse (Metal Vessels).

A veritable cult has risen up in Germany around Hoffmann's work. Pots and pans made of cast iron, cast iron fondue sets and sterling silver or silver tea services are manufactured in the traditional style in Hoffmann's metal workshop, and always bear their unmistakable trademarks: simple, pure shapes and solid, robust structures.

During this talk Mr. Hoffmann will discuss the design process and the techniques he uses to create these beautiful high quality cooking and table objects.

**Berthold Hoffmann** studied handcrafting techniques of metalworking with additional training at the Academy of Fine Arts in Nuremberg, Germany in the Gold and Silversmith Department. There he developed his artistic idiom of handcrafted objects of everyday culture made of cast iron and sterling silver, created in a personal design language. His work has won multiple awards. For information, please visit [www.hoffmann-metallgefaesse.de](http://www.hoffmann-metallgefaesse.de).

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