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REQUEST FOR COVERAGE

**The Lasker Foundation and the Secret Science Club Present the
2015 LASKER PUBLIC LECTURE IN HONOR OF DR. AL SOMMER**

**Free Public Lecture by Acclaimed Neurologist Gregory Petsko Will Explore Why
Some of Us Get Dementia, Why Some Don't, and
What to Do to Protect Our Cognitive Health,
Tuesday, August 18**

[The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation](http://www.laskerfoundation.org) and the [Secret Science Club](http://www.secretscienceclub.org) will host a talk by professor of neurology and neuroscience at Weill Cornell Medical College, Dr. Gregory Petsko, on the mechanisms underlying neurodegenerative diseases and promising new therapies, on **[Tuesday, August 18, at 8 p.m. at the Bell House, 149 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11215, Brooklyn.](#)**

A featured lecturer on *PBS' Nova* and TED and TEDMED, Dr. Petsko raises questions about what he describes as *The Coming Neurological Epidemic*.

In his talk, Dr. Petsko will address: What's the connection between Alzheimer's, ALS and Parkinson's? What treatments are being investigated? Why do some very elderly people NOT get Alzheimer's? And are there scientifically proven ways of improving and protecting our cognitive health?

This special Secret Science Club event is sponsored by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation in honor of board member, [Alfred \(Al\) Sommer](#), epidemiologist and Dean Emeritus, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The Lasker Foundation works to improve health by accelerating support for medical research through recognition of research excellence, public education and advocacy.

WHAT: *2015 Lasker Public Lecture in Honor of Dr. Al Sommer
featuring Dr. Gregory Petsko*

DATE: **Tuesday, August 18**

TIME: **7:30 p.m. doors open / 8:00 p.m. start**

PLACE: **The Bell House in Brooklyn
149 7th Street, Brooklyn, NY**

NOTE: *Lecture is free and open to the public.*

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