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Frederick Speaker Series to Present Author Mitch Albom

FREDERICK, Md., Wednesday, February 21, 2018 — Bestselling author Mitch Albom will take the stage at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on Thursday, March 15 at 7:30pm as part of the 2018 Frederick Speaker Series. The author, philanthropist, columnist, and sports reporter is an inspiration around the world. His books have sold over 35 million copies and have been translated into over 40 languages. His breakthrough book, “Tuesdays with Morrie,” became an international phenomenon with over 14 million copies sold.

Tickets begin at \$40 and may be purchased online at WeinbergCenter.org, or by calling the Box Office at 301.600.2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick St. Discounts are available for students, children, military, and seniors. For information about Meet and Greet tickets, please call the box office.

A separately ticketed meet-and-greet reception will take place immediately following the presentation. These exclusive events provide a chance for fans to meet the speaker, take pictures, and obtain autographs. All of the proceeds from the meet-and-greet receptions benefit children’s programs at Frederick County Public Libraries.

Now in its twentieth year, “Tuesdays with Morrie” remains one of the top-selling memoirs of all time, and was adapted into an Emmy award-winning TV movie produced by Oprah Winfrey, starring Jack Lemmon and Hank Azaria. Albom has founded 10 charities, including nine in the Detroit area, including S.A.Y. Detroit, which operates a family health clinic; A Time to Help, a volunteer organization; and A Hole in the Roof Foundation, which repairs faith-based homeless shelters. He also directs the Have Faith Haiti Mission in Port Au Prince, which helps impoverished children and orphans.

A columnist for The Detroit Free Press since 1985 and a panelist on ESPN’s “The Sports Reporters,” Albom has been named the #1 Sports Columnist in the Nation by the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE) 13 times. In June 2010 he received the APSE Red Smith Award for lifetime achievement, the biggest prize in sports journalism, and in June 2013, he was inducted into the Sportswriters Hall of Fame. Albom hosts two radio shows on WJR-AM. He has appeared on “The Today Show” and “Charlie Rose,” and his articles have been featured in The New York Times, GQ, and Sports Illustrated. Currently, he is developing an hour-long TV show for TNT.

Albom’s books “The First Phone Call from Heaven” and “Have A Little Faith” were both #1 New York Times bestsellers. His beloved book “The Five People You Meet in Heaven” debuted at #1 on The New York Times bestseller list and sold nearly five million copies in its first year; Albom also wrote the screenplay for the ABC TV movie starring Jon Voight and Ellen Burstyn. His latest book, “The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto,” debuted at #4 on The New York Times bestseller list. In

2017, Albom announced that the sequel to “The Five People You Meet in Heaven” is near completion, and that his next work will be about the children of the Have Faith Haiti Mission.

This engagement of Mitch Albom is sponsored by PNC Bank. The 2018 Frederick Speaker Series will continue with actress and singer Rita Moreno, and actor and activist Mark Ruffalo. A complete listing of events scheduled for the 2018 Frederick Speaker Series can be found at WeinbergCenter.org.

ABOUT THE FREDERICK SPEAKER SERIES

Since its inception in 2013, the Frederick Speaker Series has featured notable personalities such as Dr. Michio Kaku, Cal Ripken Jr., General Colin Powell, Tom Brokaw, Bill Nye, and George Takei.

This year’s series, event, and media sponsors include the Ausherman Family Foundation, The C. Burr Artz Trust, The Randall Family Charitable Trust Fund at The Community Foundation of Frederick County, Leidos Biomedical, the Delaplaine Foundation, PNC Bank, The Helen J. Serini Foundation, Graphcom, Frederick Magazine, and the Frederick News-Post. Presenting sponsors include the Weinberg Center for the Arts and Frederick County Public Libraries.

For further information about the 2018 Frederick Speaker Series, including speaker biographies, ticket availability, pricing, and the meet-and-greet receptions, please visit WeinbergCenter.org.

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