

## **Media Contact:**

Barbara Hiller, Marketing Manager 301-600-2868 | bhiller@cityoffrederickmd.gov

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Rick Steves - Leading Authority on European Travel - Kicks Off 2022-23 Frederick Speaker Series



FREDERICK, MD, Tuesday, July 5, 2022 — Best-selling guidebook author, popular public television host, and an outspoken activist, Rick Steves, will kick off The 2022-23 Frederick Speaker Series at the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick, Maryland, Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:30 PM. The remaining speakers for the 2022-23 Season will be announced later this summer.

Tickets for <u>An Evening with Rick Steves</u> start at \$30 and go on sale to Weinberg Center members at 10:00 AM Thursday, July 7 and to the public Tuesday, July 12 at 10:00 AM. Tickets may be purchased online at <u>WeinbergCenter.org</u>, by calling the box office at 301-600-2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick Street. Discounts

are available for students, children, military, and seniors. A separately ticketed meet-and-greet reception will take place immediately following the event. All proceeds from the meet-and-greet reception benefit children's programs at Frederick County Public Libraries.

Rick Steves is a popular public television host, a best-selling guidebook author, and an outspoken activist who encourages Americans to broaden their perspectives through travel. But above all else, Rick considers himself a teacher. He taught his first travel class at his college campus in the mid-1970s — and now, more than 40 years later, he still measures his success not by dollars earned, but by trips impacted. Rick is the founder and owner of Rick Steves' Europe, a travel business with a tour program that brings more than 30,000 people to Europe annually. Each year, the company contributes to a portfolio of climate-smart nonprofits, essentially paying a self-imposed carbon tax. He also works closely with several advocacy groups and has been instrumental in the legalization of marijuana in states across the US. Rick spends about four months a year in Europe, researching guidebooks, fine-tuning his tour program, filming his TV show, and making new discoveries for travelers.

For your convenience below is a link to photos of the speaker. https://bit.ly/RickSteves\_pics

## ABOUT THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region's premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick Maryland, the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike. Weinberg Center events are made possible with major support from the City of Frederick, the Maryland State Arts Council, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, and other corporate and individual donors.