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Monica Lewinsky to Kick Off Frederick Speaker Series 2024 Season at Weinberg Center



FREDERICK, MD, December 19, 2023 —Producer, social activist, and global public speaker, [Monica Lewinsky](#), will be the first featured speaker of The Frederick Speaker Series 2024 Season, Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 PM at the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick Maryland.

Tickets start at \$50 and may be purchased online at [WeinbergCenter.org](#), 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 ticketed Meet & Greet follows the event to benefit children's programming at Frederick County Public Libraries.

Monica Lewinsky has dedicated her career to promoting conversations that drive positive change. With a focus on storytelling that challenges societal norms around shame, identity reclamation, and justice for women, Lewinsky has emerged as a powerful advocate for a safer and more compassionate social media environment. In addition to her impactful work as a global public speaker, Monica has contributed to various media projects that explore the complexities of her experiences. She served as a producer on Ryan Murphy's "Impeachment: American Crime Story" for F/X and as an executive producer on the documentary "15 Minutes of Shame" for HBOMax.

Breaking a decade of silence in 2014, Lewinsky authored the thought-provoking essay "Shame and Survival" for Vanity Fair. The essay delved into her personal experiences during the political and media storm of 1998 related to the impeachment of President Clinton. This courageous piece, challenging the misogynistic culture of shame, earned a National Magazine Award nomination. Monica gained widespread recognition for her TED Talk at the 2015 TED Conference in Vancouver, titled "The Price of Shame," which has since garnered over 21 million views. Her influence extends to major events such as the Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit and the Ogilvy + Inspire Lecture at the Cannes Lions Festival.

As an activist, Lewinsky created the #ClickWithCompassion campaign in 2017 for National Bullying Prevention Month. She collaborated with BBDO New York to release the award-winning PSA "In Real Life," challenging individuals to reconsider their online behavior through an offline social experiment. The campaign was Emmy-nominated for "Outstanding Commercial." Monica Lewinsky's commitment to combating bullying extends globally. She is a founding board member of the Childhood Resilience Foundation, advises Project Rokit (Australia's premier anti-bullying organization), and serves as an Ambassador for The Diana Award's Anti-Bullying Program in the UK. With a master's degree in social psychology from the London School of Economics and Political Science, Monica Lewinsky brings a unique and informed perspective to her advocacy work.

For your convenience, below is a link to an image of the speaker.

<https://bit.ly/MonicaLewinsky-pic>

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2023-24 season can be found at

WeinbergCenter.org.

ABOUT THE FREDERICK SPEAKER SERIES

The Frederick Speaker Series has developed a reputation for bringing world-class speakers to the Frederick area. The goal is to engage the community through enlightening discourse and meaningful topics. As a result of the Series, Frederick's reputation as an intellectual hub continues to grow, drawing audiences from D.C., Baltimore, and beyond. Since its inception in 2013, the Frederick Speaker Series has featured notable personalities such as Cal Ripken Jr., General Colin Powell, Jane Fonda, Tom Brokaw, George Takei, Bill Nye, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Ted Koppel, Bob Woodward, and Doris Kearns Goodwin.

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