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PRESIDENTIAL HISTORIAN JON MEACHAM TO SPEAK AT THE BIJOU THEATRE

LMU Law and East Tennessee Historical Society partner to present presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author for special community presentation

Knoxville, Tennessee, Feb. 13, 2020—The Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law (LMU Law) and the East Tennessee Historical Society (ETHS) have joined forces to bring presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Meacham to Knoxville for a community lecture at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020, in the Bijou Theatre.

One of America's most prominent public intellectuals, Meacham is known as a skilled orator with a depth of knowledge about politics, religion and current affairs. He brings historical context to the issues and events impacting our daily lives. The author will discuss his *New York Times* bestselling Presidential biography, *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*.

The Times said, "Destiny and Power reflects the qualities of both subject and biographer: judicious, balanced, deliberative, with a deep appreciation of history and the personalities who shape it." Meacham delivered eulogies for both President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush.

A contributor to *TIME* and *The New York Times Book Review*, Meacham is a highly sought-after commentator, regularly appearing on CNN and MSNBC. His latest *New York Times* bestseller, *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*, examines the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in U.S. history when hope overcame division and fear. Meacham is a co-author of the recently released book, *Impeachment: An American History*, which reveals the complicated motives behind the three impeachments in U.S. history.

Meacham's *New York Times* bestseller, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, was hailed as "masterful and intimate" by *Fortune* magazine. His other national bestsellers include *Franklin and Winston*, *American Gospel*, and *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2009.

A contributing editor at *TIME*, Meacham writes for the magazine's Ideas section. He also pens "The Long View" column in *The New York Times Book Review* in which he "looks back at books that speak to our current historical and cultural moment." He served as *Newsweek's* managing editor from 1998 to 2006 and editor for 2006 to 2010. *The New York Times* called him "one of the most influential editors in the news magazine business."

Meacham is a frequent guest on *Morning Joe*; *Real Time with Bill Maher*; *The 11th Hour*, and was featured in Ken Burns' documentary series *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*. *Fox News* produced an hour-long special about Meacham's *Destiny and Power* in November 2015.

Named a "Global Leader for Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum, he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a fellow of the Society of American Historians, and chairs the National Advisory Board of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University. Meacham is a Distinguished Visiting Professor of History at The University of the South and a Visiting Distinguished Professor at Vanderbilt. He is currently at work on a biography of James and Dolley Madison.

Tickets for the community lecture will go on sale on March 1, 2020, at the Bijou Theatre box office or online at <https://knoxbijou.org/>. General admission tickets are \$55. Students, East Tennessee Historical Society members and Friends of the

Knox County Public Library will receive a code for discounted tickets. Patrons including KaTom, Ihop, Haslam Family Foundation, Lawler Wood, Bill and Chrissy Haslam and DeRoyal make the presentation possible.

ABOUT LINCOLN MEMORAL UNIVERSITY Lincoln Memorial University is a values-based learning community dedicated to providing educational experiences in the liberal arts and professional studies. The main campus is located in Harrogate, Tennessee. For more information about the undergraduate and graduate programs available at LMU, contact the Office of Admissions at 423-869-6280 or e-mail at admissions@lmunet.edu.

ABOUT EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged as one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 184 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage—recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

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