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Marshall to open Nebraska Book Fest Oct. 26

Joseph Marshall III, award-winning author of nine books on Lakota history and culture, including a biography on Crazy Horse, will deliver the keynote address Oct. 26 to open the 2007 Nebraska Book Festival in downtown Lincoln.

The 5:30 p.m. address in the Warner Chamber of the Nebraska State Capitol will complement statewide One Book One Nebraska readings and discussions of Mari Sandoz' book "Crazy Horse." Presented by the book festival, Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) and Secretary of State John Gale, the event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

Marshall is a Lakota historian, writer, teacher, actor, and craftsman. He was born and raised on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, where he learned the native tradition of oral storytelling and Lakota as his first language. He is a founder and charter board member of Sinte Gleska University in South Dakota, whose stated mission is to preserve and teach Lakota culture, history and language.

His best-selling book, "The Lakota Way: Stories and Lessons for Living," received wide critical acclaim and was a finalist for the 2002 PEN Center USA award. It presented 12 Lakota values, including bravery and love, through traditional stories and personal anecdotes. It was followed by "The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History," written from the Lakota viewpoint and based primarily on oral accounts from elders Marshall knew when he was a child.

In 2005, Marshall was a consultant on Lakota language and culture and played the on-screen role of Loved by the Buffalo for "Into the West," a six-week mini-series for Turner Network Television (TNT) and Dreamworks. Also in 2005, he released "Quiet Thunder: The Wisdom of Crazy Horse," a six-part audio teaching series. He is currently working on a new book entitled "The Power of Four: Crazy Horse on Leadership."

A 6:30 p.m. reception at the Lincoln Women's Club will follow Marshall's keynote address.

The Nebraska Book Festival continues Oct. 27 with programs for children and adults at the Lincoln Children's Museum, Nebraska State Historical Society Museum of Nebraska History, the UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications' Andersen Hall, and other locations surrounding Centennial Mall. The complete schedule can be found at www.nebraskabookfestival.org.

Festival sponsors include the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council and Nebraska Library Commission. The NHC has provided major funding for the festival since its inception as the Nebraska Literature Festival in 1991. Each year, the event celebrates Nebraska's rich literary heritage and promotes the state's growing population of talented, contemporary writers. Other funders include the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Nebraska Arts Council, Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, and the "We the People" initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.