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## **Benefit dinner for Humanities Council is sold out**

An Oct. 2 benefit dinner for the Nebraska Humanities Council before the 12th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities has been sold out.

The 7:30 p.m. lecture at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha features Michael Beschloss, author of the current bestseller "Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989."

Entitled "Great Presidents Past and Present," the lecture is free and open to the public.

Beschloss is one of America's leading presidential historians, with studies of presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson all in print. Of his 2002 "The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941-1945," The New York Times Review of Books said in a front-page review that the "vigorously written" book was "history as it was spoken at the time, and there is not a dull page."

Beschloss was appointed NBC News presidential historian—the first time any major network has created such a position—and appears regularly on "Meet the Press" and the "Today" show. He is a regular on PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." Beschloss received an Emmy for his research in creating the Discovery Channel series "Decisions that Shook the World," narrated by actor Morgan Freeman.

The lecture is presented by the Nebraska Humanities Council, Creighton University and the University of Nebraska.

"We are thrilled with the response to the benefit dinner, but want people to know that there is still room to attend the lecture, first-come, first-seated," said Jane Renner Hood, executive director of the Nebraska Humanities Council. "The Governor's Lecture in the Humanities dinner is our largest fund-raising event of the year. This response will help the Nebraska Humanities Council sustain programs like Chautauqua and our speakers bureau—programs that Nebraskans want for their communities."

In conjunction with the lecture, Charles E. "Chuck" Trimble of Omaha will receive the NHC's 2007 Sower Award in the Humanities. He is a member of the Oglala Sioux Nation who has been active on both the national and state level on behalf of Native Americans. Trimble is the founder of two companies focused on economic development for Native American reservations, as well as the Red Willow Institute, which provides technical and management assistance to Native American non-profit organizations. He founded the American Indian Press Association, now the Native American Journalists Association.

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