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The Hay-Adams' Author Series Luncheon on June 20 Will Feature Jon Meacham's Latest Work, *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*

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WHAT: On June 20, the award-winning Hay-Adams, located steps from the White House at 800 16th Street, NW, 20006, will host its next Author Series luncheon honoring Jon Meacham to discuss his latest work, *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*, which published May 8, 2018. The Hay-Adams' Author Series, where literary crowds honor literary masters, is an on-going event, which hosts outstanding writers in a historic setting, directly overlooking the White House at Top of The Hay. One will enjoy exceptional food, drink and lively conversation. Tickets are priced at \$90 per person (all inclusive), which includes a three-course, prix fixe menu with wine pairings. The menu, themed around the book, will be created by Vice President & General Manager Hans Bruland working closely with Executive Chef Nicolas Legret.

Additionally, Kramerbooks (<http://kramers.com>) will be on hand so guests will have the opportunity to purchase a copy of *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*, which Meacham can sign and personalize after the luncheon. Tickets go on sale June 1 and will be available online at: <http://www.hayadams.com/author-series/washington-dc-author-events>. For additional information guests can email Jessica Appel at jappel@hayadams.com or by calling (202) 638-6000. Tickets must be purchased by June 15 and will not be available at the door.

WHO: Jon Meacham is a presidential historian, former executive editor and executive vice president at Random House, as well as a contributing editor to *Time* magazine and a commentator on politics, history, and religious faith in America. He won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Biography for *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*. Meacham also wrote *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power* (2012) and *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush* (2016), both of which appeared on many publications' year-end lists of the best non-fiction.

His newest book, *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*,

shows us how what Abraham Lincoln called the “better angels of our nature” have repeatedly won the day. Painting surprising portraits of Lincoln and past presidents, as well as monumental moments in the United States History, Meacham brings vividly to life turning points in American history. He reassures its readers that each of these dramatic hours in our national life have been shaped by the contest to lead the country to look forward rather than back, to assert hope over fear—a struggle that continues even now.

Jon Ellis Meacham was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he spent his high school years living with his grandfather, who gave Meacham his interest in history, literature, and politics. He graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in English Literature from University of the South in Tennessee. Aside from his highly successful writing career, Jon Meacham is a dedicated husband and father.

WHEN: The luncheon will be held on Top of The Hay on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (doors open at 11:30 a.m.).

WHERE: The Hay-Adams is located at 800 16th Street, NW, Washington DC, 20006, across Lafayette Square from the White House. The historic Hay-Adams offers guests Washington's most prestigious address with views overlooking the White House, Lafayette Square and St. John's Church, the "Church of the Presidents." The hotel is just minutes from the Smithsonian, the Museums, the Washington Monument, the National Mall, as well as convenient to Metro stations and the convention center. For reservations or more information call (202) 638-6600 or visit their website at www.hayadams.com.

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