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Converse University and Hub City Writers Project to Host Author Charles Frazier

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (April 5, 2023) – Hub City Writers Project and Converse University will host bestselling author and National Book Award Winner Charles Frazier on April 26 on the Converse campus. "An Evening with Charles Frazier" will be held from 7-8 p.m. at Daniel Recital Hall at Converse University at 405 Blackman Music Circle, Spartanburg. Attendees will receive a pre-signed copy of Frazier's latest book, *The Trackers*, with their \$30 ticket purchase.

<u>Charles Frazier</u> is the author of *Cold Mountain*, an international bestseller that won the National Book Award and was adapted into an Academy Award–winning film by Anthony Minghella. Frazier is also the author of the bestselling novels *Thirteen Moons, Nightwoods*, and *Varina*. His newest novel has been included on Goodreads' list of Most Anticipated Books of 2023.

Publishers Weekly has named *The Trackers* among its Top 10 Spring 2023 Announcements for Literary Fiction, calling it "a noirish story of art and theft unfolds in the American West in Frazier's latest, about a New Deal mural painter who gets roped into tracking down a woman who vanished along with a prized painting."

In *The Trackers*, Frazier hurtles readers past the downtrodden communities of Depression-era America, as painter Val Welch travels westward to the rural town of Dawes, Wyoming, after taking on an assignment to create a mural for their new Post Office. A wealthy art lover named John Long and his wife, Eve, have agreed to host Val at their sprawling ranch, and he quickly finds himself entranced by their lives. When Eve flees home with a valuable painting in tow, Val is tasked with tracking her down. As Val's search for Eve narrows, he turns up secrets that could spark formidable changes for all of them.

With the keen perceptions of humanity and transcendent storytelling that have made him beloved for decades, Frazier's latest novel has been deemed "a powerful and timeless new classic" that conjures up the lives of everyday people during an extraordinary period of history.

About Hub City Writers Project

For 25 years, Hub City Writers Project has been cultivating readers and nurturing writers through its independent press, community bookshop, and diverse literary programming. In addition to sponsoring creative writing workshops, readings, and contests, Hub City Press publishes five to eight books a year, including the winner of the South Carolina First Novel Prize. The non-profit organization's independent bookstore, Hub City Bookshop, specializes in new releases, regional books, children's books and Hub City

Press titles. With a dynamic staff and a board of directors, Hub City has become one of the most substantial literary arts organizations in the nation.

About Converse University

Converse University empowers students to become transformative leaders who see clearly, decide wisely, and act justly. Converse was founded in 1889 by citizens of Spartanburg, SC, who aimed to create an educational experience for women, and in fall 2020 it welcomed its first undergraduate co-educational incoming class. The University encompasses the School of Humanities, Sciences, and Business; the School of the Arts; the School of Education and Graduate Studies; and the Converse College for Women. Converse students experience deep scholarship, transformative mentorship, experiential learning, and wonderful support for and belief in each other. Through this unique formula, Converse is a creator of opportunity for its students through a personalized education that also includes the professional and technical skills graduates need to be successful in their careers.

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