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Two Authors This Week

Atlanta, GA - The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library welcomes two authors for its book signing program this week. On Tuesday, April 14 at 7pm, former Congressman Barney Frank will appear in the Carter Center's Cecil B. Day Chapel to discuss and sign his book *Frank*. Tickets are available at www.acappellabooks.com. Individual tickets are \$30 and include one book, while Couples tickets are \$40 and also include one book. Tickets may also be purchased at A Cappella Books in Inman Park. If they remain, tickets will also be on sale at the door of the Carter Center the night of the event.

The following night (April 15) at 7pm, we will host author Terry Alford for a free discussion of his book on John Wilkes Booth *Fortune's Fool*. Alford will speak in the Carter Museum Theater. *A Cappella Books* will have copies of the book available for purchase and signing at the event.

In *Fortune's Fool*, Terry Alford provides the first comprehensive look at the life of an enigmatic figure whose life has been overshadowed by his final, infamous act. Tracing Booth's story from his uncertain childhood in Maryland, characterized by a difficult relationship with his famous actor father, to his successful acting career on stages across the country, Alford offers a nuanced picture of Booth as a public figure, performer, and deeply troubled man. Despite the fame and success that attended Booth's career—he was billed at one point as "the youngest star in the world"—he found himself consumed by the Confederate cause and the desire to help the South win its independence. Alford reveals the tormented path that led Booth to conclude, as the Confederacy collapsed in April 1865, that the only way to revive the South and punish the North for the war would be to murder Lincoln—whatever the cost to himself or others. The textured and compelling narrative gives new depth to the familiar events at Ford's Theatre and the aftermath that followed, culminating in Booth's capture and death at the hands of Union soldiers 150 years ago.

Frank: A Life in Politics from the Great Society to Same-Sex Marriage tells the story of how a disheveled, intellectually combative gay Jew with a thick accent became one of the most effective (and funniest) politicians of our time. *Publishers Weekly* says "This detailed and accessible memoir certainly lives up to its title, as former Massachusetts Congressman Frank offers a warts-and-all portrait of his life in public service. His achievements in a wide range of areas, from financial reform to fighting discrimination against gays and lesbians, validate his belief that

“pragmatism in the pursuit of my ideals was morally compelled.” Frank’s own struggles with revealing his homosexuality are interwoven with his time attempting to make the government work better, and he freely admits mistakes he made both in his private and public life.”

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