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Tickets Now on Sale for “Hope & Sacrifice: A Conversation with Khizr Khan”

November 3, 2017—Charlottesville, Va.—A program of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH), the twenty-fourth annual Virginia Festival of the Book announced today that **tickets are now available for the 2018 Festival headlining program, “Hope & Sacrifice: A Conversation with Khizr Khan.”**

In fewer than three hundred words, Khan electrified viewers around the world when he took the stage at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, extolling the promises and virtues of the U.S. Constitution. Through his new memoir, *An American Family*—an urgent and timeless immigrant story—we learn that **Khan is a patriot, and a fierce advocate for the rights, dignities, and values enshrined in the American system.**

On March 22 at “Hope & Sacrifice: A Conversation with Khizr Khan,” the author-advocate will discuss his experiences as an immigrant, the U.S. Constitution, our rights as Americans, and the legacy of democracy that we are each empowered to protect; in conversation with Douglas Blackmon. **Book sales and signing will follow.**

“Khan’s story is both unique and archetypal. Like generations of immigrants before them, the Khans sacrificed in order to achieve the American Dream.”—*BookPage*

“Khan’s memoir reminds us all why Americans should welcome newcomers from all lands.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

WHEN: Thursday, March 22, 2018, 8:00-9:30 PM

WHERE: Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center, 1400 Melbourne Drive, Charlottesville, VA

ADMISSION: Tickets are \$5 each and available at VaBook.org. All seating is general admission.

The Festival appreciates the support of the following community partners in co-hosting this program:

- International Neighbors
- International Rescue Committee

About Khizr Khan: Author of *An American Family* and *This Is Our Constitution*, Khan was born in 1950, the eldest of ten children, in Gujranwala, a small city in Pakistan. He moved to the United States with his wife, Ghazala, in 1980. The couple became American citizens and raised their three sons in Silver Spring, Maryland. Their middle son, U.S. Army Captain Humayun Khan, a graduate of UVa and its Army ROTC program, was killed in 2004 while stopping a suicide attack near Baqubah, Iraq, and was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Khizr Khan holds a BA degree from the University of the Punjab, an LLB from Punjab University Law College, and an LLM from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, the District of Columbia Bar, the New York State Bar, and the American Bar Association. Khan’s law practice includes complex civil litigation, electronic discovery, health privacy compliance law, and civil rights and veterans’ rights advocacy. He and Ghazala live in Charlottesville.

Tickets for this and other select Festival programs are now on sale at VaBook.org. Additional details, speakers, and programs will be announced as they are confirmed.

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Khan's book for young readers, *This Is Our Constitution*, also shares fascinating personal insights into the history of American democracy, reminding everyone why the Constitution still matters. In addition to this public program, Khan will also speak to more than 1,200 middle-grade students from public and private schools in Charlottesville and Albemarle County during a multi-school assembly during the Festival in March 2018.

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About the Virginia Festival of the Book: A signature program of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH) and the Virginia Center for the Book, the Virginia Festival of the Book brings readers and writers together for a five-day program of mostly free events including author readings, book signings, panel discussions, programs for children, and more. **The 24th annual Festival will be held March 21-25, 2018**, in Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia. The Festival has consistently attracted audiences of more than 20,000 from more than forty states each year, with an estimated local economic impact of about \$4 million annually. To learn more, visit VaBook.org.

About VFH: The mission of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH) is to connect people and ideas to explore the human experience and inspire cultural engagement. VFH reaches an estimated annual audience of 23 million through Community Programs, Digital Initiatives, Scholarship, and the Virginia Center for the Book. For more information, visit VirginiaHumanities.org.