

▯ ‘March Forth’ Returns to Penn Center with All Star Lineup

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The Pat Conroy Literary Center will hold its third annual March Forth day of learning on Sunday, March 3rd, at the Frissell Community House at Penn Center on St. Helena Island, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Commemorating the anniversary of Pat Conroy’s death, March Forth is a day-long embrace of nature, education, and fellowship among writers and readers in the heart of Conroy’s beloved Lowcountry, honoring the author’s last act as a teacher—his burial site on St. Helena Island.

March Forth’s lineup will include *New York Times*▯ best-selling novelist Nic Stone (author of *Dear Martin*

); civil rights leader Cleveland Sellers and his biographer Adam Parker (author of *Outside Agitator*

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contributing writers Cassandra King Conroy, Tim Conroy, Jonathan Haupt, Ellen Malphrus, Sallie Ann Robinson, and Valerie Sayers; a guided nature walk led by master naturalists Chris Marsh of the Spring Island Trust and Lowcountry Institute and Bob Speare of Hilton Head Audubon; and catered gourmet lunches (available for advance purchase) from Debbi Covington. This event is sponsored by a generous gift from Erin and Matt Devlin and presented by the Pat Conroy Literary Center in partnership with Penn Center.

Seating is limited and last year’s event did sell out. All-day admission to March Forth is \$22 with four box lunch options for an additional \$18: tarragon chicken salad, Pat’s pimento cheese BLT (with or without bacon), and a hummus and rainbow veggie wrap. Tickets can be purchased in advance at <https://marchforth2019.brownpapertickets.com>.

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In addition to March Forth’s programs at Penn Center on Sunday, March 3, this year’s special events also features a trio of school visits by author Nic Stone on Monday, March 4, including speaking with an all-school assembly of more than 1,300 students at Beaufort High School where the students have been reading and discussing Stone’s acclaimed social justice-themed novel *Dear Martin*.

About the presenters:

Cassandra King Conroy▯ is the award-winning author of five novels, a book of nonfiction, numerous short stories and magazine articles, most recently in *Coastal Living* and *Southern Living*.

Honored as a 2017 Alabama Humanities Foundation Fellow, Conroy is working on a memoir about life with her late husband, Pat Conroy.

Tim Conroy▯ is a former special education teacher and school administrator. He is the author of the debut poetry collection *Theologies of Terrain*.

Jonathan Haupt▯ is the executive director of the Pat Conroy Literary Center and the co-editor (with novelist Nicole Seitz) of *Our Prince of Scribes: Writers Remember Pat Conroy*.

Ellen Malphrus▯ is the writer in residence at the University of South Carolina Beaufort where she teaches literature and creative writing. She is the author of the novel *Untying the Moon*.

Charleston *Post & Courier*▯ journalist **Adam Parker** (right) is a long-time student of the civil rights

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