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SCHF Annual Meeting & Luncheon

VICKSBURG, MS (October 30, 2018): Join us Friday, November 16th at 12:00 p.m. for the SCHF Annual Meeting and Luncheon in the SCHF Auditorium. We are excited to have **Malcolm White** as our featured speaker. Lunch will be catered by Gumbo Pot. Tickets are \$20/person and reservations must be made in advance.



Malcolm White is the Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, and Malcolm White leads the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) as Executive Director. He previously held the position from 2005 – 2012, after which he became director of the Mississippi Development Authority’s Tourism Division. While there, White developed and implemented plans to create economic growth and opportunities through tourism, the creative economy and promoted the state as a travel destination and film location. Prior to his tenure at MAC, he worked in the hospitality industry, running a popular restaurant and founding special events and festivals throughout the state.

A native of Stone County, Mississippi, White holds a bachelor’s degree in social studies from the University of Southern Mississippi. Throughout his career, he has been a member of and served on the committees of numerous civic organizations. White is involved with South Arts, the Mississippi Blues and Country Music Trails, Downtown Jackson Partners and he is past chairman of the Mississippi Blues Commission. In 2015, he published *Little Stories: A Collection of Mississippi Photos*, a book of images he created from visits covering the state over several years. He is also the author of *The Artful Evolution of Hal & Mal’s*.

In addition to having Malcolm White, SCHF is very proud to present the second annual **“Landy Teller Champion for Culture and the Arts Award.”** In 2016, an anonymous gift was made in memory of Landy Teller. This gift was meant to start an endowment that would fund an award to be presented to an individual who contributes to culture and the arts in Vicksburg. This award will be presented at the annual meeting.



“Landy Teller was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation and in the early days when there were just a few of us who believed in the crazy notion that you could turn a block of old buildings into a cultural center that could support itself, he was a rock,” said Nancy Bell, President of SCHF Board. “He believed that it needed to be done and could be done and because his counsel was so well respected, he was able to encourage those people who we needed in order to make the project a success, to get on board. Landy was always available to answer legal questions, to write contracts, or to provide whatever support he could to all of our directors. He always had an encouraging word for our staff. We would not be where we are today without the leadership of Landy Teller.”

For more information or to make reservations, please call 601.631.2997 or email info@southernculture.org.