

MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL

Special Event & Festival Buzz

An Evening with Charles Frazier on *Varina*

Thursday, April 26, 2018

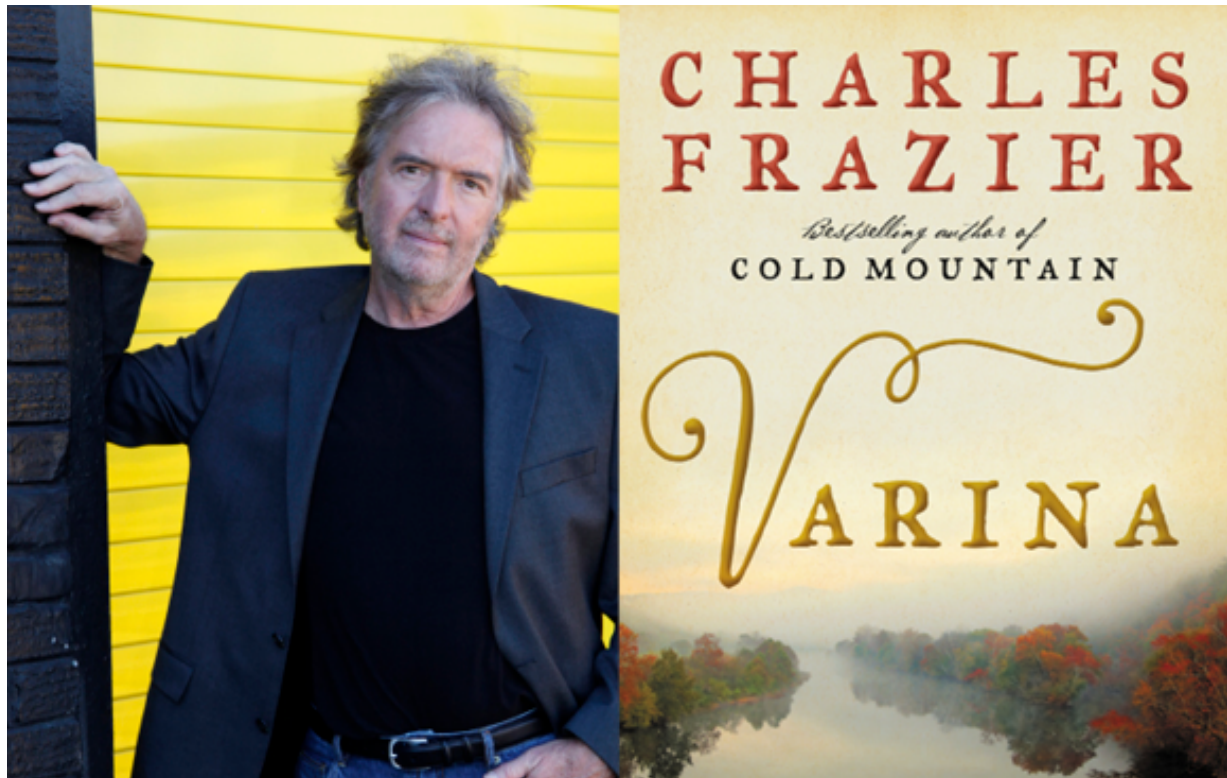
Eudora Welty House and Garden

5:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Charles Frazier will join Festival Director Holly Lange to discuss his new novel, *Varina* and will sign books immediately following.

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Holly Lange is looking forward to sitting on the porch with Mr. More panel announcements headed your way! More panel announcements headed your way! Frazier, "What an enormous honor to interview Charles Frazier at the Eudora Welty House and Garden. I have enjoyed and admired his writing and Varina is no exception. I was captivated from start to finish."

Charles Frazier, historical fiction writer and National Book Award winner for his debut novel *Cold Mountain*, will bring his timely new book to life as he discusses *Varina*, based on the life of Confederate President Jefferson Davis's wife – a woman of strength and independence who was far ahead of her time. Frazier contends that the presence of Civil War monuments in America today "indicates how much the issues of the Civil War are . . . baked into the framework of our country and our culture." He lives in his home state of North Carolina.

***"I think of historical fiction as a conversation
between the present and the past."***

– CHARLES FRAZIER –

WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR

"Everyone loves the Mississippi Book Festival! It's inspiring and invigorating to be a part of something so good for our state. We are thrilled at the response of the public as well as authors and publishers who want to participate each year. We are grateful to those who continue to support the festival financially so we can provide what is perhaps one of the largest public events in Mississippi. And after this crazy winter, no one will complain about the heat in August!"

– Holly Lange –

MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SINCE ITS BEGINNING

FESTIVAL PANEL SPOTLIGHT

Middle Grade Readers who love Mississippi authors are in for a treat, as our panel for you is **PACKED** with well-known writers Jimmy Cajoleas (Goldeline); Jo Hackl (Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe); Deborah Wiles (Countdown and others); and Linda Williams (Midnight Without a Moon).

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