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**Allegro to Host New York Times and Amazon.com Bestselling Authors
Doug Wead and Adrian E. Miller**

Nationally-renowned Presidential Historian, Noted Food Scholar at Allegro Book Signing Event

WARRENTON, VIRGINIA, March 22, 2017, — [Allegro Community School of the Arts](#) announces today that it will be hosting [Adrian E. Miller](#), noted presidential food writer, and [Doug Wead](#), presidential first families and election historian. The event is a book signing of their Amazon bestselling books, and speaker event to be held at the John Barton Payne Building in historic, Old Town Warrenton, on Friday, April 28th at 7:00pm.

The authors' visits are an extension of Allegro's support of the literary arts, and are a precursor to Allegro's YABBA Fest, a book festival that will take place fall of 2017.

The event is free to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged and can be secured at www.allegrocsa.org. Walk-ins welcome as well. (Those with pre-registration will be seated first.)

WHO: Adrian E. Miller & Doug Wead, New York Times and Amazon bestselling authors

WHAT: Book signing and author speaking event for the community and all [Second Chapter Books](#) will attend with the authors' books for sale.

WHEN: Friday, April 28, 7:00pm

WHERE: Warrenton, Virginia, John Barton Payne Building
2 Courthouse Square, Warrenton, VA 20186

HOW: Pre-register to secure preferred seating at www.allegrocsa.org/events/yabba-fest

WHY: **Doug Wead's** visit to Warrenton is part of his book tour for the new release of ***Game of Thorns***, the first complete, detailed, historical account of the recent presidential election, based on interviews with a wide range of sources, including Trump himself. His status as a presidential historian helped him gain access to sources inside Trump Tower and at Clinton headquarters in Brooklyn. He has interviewed six presidents, seven first ladies, and co-authored a book with a president. He has served as Co Chairman of the Charity Awards with first ladies, Lady Bird Johnson, Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Laura Bush.

Adrian E. Miller's visit to Warrenton is part of his book tour for the new release of ***The President's Kitchen Cabinet: The Story of the African American's Who Have Fed Our First Families, From Washington to the Obamas***. Miller is a graduate of Stanford University and Georgetown University Law School. Following a short period of private law, Miller joined the William J. Clinton Administration as the appointed Deputy Director of the President's Initiative for One America. His love of the culinary world and advocacy work to end childhood hunger opened doors to become a food historian. His original book ***Soul Food: The Surprising Story of an American Cuisine, One Plate at a Time*** was published in 2013. He writes on topics related to the intersection of food and faith, presidential foodways, and African heritage food.

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About Allegro Community School of the Arts: Allegro is a non-profit arts school focused on giving back to their community and bringing the arts to life within the five counties they serve. They truly have a heart for connecting others to the arts. They strive to increase appreciation, education, and participation of the arts within the community and families. Through education, performance, and community partnerships, Allegro develop the "whole artist." Programs include music, theatre, visual arts, music therapy, and the Allegro Academy for the Blind.

About Doug Wead: Doug Wead is a *New York Times* bestselling author and was an adviser to two American presidents. His most recent book is *Game of Thorns*, the inside story of the Clinton-Trump campaign for president in 2016. He is the author of more than thirty books and a co-author of a book with President George H. W. Bush. His books are known for their primary sources. He has interviewed six presidents and first ladies, nineteen of the presidents children and twelve presidential siblings. Wead served as special assistant to the president in the Bush, Sr. White House. He is a co-founder and original board member of Mercy Corps which has distributed more than \$2 billion of food and medicine around the world. For twenty four years, Doug Wead has been researching and writing about the families of the American presidents. *All the Presidents' Children*, the first book in a massive ongoing trilogy on the first families, was an instant *New York Times* bestseller. Released by Simon & Schuster's Atria Books in February, 2003, it went through three printings in its first month and reached number one at Amazon.com. *The Raising of a President* was released by Simon & Schuster's Atria Books on January 4, 2005. This important and much anticipated work is the first book written on the subject of the presidents' parents. Mr. Wead is researching and writing the final book in the trilogy, *Sibling Rivalry: The brothers and sisters of the Presidents*.

About Adrian E. Miller: Adrian E. Miller is a graduate of Stanford University and Georgetown University Law School. After practicing law in Denver for several years, Adrian became a special assistant to President William Jefferson Clinton and the Deputy Director of the President's Initiative for One America. The President's Initiative for One America was the first free-standing White House office in history to examine and focus on closing the opportunity gaps that exist for minorities in this country. The One America office built on the foundation laid by the President's Initiative on Race by promoting the President's goals of educating the American public about race, and coordinating the work of the White House and federal agencies to carry out the President's vision of One America. After his White House stint, Adrian returned to Colorado and served as the General Counsel and Director of Outreach at the Bell Policy Center—a progressive think tank dedicated to making Colorado a state of opportunity for all. In 2007, Adrian became the Deputy Legislative Director for Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. By the end of Gov. Ritter's first term, Adrian was a Senior Policy Analyst for Gov. Ritter where he handled homeland security, military and veterans' issues. Adrian was also Governor Ritter's point person on the Colorado Campaign to End Childhood Hunger which significantly increased participation in the summer food and school breakfast programs. Adrian is currently the Executive Director of the Colorado Council of Churches. He is the first African American and the first layperson to hold that position. Adrian is also a culinary historian and a certified barbecue judge who has lectured around the country on such topics as: Black Chefs in the White House, chicken and waffles, hot sauce, kosher soul food, red drinks, soda pop, and soul food. Adrian's book, *Soul Food: The Surprising Story of an American Cuisine, One Plate at a Time* was published by the University of North Carolina Press in August 2013. *Soul Food* won the 2014 James Beard Foundation Book Award for Reference and Scholarship. His next book, *The President's Kitchen Cabinet: The Story of the African Americans Who Have Fed Our First Families, from the Washingtons to the Obamas* will be published on President's Day, February 20, 2017.

About YABBA Fest: is a book festival featuring children, teen and adult authors, infused with music, dance, and theater. The event is scheduled for October 13-14, 2017, in historic downtown Warrenton.