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Just Announced: Best-selling author Jacquelyn Mitchard leads creative writing workshop at the Wilson Center!

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Patron Lynn Chappy and best-selling author Jacquelyn Mitchard featured at donor breakfast

On Wednesday, April 28, the Wilson Center welcomed over 80 loyal supporters and community friends to a breakfast featuring bestselling author Jacquelyn Mitchard. Guests were greeted by a violin-flute duo on a sunny, but chilly, morning and served a hearty continental breakfast by Jake's Catering.

The breakfast, a kick-off for the spring annual campaign, was a gathering that underscored the role of the arts in serving both the community and the individual.

Before introducing Ms. Mitchard to the guests seated and standing in the Grand Hall, Executive Director Jonathan Winkle announced a generous gift from Waukesha County resident Lynn Chappy. In celebration

of Ms. Chappy's donation, the Lynn Chappy Education Wing was officially dedicated that morning.

Ms. Chappy, a recent doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership at the University of Phoenix, serves as a board member for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and the Milwaukee Public Museum and values the educational opportunities provided by Milwaukee area arts and cultural organizations. During her brief address to the crowd, Chappy explained, "The love of learning and serving others through volunteerism and legacies is an integral part of my life as it was for my parents, who set the example." She has held previous positions with Intel Corporation and Albuquerque Technical College. Ms. Chappy will join the Wilson Center Board of Directors on July 1, 2010.

Following Ms. Chappy's comments, Mr. Winkle thanked the guests for their generous support of the Wilson Center over the last eight years. He then asked them to consider the building's setting



Executive Director Jon Winkle with Lynn Chappy

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The Big Event went Motown!

The Wilson Center's major fundraiser celebrated all things Motown by welcoming 460 guests and the GRAMMY® award-winning vocal group The Temptations on June 5.

Guests mixed and mingled at the *Get Ready!* party with soul food-inspired dining bars created by Marcus Catering and Events, premium wine and cocktails, and silent and live auctions. A post-concert After Glow party in the Grand Hall included doo-wop dancing, libations, after-hours food, and dessert. "We were so thrilled to have one of the greatest vocal groups in Motown history under the Wilson Center roof," says Honorary Chairwoman, Judy Jorgensen.

The generosity of the event's sponsors, donors, and ticket buyers will help support Wilson Center arts and educational programming. We thank all of you!

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Bill and GERALYN Cannon enjoy The Big Event.

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and to imagine what the Center might do in the next eight years to connect art with nature and with the community. "Imagine not two sculptures on the west lawn of the building, but six or 10, some commissioned from Wisconsin artists, others on loan, and others ephemeral. These sculptures would be placed in a carefully landscaped botanical setting that would attract community members and visitors alike." Mr. Winkle continued to talk about expanding the programming of outdoor concerts on the Wilson Center's east lawn to take full advantage of the best Wisconsin weather months. He then introduced Ms. Mitchard.

Madison-based novelist, Jacquelyn Mitchard, who was the first Oprah's Book Club author, and penned the number one best-selling novel, *The Deep End of the Ocean*, was the guest of honor at the breakfast. Her 20-minute remarks further expanded upon Mr. Winkle's comments by telling a personal story of how the arts kept her connected with the world while bedridden following an accident two years ago. After announcing that she was donating the profits from books sold at the event to the Center, Ms. Mitchard then told the crowd that she would be leading a three-day writers retreat at the Center November 4-7!

From idea to page, this retreat-structured course is for adults who have tried or considered writing fiction, focusing on the meaning and practice of key elements including structure, description, and dialogue. Students will discover the essence of subject, why it matters, and how to begin—whether they have a partial manuscript or notes for an idea.

For more information about the Creative Writing with Jaquelyn Mitchard workshop, call Education at (262) 781-9470 x5023 or visit wilson-center.com.

If you are interested in learning about future donor events or becoming a donor or BackStage Member, please contact Gail Valenti at (262) 373-5029 or gvalenti@wilson-center.com.



SAVE THE DATE for the Wilson Center's annual
Style Show Wednesday, October 6