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Sir Salman Rushdie to Speak at Chapman March 31

Free tickets are available now to see **Sir Salman Rushdie** when he appears at Chapman University on Monday, March 31 as part of the John Fowles lecture series. Chapman is offering tickets to the public on a first-come, first-served basis you may pick up two free tickets per picture ID (drivers license or equivalent) at the Chapman University Ticket Office, Rm. 302 Argyros Forum, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday -- note that the university is closed on Good Friday, March 21). There will be no holds by phone and there will be no Will Call tickets must be picked up in person, in advance.

Rushdie has graciously agreed to do a book-signing following his lecture. His books will be available at the event for purchase, or you may bring your own copies. For more information about the Rushdie lecture and signing, call 714-289-2050 (general information) or 714-997-6812 (ticket information), or visit www.chapman.edu/rushdie.

The Chapman University Board of Trustees has approved the conferral of an honorary doctorate Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa upon Rushdie during his visit. The degree will be awarded at a small private ceremony prior to the lecture.

Sir Salman Rushdie is one of the most successful, controversial and celebrated authors of our time. His novels have won critical acclaim and widespread commercial success, while his ideas have stimulated, galvanized, and provoked. Without doubt, Rushdie is one of today's most witty and provocative public intellectuals.

Rushdie is the author of such international bestsellers as *Midnight's Children* and *The Satanic Verses*. The latter was deemed sacrilegious by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, who issued a fatwa against him in 1989. Despite this proclamation, and the international controversy that followed, Rushdie went on to produce some of his most compelling work, including *The Moor's Last Sigh* and *The Ground Beneath Her Feet*, while living under the constant threat of death. His most recent novel, *Shalimar the Clown*, was an international bestseller and a nominee for both the Man Booker Prize and the Commonwealth Writer's Prize.

Rushdie is also a prolific essayist. *Step Across This Line: Collected Non-Fiction, 1992-2002*, contains many of his most provocative articles, some of which explore his own reaction to the fatwa, as well as reactions of the media and various governments. In most of his works, he draws on his unique upbringing and personal history to make bold and original statements about modern life.

For a complete list of upcoming happenings at Chapman University, check out the Event Calendar at www.chapman.edu/events.