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A Conversation with **MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN**

Author and President
of the Children's
Defense Fund

MARCH 1 @ 6:30 P.M.

Sottile Theatre
44 George St.
Charleston, S.C.

Marian Wright Edelman has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans her entire professional life. Under her leadership, the Children's Defense Fund has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families. A graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, Edelman was the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar and directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Miss. She has received over 100 honorary degrees and many awards including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, the MacArthur Genius Grant Fellowship and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She also received the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her numerous publications, including *Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change*; *The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours*; *Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors* and many more.

Edelman will be introduced by former North Carolina Senator Malcolm Graham, the brother of Cynthia Graham Hurd, one of the victims of the mass shooting at the Emanuel AME Church in June 2015. A Charleston native, Hurd worked for the Charleston County Library for over three decades. *The Measure of Our Success* was one of her favorite books.

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American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity and Making a Difference **BRYAN STEVENSON**

Executive Director of the Equal
Justice Initiative (Lecture and Book Signing)

MARCH 31 @ 6:00 P.M.

Sottile Theatre, 44 George St., Charleston, S.C.

America has the largest prison population in the world – and the criminal justice system that puts the men, women and children in these prisons is broken. Excessive punishment and abuse are widespread, and the collateral consequences are devastating lives and communities. In this presentation, Bryan Stevenson talks about defending some of America's most marginalized people. The stories he tells are heartbreaking, yet inspiring, and motivate audiences to make a change.

Bryan Stevenson is the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative and one of the most acclaimed and respected lawyers in the nation. His memoir, *Just Mercy*, is the story of a young lawyer fighting on the frontlines of a country in thrall to extreme punishments and careless justice. It is a powerful indictment of our justice system and the values that allow it to continue. Stevenson is the recipient of numerous awards, including the MacArthur Genius Grant Fellowship and the NAACP Image Award for Best Non-Fiction. He was also named one of *Time's* 100 Most Influential People for 2015. Stevenson is a tenured law professor at New York University School of Law. For more information on this speaker please visit prhspeakers.com.

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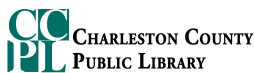
A Deeper Black: Race in America with **TA-NEHISI COATES** Journalist and Author

OCTOBER 18 @ 6:30 P.M.

Sottile Theatre, 44 George St., Charleston, S.C.

Ta-Nehisi Coates is the author, most recently, of *Between the World and Me*, a No. 1 New York Times bestseller and winner of the 2015 National Book Award. Also in 2015, Coates received a MacArthur Genius Grant Fellowship. Coates wrote *Between the World and Me* in the form of a letter to his teenage son, Samori, addressing what it means to be black in America. He is a national correspondent for the *Atlantic* and the journalist in residence at the School of Journalism at CUNY.

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