

Pulitzer Prize winner Clarence Page to be featured speaker at Night of Vonnegut

Fundraiser for Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library explores taking risks through writing

INDIANAPOLIS (March 5, 2013) – Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the *Chicago Tribune* Clarence Page is the guest speaker for the annual Night of Vonnegut presented by the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library. The event is April 13, 2013, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in downtown Indianapolis.

Clarence Page

Page won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary and took part in the 1972 Chicago Tribune Task Force's series on vote fraud that also won a Pulitzer. He has received a lifetime achievement award from the National Association of Black Journalists and was inducted into the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame in 1992.

Page's awards include a 1980 Illinois UPI awards for community service for an investigative series titled "The Black Tax," and the Edward Scott Beck Award for overseas reporting of a 1976 series on the changing politics of Southern Africa.

In his book, *Showing My Color: Impolite Essays on Race and Identity* (Harper Collins, 1996), Page "argues for a balance between the separatist notions of racial pride and the assimilationist drive to succeed" (*New York Times Book Review*).

Night of Vonnegut details

Night of Vonnegut is an annual fundraiser for the nation's only venue dedicated to the life and work of Indiana native Kurt Vonnegut, author of *Slaughterhouse-Five*, *Breakfast of Champions*, *Sirens of Titan* and many other best-selling novels.

The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library celebrates Vonnegut and authors like Page who question accepted norms. Page will talk about his own writings, how he came to like Vonnegut's work and how he thinks Vonnegut has influenced world literature.

Special guests: **Nanette Vonnegut**, the author's daughter, will announce and present \$1,000 scholarships – the Kurt Vonnegut Writing Award and the Jane Cox Vonnegut Writing Award – to two Shortridge High School (Vonnegut's alma mater) students. And Indiana native and author **James Alexander Thom** will share memories of his friendship with Vonnegut.

Ticket prices: \$75 event admission plus membership (at \$30 level)
\$55 event admission
\$25 students (ID required at check-in)

The event starts at 7 p.m. Order tickets via Eventbrite: <http://nov2013.eventbrite.com>. The link is also posted at vonnegutlibrary.org.

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