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MEDIA ALERT

Ringling College Library Association Presents Third 2008 Town Hall Lecture
Charlie Rose to speak February 12 at the Van Wezel

Sarasota, Fla. (February 5, 2008) -- ***Media representatives are invited*** to attend **Ringling College Library Association's Town Hall 2008 lecture** featuring "one of television's premier interviewers," **Charlie Rose**.

A Duke University graduate, Rose entered television full-time in 1974 when Public Broadcasting System commentator Bill Moyers hired him as managing editor of the PBS series Bill Moyers' International Report. Later, he moved to NBC as a correspondent where he hosted a number of interview programs, including *The Charlie Rose Show*. From 1984--1990, Rose anchored CBS's Nightwatch, the network's late-night interview series. During that time, he offered compelling conversations with some of the world's most interesting people, including Lech Walesa, Helmut Kohl, Saul Bellow, and Woody Allen. He traveled around the world to secure interviews with world leaders, literary figures, Nobel Prize-winners, and entertainers. His interviews with convicted murderer Charles Manson won an Emmy Award. In addition to Nightwatch, Rose served as an anchor for other CBS News broadcasts, including Face the Nation, CBS Morning News, CBS This Morning, and Newsbreak, and reported for 48 hours.

- What:** TOWN HALL Lecture featuring Charlie Rose
- When:** Tuesday, February 12, 2008
9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. press conference (RSVP required)
10:30 a.m. lecture (Limited Tickets Available Upon Request)
- Where:** Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
777 North Tamiami Trail; Sarasota, Fla. 34236
- Details:** The Town Hall Lecture Series is an annual speaker's showcase presented by Ringling College Library Association. Since its inception in 1981, Town Hall has featured such luminaries as Colin Powell, Maya Angelou, Jane Goodall, Robert Reich, Quincy Jones and Thomas Friedman. Considered an integral part of Sarasota's culture, it is also well known and highly regarded along Florida's West Coast, as well as in national speakers bureaus. Town Hall is the Association's primary fundraising event.

CNN's Chief Medical Correspondent, Sanjay Gupta, kicked off the 2008 Town Hall Lecture Series. World-renowned writer-director, actor, producer, author and educator Spike Lee followed. Future speakers are: one of the world's preeminent economists and an Op-Ed columnist for the New York Times: Dr. Paul Krugman, March 3, 2008; and the combination of Senator Bob Dole and New York State's longest serving Democratic Governor Mario Cuomo: March 25, 2008.

Since 1975, the Ringling College Library Association has dedicated itself solely to its mission to support the ongoing improvement of the Ringling College of Art and Design's Verman Kimbrough Memorial Library. Today, this *independent not-for-profit* organization is the largest cumulative donor in the College's 75-year history, having provided more than \$4 Million to fund student scholarships and the purchase of books, periodicals, research materials, hand-made artist books and online services. Most recently, the Association pledged \$2 million toward construction of a new, state-of-the-art, campus library building that will house the ever-burgeoning library collection.

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