

## Amelia Island Festival of Stories and Songs Welcomes Bestselling Author Carl Hiaasen

Amelia Island, FL—The Amelia Island Festival of Stories and Songs, presented by the [Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture](#), will host bestselling author Carl Hiaasen on Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 pm.

As part of a three-day festival dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling, Hiaasen will discuss the process behind the creation of his eleven national bestsellers and award-winning novels for young readers.

Hiaasen began writing a regular column for *The Miami Herald* in 1985. He has received numerous honors for his incisive journalism and commentary, including three Pulitzer Prize nominations, the Damon Runyon Award from the Denver Press Club, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. His books have been described as *savagely funny, riotous, and cathartic*.

“We are delighted to have such an accomplished Florida author as the headliner for our storytelling festival,” says Donna Paz Kaufman, co-founder of the Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture. “Anyone who has read his books will understand why he is often referred to as America’s finest satirical novelist.”

The program, sponsored in part by the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council, will take place in the Lighthouse Ballroom at Springhill Suites by Marriott, 2700 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL. The festival organizers expect a sellout crowd, and tickets will no longer be available when the venue capacity is reached.

This event is open to the public, and tickets can be purchased at [www.storyandsongarts/festival](http://www.storyandsongarts/festival), by visiting Story & Song at 1430 Park Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL, or by calling Story & Song Bookstore Bistro at 904-601-2118.

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