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Author, Humanitarian Khaled Hosseini to Appear At Resort at Squaw Creek *Squaw Valley Institute Continues to Bring Top Names to Tahoe*

Olympic Valley, Calif. – With Afghanistan continuing to be an important issue for the United States, [Squaw Valley Institute's](#) presentation with bestselling author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* [Khaled Hosseini](#) is both timely and topical. Taking place at [Resort at Squaw Creek](#) in Olympic Valley on April 10, 2010, the speaking engagement will give the audience a chance to hear Hosseini's witty insights into his bestselling books, his personal understanding of the situation in Afghanistan, and his experience as a goodwill envoy to the [UNHCR](#), the United Nations Refugee Agency. Tickets are on sale now on the Squaw Valley Institute's Website at [www.squawvalleyinstitute.org](#). Preferred seating is \$75, and general seating is \$50. Seating is available for Squaw Valley Institute members for \$45.

"We strive to bring meaningful programs to the Lake Tahoe region," said Erin Casey, executive director of Squaw Valley Institute. "Khaled Hosseini's appearance will certainly inspire and enlighten."

Hosseini was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 1965. His father was a diplomat with the Afghan Foreign Ministry and his mother taught Farsi and History at a large high school in Kabul. In 1976, the Afghan Foreign Ministry relocated the Hosseini family to Paris. They were ready to return to Kabul in 1980, but by then Afghanistan had already witnessed a bloody communist coup and the invasion of the Soviet army. The Hosseinis sought and were granted political asylum in the United States. In September of 1980, Hosseini's family moved to San Jose, California. Hosseini graduated from high school in 1984 and enrolled at Santa Clara University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Biology in 1988. The following year, he entered the University of California-San Diego's School of Medicine, where he earned a Medical Degree in 1993. He completed his residency at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles.

Hosseini practiced medicine from 1996 until 2004, and began writing his first novel, *The Kite Runner*, in March of 2001. In 2003, *The Kite Runner*, was published and has since become an international bestseller, published in 48 countries. His second novel, *A*

Thousand Splendid Suns was published in May of 2007. Currently, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is published in 40 countries. Hosseini has been working to provide humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan through [The Khaled Hosseini Foundation](#).

In 2007, *The Kite Runner* was made into a motion picture, and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is being adapted for the screen by Steve Zaillian, the screenwriter behind *Schindler's List* and *Searching for Bobby Fisher*.

For more details on this event, visit www.squawvalleyinstitute.org or call 530.581.4138.

Squaw Valley Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to presenting programs having artistic, cultural and educational values. The Institute presents lectures, performances, forums, exhibitions and classes in the unique mountain environment of Squaw Valley, North Lake Tahoe, Truckee and surrounding communities, bringing together visitors, residents and friends in the truest sense of community.

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