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The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present a discussion on PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION featuring American political strategist and Showtime producer Mark McKinnon with the host of PBS's "The Open Mind" Alexander Heffner Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home
Registration required (www.fdrlibrary.org)

HYDE PARK, NY -- On Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present a discussion on **PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION** in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. The program will feature **American political strategist and former presidential advisor Mark McKinnon (of Showtime's "The Circus")** and **PBS host and journalist Alexander Heffner** in conversation just days before the 45th president's inauguration. As they consider presidential transitions from Roosevelt to Trump, McKinnon and Heffner will discuss the historical transfer of power and the future of American politics. ***Registration is required. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org to register.***

Mark McKinnon is a political advisor, reform advocate, media columnist and television producer. He was the co-creator, co-executive producer, and co-host of Showtime's real-time documentary series of the 2016 presidential election, "The Circus: The Greatest Political Show on Earth." He was the chief media advisor to five successful presidential primary and general election campaigns, and is co-founder of No Labels, an organization dedicated to bipartisanship, civil dialogue, and political

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problem solving. For 20 years, he worked at Public Strategies, Inc., where he was an owner and vice chair. In 2010, Public Strategies merged with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, where he served as global vice chair and currently serves as an advisor to the firm.

McKinnon has worked for many causes, companies and candidates, including former President George W. Bush, Senator John McCain, late former Governor Ann Richards, and Bono. He serves on the boards of numerous organizations dedicated to reforming the influence of money in politics. He has been a regular columnist for *The Daily Beast* and *The London Daily Telegraph* and a consultant to Aaron Sorkin's HBO show "The Newsroom" and Netflix's "House of Cards." McKinnon attended the University of Texas at Austin and served as editor of the award-winning university newspaper, *The Daily Texan*. He spent several years in Nashville working as a songwriter with Kris Kristofferson and is a two-time Ironman finisher. He is married with two daughters.

Alexander Heffner is the host of "The Open Mind" on PBS. He has covered American politics, civic life and Millennials since the 2008 presidential campaign. His work has been profiled in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Times*, and on NBC News, MSNBC, C-SPAN, CNN, and BBC, among other media outlets. His essays, reviews and op-eds have appeared in *TIME*, *Reuters*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe* and *The Root*, among other publications. He is a frequent lecturer and panel moderator at museums and institutions of learning. Heffner was the political director for WHRB 95.3 FM and host of "The Political Arena." A native New Yorker, he is a graduate of Andover and Harvard.

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