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Colorado College to Welcome Acclaimed Author Tommy Orange for Evening of Storytelling, Native History and Identity

Author of "There There" and "Wandering Stars"
to engage students and community members in conversations about literature, history and belonging on November 9

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Oct. 19, 2026 — Colorado College will welcome acclaimed novelist Tommy Orange on Monday, November 9, 2026, for *Anti-Racist Book Club/Common Read: An Evening of Storytelling with Tommy Orange*, an event exploring the power of storytelling to examine Native American history, identity, generational trauma and community.

Orange, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, is the author of *There There* and *Wandering Stars*, novels that explore Native American experiences across generations. His writing examines the enduring connections between historical events, family histories, and contemporary Native life.

The November 9 event will bring together Colorado College students, faculty, staff, and members of the broader community for an onstage conversation examining themes central to Orange's work. This includes storytelling, Native astronomy, nation building, identity, and the lasting consequences of historical trauma.

Of particular significance to Colorado audiences is the connection between *Wandering Stars* and the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre. The novel traces the experiences of Native families across generations, connecting historical

Orange's visit will extend beyond the evening program. Planned activities include an informal classroom visit and lunch with members of Colorado

College's Native American Student Union, providing opportunities for students to engage with the author in smaller educational settings.

The event is presented as part of Colorado College's Anti-Racist Book Club/Common Read programming.

Event Information

- **Event:** Anti-Racist Book Club/Common Read: An Evening of Storytelling with Tommy Orange
- **Date:** Monday, November 9, 2026
- **Time:** 6 p.m.
- **Location:** Kathryn Mohrman Theatre, Armstrong Hall, Colorado College (14 E Cache la Poudre St., Colorado Springs, CO)
- **Admission:** Free and open to the public.
- **Public information:** Visiting Writers Series Schedule

For more information on Speaker, please visit www.prhspeakers.com.

ABOUT COLORADO COLLEGE

Colorado College is a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts institution in Colorado Springs, Colorado, founded in 1874. Known for its innovative Block Plan, students take one class at a time in intensive 3½-week segments, allowing for deep focus and engagement in and beyond the classroom. With approximately 2,200 undergraduates, the College offers 42 majors, 30 department minors, and 24 thematic minors, as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching. Colorado College holds the Research Colleges and Universities designation from Carnegie and ACE and is consistently recognized as a top Fulbright and Peace Corps producing institution. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu.

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