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**FRANK McCOURT**

*Presidential*  
**LECTURE**  
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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000

7:30 P.M.

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## FRANK McCOURT

Frank McCourt taught in the New York City public school for 27 years, the last 17 of which were spent at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan. After retiring from teaching, Frank and his brother, Malachy, performed their two-man show, *A Couple of Blaguards*, a musical review about their Irish Youth. In September 1996, Scribner published McCourt's childhood memoir *Angela's Ashes*, which spent 117 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list. After more than 65 printings, there are over two million copies in print in North America alone and the book is available in 18 countries.

McCourt was the winner of the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for Biography, the National Book Critics Circle Award in Biography/Autobiography, the Boston Book Review's Non-Fiction prize, the ABBY Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Award. Time and Newsweek chose *Angela's Ashes* as the best non-fiction book of 1996. The Alan Parker film of *Angela's Ashes*, starring Emily Watson, was released in November.

His sequel, *Tis: A Memoir*, was published in September of last year. McCourt and his wife, Ellen, live in Connecticut.

## **WELCOME**

Anne H. Hopkins  
President  
University of North Florida

## **MUSICAL TRIBUTE**

Celtic Soul

## **INTRODUCTION**

Richard B. Bizot  
Professor of English/Director of Irish Studies  
Department of English and Foreign Languages

## **PRESENTATION**

Frank McCourt

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Anne H. Hopkins  
President  
University of North Florida

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—UNF PRESIDENT ANNE H. HOPKINS

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