Top Academic Professors Coupled with Local Craft Beers Offer Curious-Minded Consumers a Modern Way to Engage in Timely Topics

Cambria Hotels Takes 'Profs and Pints' Lecture Series Across the Country with Simulating Content on Tap throughout 2019

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 8, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Cambria Hotels is helping experience-hungry people maximize their time through a collaboration with *Profs and Pints*. Already known for offering local beers at its hotels, Cambria is building on their hallmark craft beer program and appealing public spaces by hosting a series of compelling talks - ranging from local history to emerging trends and more - at select locations across the country.

With a mission to share local knowledge and current insights with broader audiences, *Profs and Pints* brings college professors out of the classroom and into casual, open environments, such as bars and cafes. *Profs and Pints* quickly gained attention when it launched in Washington, D.C., in October 2017, and the collaboration now takes the popular event format and content nationwide.

"Cambria Hotels offer visitors a greater sense of place and space. Our new collaboration with *Profs and Pints* takes that to a higher level," said Janis Cannon, senior vice president, upscale brands, Choice Hotels. "We're excited to bring local, stimulating content to guests and members of Cambria's local communities. Whether they're a young professional working nearby or business traveler in town for the week, *Profs and Pints* attendees have the opportunity to learn something new and interesting, all while sipping our signature local craft brews or grabbing a bite to eat."

Cambria will host several *Profs and Pints* events throughout 2019 at select Cambria Hotels in Washington D.C, Chicago, Nashville, Philadelphia, and Dallas. The events are open to the public and tickets are available for purchase at Brown Paper Tickets.

"I'm excited to expand my company's reach and start hosting events at Cambria Hotels throughout the country," said Peter Schmidt, founder of *Profs and Pints*. "The brand's immersive atmosphere and versatile bars are an ideal space to meet the growing demand for more content in more places."

The first Cambria *Profs and Pints* event takes place on April 11 at the <u>Cambria Washington D.C. Convention Center</u>. University of Maryland history professor Richard Bell will discuss "Hamilton's History Remix," a deep dive into the popular musical and what it reveals about the marriage of history and show business. Other Cambria *Profs and Pints* lectures include:

- Hamilton The Man and the Musical, a deep dive into Alexander Hamilton's short, thrilling life - just as the hit musical rolls into town - on Thursday, May 9 at the Cambria Dallas Downtown
- Colonial Philly's Organized Chaos, a stimulating mashup of colonial history, political science and urban planning on Monday, May 13 at the Cambria Philadelphia Downtown
- Nashville and the Underground Railroad, a fascinating study of the Underground Railroad movement and the role the Music City played as a starting point for many who climbed aboard, on Wednesday, May 22 at the Cambria Nashville Downtown
- Portrait of a Pirate, a look at the legendary life and troubling legacy of the real Captain Morgan, on Wednesday, May 29 at the Cambria Chicago Magnificent Mile

For more information about *Profs and Pints* and upcoming events at Cambria hotels, visit www.profsandpints.com. To learn more about Cambria Hotels, visit www.ChoiceHotels.com.

About *Profs and Pints*

Profs and Pints started as an idea from Peter Schmidt, a former journalist who spent more than 30 years covering education, to make higher learning more accessible and provide scholars with new audiences. Inspired by the informal, democratic model of education found in ancient Greece, the company brings college professors into off-campus venues, such as bars and cafes, to socialize and share their knowledge with the general public. Professors speak on topics of broad interest, including local and national history, the natural environment, emerging trends in business or politics, scientific innovation, the arts, folklore. and more. Since launching in 2017, Profs and Pints' popularity has grown rapidly across the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. It will be entering new markets across the country through its collaboration with Cambria Hotels. For more information, visit https://www.profsandpints.com/.

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