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**The Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation
2024 Author Series to Feature Alexander Starritt**

Dayton, Ohio – The Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation 2024 Author Series will feature Alexander Starritt, the 2021 DLPP Fiction Winner for *We Germans*, in conversation with moderator Jordan Ritter Conn, the 2021 DLPP Nonfiction Runner-up, on October 10 at the David H. Ponitz Sinclair Conference Center at Sinclair College.

The event, which is sponsored by Sinclair College and open to the public, begins at 6 p.m. with drinks and hors d'oeuvres before *Conversation with the Authors*, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 with a 50% discount for students and can be purchased online at <https://www.daytonliterarypeaceprize.org/author-series-registration-2024/> or by check mailed to The Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation, P.O. Box 461, Dayton, OH 45409-0461. All proceeds from the event support the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation

Starritt's powerful novel, *We Germans*, tells the story of an ordinary German soldier in World War II, as he comes to terms with his crimes and guilt in a letter written decades later to his grandson. Praised for its intelligence and eloquence, the novel is both historic and timely in its exploration of the nature of evil and a society's perpetuation of it.

"We're grateful that year over year, our previous honorees are eager to come back to Dayton and speak to area students, said Nick Raines, executive director of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation. "Each year I'm impressed with how engaged the students are, and I'm impressed with the substance and thoughtfulness of their questions. They really get into it"

The Author Series' *Conversation with the Authors* is an outgrowth of the Student Author Series, begun in 2010 to return former winners of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize to Dayton to meet with area high

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school students, who are studying their books. Initially hosted by the Miami Valley School, the program has grown to include more than 15 Dayton-area schools, whose students attend a lecture and meet in person with the author, and International Baccalaureate Schools in other Ohio cities, who participate virtually. Classrooms receive a set of 25 books provided through the DLPP Fly with Doves Membership program and a curriculum. Since 2010, more than 4,000 students have participated in the Author Series and author's lecture, which will be held this year on October 11 at Fairmont High School in Kettering.

About the Dayton Literary Peace Prize

The Dayton Literary Peace Prize honors writers whose work uses the power of literature to foster peace, social justice, and global understanding. Launched in 2006, it is recognized as one of the world's most prestigious literary honors and is the only literary peace prize awarded in the United States. As an offshoot of the Dayton Peace Prize, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize awards a \$10,000 cash prize each year to one fiction and one nonfiction author whose work advances peace as a solution to conflict and leads readers to a better understanding of other cultures, peoples, religions, and political points of view.

Additionally, the Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award is bestowed upon a writer whose body of work reflects the Prize's mission; previous honorees include Margaret Atwood, Wendell Berry, Taylor Branch, Geraldine Brooks, Louise Erdrich, John Irving, Barbara Kingsolver, Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, N. Scott Momaday, Tim O'Brien, Marilynne Robinson, Gloria Steinem, Studs Terkel, Colm Tóibín, and Elie Wiesel. For more information visit the Dayton Literary Peace Prize media center at <http://daytonliterarypeaceprize.org/press.htm>.

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