

June 28, 2018

Dear Steve,

Each year, *The New Yorker* holds a celebration of arts and ideas called The New Yorker Festival, a weekend of events that bring the breadth and spirit of the magazine to the stage. This year's Festival—our nineteenth—will take place from Friday, October 5th, through Sunday, October 7th, 2018, in New York City, and will once again assemble some of the most talented and influential people of the day. I hope that you will join us.

As in years past, the Festival will offer an eclectic lineup of readings, talks, and panel discussions with prominent writers, artists, poets, filmmakers, actors, comedians, scientists, designers, architects, and politicians, in conversation with *New Yorker* writers and editors. I would like to invite you to sit down with me for an informal, free-ranging discussion of the political movements redefining international and local politics. This would include, of course, your work abroad as well the upcoming midterms. There would be no need for prepared remarks, as we intend these events to be unscripted, lively, and spontaneous.

The event would run approximately 80 minutes, and could include a 15-20 minute question-and-answer session with the audience. The conversation would be recorded, edited, and aired as part of The New Yorker Radio Hour, a national radio show and podcast co-produced by *The New Yorker* and WNYC Studios. Naturally, the magazine would handle all your travel arrangements and accommodations; you would receive an honorarium; and you would also be invited to attend most other Festival events.

More than two hundred thousand people, from every state in the country and around the world, have attended the previous sold-out Festivals. Past participants have included, among many others, the Nobel Peace Prize winner Kofi Annan, the United States Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and the United States Senator Bernie Sanders; the authors Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, George Saunders, Jennifer Egan, Toni Morrison, and Zadie Smith; the musicians Yo-Yo Ma, The Roots, Bruce Springsteen, Patti Smith, and Paul Simon; the artists Ai Weiwei, Chuck Close, and Jeff Koons; the actors Frances McDormand, Daniel Craig, Tilda Swinton, Rachel Weisz, John Turturro, and Viola Davis; the filmmakers Ava DuVernay, Clint Eastwood, Sofia Coppola, and Martin Scorsese; the comedians Jerry Seinfeld, Sarah Silverman, Seth Meyers, and Mindy Kaling.

We would be honored to have you. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to call me, at 212-286-5774, or the Festival's director, Rhonda Sherman, at 212-286-5486.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Remnick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Remnick".

David Remnick
Editor of *The New Yorker*

Stephen K. Bannon