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Pulitzer Prize-nominated Journalist Tommy Tomlinson Joins WFAE's Award-winning Newsroom

Charlotte, NC (May 3, 2018) – Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist and [“SouthBound”](#) podcast host **Tommy Tomlinson** joins WFAE's award-winning newsroom full-time on **May 21**. **Tomlinson** will provide weekly commentaries and provide analysis of news events in the region.

“Tommy brings both a deep understanding of the Charlotte region and an approach to storytelling that will be a real asset to WFAE,” said **Ju-Don Marshall**, WFAE's chief content officer. “Not only is he a good reporter, but his ability to connect with people will provide critical insights to issues facing our region.”

Tomlinson began his journey into public media and WFAE last fall as the host of [“SouthBound,”](#) a podcast that features interviews with notable Southerners from all walks of life – from artists and athletes to preachers and politicians. He'll continue to host “SouthBound,” which has included interviews with [Dale Earnhardt, Jr.](#), former Charlotte mayor [Harvey Gantt](#), former sports broadcaster [Andrea Kirby](#) and others.

“I'm honored that WFAE believes I can bring value to their news operation, because it's already strong and growing,” said **Tomlinson**. “This is a new format for me, but the fundamentals are the same -- talking to interesting people and finding the stories in their lives. That's what I've done for a long time, and I'm thrilled to keep doing it with such a good group of journalists.”

About Tommy Tomlinson

Tomlinson has written for publications including *ESPN the Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Forbes*, *Southern Living*, *Garden & Gun* and others. He spent 23 years as a reporter and local columnist for the *Charlotte Observer*, where he was a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in commentary. Tomlinson is the host of WFAE's “SouthBound” podcast featuring conversations with notable Southerners. His memoir “The Elephant In the Room,” about life as a fat man in a growing America, will be published by Simon & Schuster. He's a graduate of the University of Georgia and was a 2008-09 Nieman Fellow at Harvard University.

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