Stepsen Hawking, one of the greatest minds of the modern age and a cultural icon admired by millions worldwide, will present the public lecture “Quantum Black Holes” at the Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre. Carol L. Folt, chancellor of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will provide opening remarks.

Hawking has dedicated his career to studying the basic laws that govern the universe. With Roger Penrose, he showed that Einstein’s General Theory of Relativity implied space and time would begin with a singularity at the Big Bang and end in a singularity in the center of black holes.

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