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**WORD FOR WORD PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY  
BRINGS *STORIES FROM SONOMA MOUNTAIN* TO  
WHEELER AUDITORIUM, SUNDAY MAY 6 AT 11 A.M. AND 3 P.M.**

**This is the third offering in the new series First Stage for Families**

**BERKELEY, April 6, 2012**—San Francisco’s acclaimed **Word for Word Performing Arts Company** is known for transforming verbatim short stories and fiction into engaging theater works, illuminating the original messages through their acting and staging. The company comes to **Wheeler Auditorium** with this one hour performance on **May 6 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** *Stories from Sonoma Mountain* is written by local Native American author **Greg Sarris**. This collection of short stories draws inspiration from tales of the First People and the local landscape of Northern California fauna and flora. The *San Francisco Examiner* praised the company for taking “the word 'adaptation' to all-new levels.” This is the third presentation in the First Stage for Families series, in which Cal Performances presents hour long programs for children and families; the first two performances included Grammy winning story teller David Holt and the Cashore Marionettes.

**Word for Word** has been praised for its innovativeness use of theater. An in house theater company of the Z House Studio, the group is composed of diverse members from the culturally rich community in the Bay Area. They currently perform their shows in the historic Theater Artaud. In addition to its shows, Word for Word has a Youth Arts program that promotes literacy and creativity to over 10,000 youth annually.

**Greg Sarris** is writer who has published short stories, fiction and nonfiction. Having previously taught at Loyola Marymount University and UCLA, he currently teaches Native American Studies at Sonoma State University. He co-produced an HBO film titled *Grand Avenue* with Robert Redford, and is currently the Chairman of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

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## TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket prices for **Word for Word Performing Arts Company** on **May 6** at **11:00 a.m.** and **3:00 p.m.** in **Wheeler Auditorium** are priced at **\$12.00** for children and **\$24.00** for adults, subject to change. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at [calperformances.org](http://calperformances.org); and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other students and UC Alumni Association members receive a \$5.00 discount (Special Events excluded). For select performances, Cal Performances offers UCB student, faculty and staff, senior, and community rush tickets. For a complete listing of discounts <http://calperformances.org/buy/discounts.php>.

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### CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

#### CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

**Sunday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday May 6 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley Campus**  
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

*First Stage For Families*

**Word for Word Performing Arts Company**

*Stories from Sonoma Mountain*

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