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High resolution images of Steve Kerr are available for download from Cal Performances' online press room.

CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS BERKELEY TALKS FEATURING STEVE KERR, HEAD COACH OF THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS SEPTEMBER 21 AT 8PM IN ZELLERBACH HALL

Berkeley, September 6, 2016 — In the first event of the 2016-17 season of *Berkeley Talks*, Cal Performances will host Steve Kerr, head coach of the Golden State Warriors, on Wednesday, September 21 at 8pm in Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. Kerr will appear alongside Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks in a far-reaching discussion that will touch upon Kerr's leadership of the Warriors, the role of sports in building community and identity, and Kerr's own personal history and ties to the world of academia.

Now entering his third season as head coach of the Golden State Warriors, Steve Kerr led the most successful campaign of any first-year coach in NBA history in 2014-15, an effort that culminated in the team claiming its fourth NBA Championship in franchise history and its first in 40 years. Kerr followed his inaugural campaign by winning the 2015-16 NBA Coach of the Year Award and leading the Warriors to an NBA-record 73 wins in the 2015-16 season as well as a 2016 NBA Finals appearance.

A limited number of press passes will be available for this event. Kerr will not be available for oneon-one interviews.

<u>ABOUT BERKELEY TALKS</u>

Berkeley Talks brings international thought leaders, public intellectuals, creators, and innovators to the Berkeley campus to engage in dialogues with campus scholars on distinctive and timely issues, exploring forward-thinking concepts that impact our global community and intersect with the university's core mission of teaching, research, and public service. Past speakers in the series have included Alphabet executive chairman Eric Schmidt; co-founder and LinkedIn executive chairman Reid Hoffman; grandfather of the graphic novel Art Spiegelman; satirist Bassem Youssef; cellist Yo-Yo Ma; authors Michael Lewis, Jonathan Franzen, and Michael Ondaatje; and many others. A full schedule of 2016-17 Berkeley Talks events will be distributed later this fall.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for this event are general admission; \$5 for UC Berkeley students, faculty, and staff; and \$10 for members of the public. Tickets will be available to the campus community starting on Wednesday, September 7 at noon, and will go on sale to the general public on Sunday, September 11 at 1pm.

Tickets are available through the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall, by phone at (510) 642-9988, and online at calperformances.org.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

Wednesday, September 21 at 8pm

Zellerbach Hall Bancroft Way at Dana Street UC Berkeley campus

Berkeley Talks
Steve Kerr, speaker
Nicholas B. Dirks, Chancellor, UC Berkeley

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