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Zellerbach Hall

Berkeley Talks

Co-presented by Cal Performances and UC Berkeley

David Sedaris



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WITH SARDONIC WIT and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's preeminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

Mr. Sedaris is the author of *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice*, as well as the collections of personal essays *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, and his most recent book, *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, each of which became an immediate bestseller. The audio version of *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* is a 56th Annual Grammy Award Nominee for Best Spoken Word Album. He is the author of *The New York Times* bestselling collection of fables entitled *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary* (with illustrations by Ian Falconer). He was also the editor of *Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories*. Mr. Sedaris's pieces

appear regularly in *The New Yorker* and have twice been included in *The Best American Essays* anthologies. There are a total of seven million copies of his books in print, and they have been translated into 25 languages.

He and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated under the name "The Talent Family" and have written a half-dozen plays which have been produced at La Mama, Lincoln Center, and the Drama Department in New York City. These plays include *Stump the Host*, *Stitches*, *One Woman Shoe* (which received an Obie Award), *Incident at Cobbler's Knob*, and *The Book of Liz*, which was published in book form by Dramatists Play Service. Mr. Sedaris's original radio pieces are often heard on the public radio show *This American Life*. Mr. Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His latest audio recording of new stories (recorded live) is *David Sedaris: Live for Your Listening Pleasure*. A feature film adaptation of his story "C.O.G." was released after a première at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival.

Dylan Brody will give brief reading in advance of Mr. Sedaris's performance.