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Photos of Ira Glass are available for download from the Cal Performances Press Room.

CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY ANNOUNCES A NEWLY ADDED SPEAKER EVENT

Ira Glass
Stories for a Saturday Afternoon
Saturday, March 13 at Zellerbach Hall

Berkeley, CA, November 17, 2026—Today, Cal Performances announces the addition of *This American Life* host Ira Glass to its 2026–27 speaker series. Glass returns to Zellerbach Hall on Saturday, March 13, 2027 at 4pm for a solo afternoon of live storytelling, drawing on the narrative approach he has developed through the long-running radio program. For more than 30 years, *This American Life* has explored the experiences of ordinary people through stories that range from the humorous to the deeply personal. The program reaches more than three million listeners each week and has received numerous awards, including three Emmy Awards for its television adaptation, eight Peabody Awards, and the first Pulitzer Prize awarded to a radio

program or podcast. In this live presentation, Glass shares stories and observations about everyday experiences and the people behind them.

Cal Performances has presented Glass regularly since 2003, most recently in 2023.

CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:
Cal Performances presents

Saturday, March 13, 4pm

Zellerbach Hall
Bancroft Way at Dana Street
UC Berkeley campus

Speaker
Ira Glass
Stories for a Saturday Afternoon

Program:

Ira Glass, host and creator of *This American Life*, returns to Cal Performances for an afternoon of solo storytelling. Drawing on the narrative approach he has developed through the long-running radio program, Glass shares stories that explore subjects ranging from the personal to the international. Heard by more than three million listeners each week, *This American Life* has received numerous honors, including three Emmy Awards for its television adaptation, eight Peabody Awards, and the first Pulitzer Prize awarded to a radio program or podcast.

Tickets: $55-$99 (Prices subject to change)

Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, November 20 at noon. Tickets for all performances are available at calperformances.org, by phone at (510) 642-9988, or in person at the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall,Tuesday–Sunday, noon–5pm.

There is a $15 per order service charge on ticket purchases made by phone or online that are not part of a subscription package; there is no fee for tickets purchased in person at the Zellerbach Hall Ticket Office. There is a $20 service charge on all subscription orders.

UC Berkeley students can access exclusive discounts, including half-price tickets in all sections of the theater, and are also eligible to purchase a limited number of $10 tickets for the best seats in the house for Ira Glass' storytelling event through the Golden Bear Circle program on Thursday, March 4 at noon.

Information about all UC Berkeley student programs and discounts is available at calperformances.org/ucb-students; information about other discounts can be found at calperformances.org/discounts.

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