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**PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING JOURNALIST SEYMOUR HERSH SPEAKS AT
ZELLERBACH HALL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 8:00 P.M.**

BERKELEY, August 22, 2008—One of America's premier investigative reporters **Seymour Hersh**, brings his perspective on current events to Cal Performances' Strictly Speaking series **Tuesday, October 7 at 8:00 p.m.** at Zellerbach Hall. He has uncovered some of the most important news stories of our times, and in the process had demonstrated that power, and the exercising of that power on the international stage, comes with a price. His special focus is, and has always been, the abuse of power in the name of national security. This engagement is presented in association with the Townsend Center for the Humanities.

Hersh first wrote for *The New Yorker* in 1971 and had been a regular contributor to the magazine since 1993. His journalism has received the Pulitzer Prize, four George Polk Awards, the National Magazine Award, and more than a dozen other prizes (Sigma Delta Chi, Worth Bingham, Sidney Hillman, etc.) for investigative reporting on My Lai, the CIA's bombing of Cambodia, Henry Kissinger's wiretapping, and the CIA's efforts against Chile's Salvador Allende. In the 1980s, Hersh revealed the CIA's illicit sale of United States' weapons to Libya; the drug-running, vote-stealing and other criminal activities of Panama's General Noriega; the CIA's complicity with South Africa's spying on the African National Congress; the deceit and incompetence of the 1983 US invasion of Grenada; and the growth of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal.

Most recently, Hersh's articles in *The New Yorker* have probed the underside of the Iraq war and the intelligence and military quagmire caused by the conflict (where he broke the story of United States torture of prisoners).

Hersh has published eight books, most recently *Chain of Command: The Road from 9/11 to Abu Ghraib*. His book prizes include the 1983 National Book Critics Circle Award, the Los Angeles Times award for biography, and a second Sidney Hillman award, for *The Price of*

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Power: Kissinger in the Nixon White House. Hersh has also won two Investigative Reporters & Editors prizes for the Kissinger book in 1983 and in 1992 for a study of American foreign policy and the Israeli nuclear bomb program, *The Samson Option*. In 2004, Hersh won a National Magazine Award for public interest for his three pieces “Lunch with the Chairman,” “Selective Intelligence” and “The Stovepipe.”

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for **Seymour Hersh**, on **Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.** in **Zellerbach Hall** are priced at \$20.00, \$26.00 and \$32.00. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; at www.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 discount (Special Events excluded). For more information, call Cal Performances at (510) 642-9988 or visit the Cal Performances web site at www.calperformances.org.

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Strictly Speaking
Seymour Hersh

Program: Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh, author of *Chain of Command: The Road from 9/11 to Abu Ghraib*, talks about his work and current events.

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