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**UNAPOLOGETICALLY OPINIONATED SOCIAL COMMENTATOR
FRAN LEBOWITZ COMES TO ZELLERBACH HALL
FOR THE FIRST TIME THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 8:00 PM**

BERKELEY, October 16, 2012—Author and native New Yorker, **Fran Lebowitz** brings her sardonic wit to **Zellerbach Hall** for one night only, **Thursday, November 15 at 8:00 p.m.** as part of Cal Performances' Strictly Speaking series. Lebowitz has developed a unique place for herself as the voice of the self-proclaimed "Me Generation." She offers insights on contemporary issues such as gender, race, gay rights and media as well as her own pet peeves, ranging from celebrity culture to tourists and strollers. She will talk about her life experiences and then hold a Q&A with the audience. The *Philadelphia City Paper* called Lebowitz "the single inheritor to the smart-not-smarmy, sarcastic, cosmopolitan crown left by Dorothy Parker."

Born in New Jersey, Lebowitz worked many odd jobs before being hired by Andy Warhol as a columnist for *Interview*. Her first two books, *Metropolitan Life* and *Social Studies* are collections of essays that were later compiled and re-published as *The Fran Lebowitz Reader*. In 2010, Martin Scorsese directed a documentary about Lebowitz entitled *Public Speaking*. The film features clips from her speaking engagements and debuted on HBO. In addition to her speaking tours, Lebowitz is also seen by the public in her reoccurring role as a judge on the popular detective show *Law and Order*. She recently broke a ten year writer's block (which she humorously referred to as "Writer's Blockade") and began working on a new novel *Exterior Signs of Wealth*, which is purportedly about rich people who want to be artists and artists who want to be rich.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for **Fran Lebowitz on Thursday, November 15 at 8:00 p.m. at Zellerbach Hall** start at **\$20.00** and are subject to change. Tickets are available through the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at www.calperformances.org; and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other

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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 more information about discounts, go to <http://calperformances.org/buy/discounts.php> or call (510) 642-9988.

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Thursday, November 15 at 8:00 p.m.

**Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley**

Strictly Speaking
Fran Lebowitz

Program: Cultural satirist Fran Lebowitz brings her insights on such timely issues as gender, race, gay rights and the media, as well as her on own pet peeves—including celebrity culture, tourists and baby strollers—for one night only.

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