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Zellerbach Playhouse

Jemele Hill

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Emmy Award-winning journalist **Jemele Hill** is the co-founder of Lodge Freeway Media and a staff writer for *The Atlantic*.

Hill was previously the chief correspondent and senior columnist for *The Undeclared*, ESPN's content initiative exploring the intersections of sports, race, and culture. While there, she wrote, conducted newsmaker interviews, and offered commentary on content for *The Undeclared's* digital, television, and audio platforms. Hill also hosted events and other important initiatives, including the program's town halls and television specials.

Prior to joining *The Undeclared*, Hill co-anchored ESPN's *SportsCenter* for a year with her longtime friend and colleague Michael Smith. *SC6 with Michael & Jemele* debuted in February 2017 as a more personality-driven

approach to the traditional evening *SportsCenter*. Focusing on sports, music, movies, and more, *SC6* was born from Hill and Smith's popular *His & Hers* podcast and weekday television show, which debuted on ESPN2 in 2014.

In August 2018, the National Association of Black Journalists honored Hill with its Journalist of the Year Award. In July 2016, Hill participated in *The President and the People: A National Conversation*—a one-hour town hall with President Barack Obama on race relations, justice, policing, and equality.

Before joining ESPN, Hill was a sports columnist for the *Orlando Sentinel* (2005–06)—the lone African-America female sports columnist in the country.

A native of Detroit, Hill is a Michigan State University alumna.