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Photos of Rita Moreno are available for download from the online press kit here.

## CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY PRESENTS A CONVERSATION WITH RITA MORENO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT ZELLERBACH HALL

Berkeley, January 27, 2023 — Cal Performances at UC Berkley presents trailblazing Puerto Rican actress Rita Moreno in conversation on Sunday, February 26 at 3pm at Zellerbach Hall. Moreno is a true icon of American screen and stage, earning accolades in film, television, and theater in a decorated career that has spanned seven decades. She belongs to an elite group of "EGOT" winners who have received all four of entertainment's most prestigious awards: the Emmy, the Tony, the Grammy, and the Oscar, the latter in 1962 for her career-igniting role as Anita in the original film version of *West Side Story*. In conversation Moreno will share stories from her fascinating life in Hollywood, her struggles with racism and sexism in the entertainment industry, and memorable moments from her personal life. Vibrant and busier than ever as she enters her ninth decade,

Moreno told the *East Bay Magazine* recently, "I have a lot to say. I have opinions. I'm adamant about certain things. I'm an activist. I'm a political person. I'm salty. I'm raucous and I love to laugh."

At Zellerbach Hall, Moreno will appear in conversation with Dania Matos, the university's Vice Chancellor for the Division of Equity & Inclusion. As a member of the chancellor's cabinet, Matos advises the campus on issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and justice. She also serves as the co-chair of the Hispanic Serving Task Force, oversees the African American Initiative, and acts as the executive sponsor of multiple identity-based standing committees. Matos was awarded Top DEI Advocate by the National Diversity Council; in 2020 was selected as a Leadership Academy Fellow by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; and in 2018, was named one of the "Top 25 Women in Higher Education" by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Magazine*.

**WHAT** A Conversation with Rita Moreno

WHO Rita Moreno

Dania Matos, moderator

**WHEN** Sunday, February 26, 3pm

WHERE Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way at Dana Street, UC Berkeley campus

**TICKETS** \$36–\$82 (prices subject to change). Available at calperformances.org, by phone at

(510) 642-9988, or in person at the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall, Tuesday–Friday, 12–5:30pm and Saturday–Sunday, 1–5pm. Information about student tickets and discounts is available at <u>calperformances.org/ucb-students</u>. For information about

other discounts, visit <u>calperformances.org/discounts</u>.

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