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An image of Ezra Klein (left) is available for download from the Cal Performances online [press room](#).

CAL PERFORMANCES 2023–24 SEASON

**SINGLE TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS
ON SALE TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 12 NOON
ONLINE, IN PERSON, AND BY PHONE**

**ADDED EVENT:
SPEAKER EZRA KLEIN: *A LIBERALISM THAT BUILDS*
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 4PM
AT ZELLERBACH HALL**

**ANNOUNCING 2023–24 GOLDEN BEAR CIRCLE SCHEDULE:
\$10 PRIME SEATS
FOR UC BERKELEY STUDENTS
TO SOME OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED EVENTS OF THE SEASON**

Berkeley, August 1, 2023—As single tickets for all Cal Performances 2023–24 season events go on sale on Tuesday, August 8, the UC Berkeley performing arts presenter and producer also announces two updates to the schedule: *The New York Times* columnist and podcast host Ezra Klein will speak at Zellerbach Hall on Thursday, October 5 at 4pm; and that the list of 2023–24 performances included in Cal Performances' Golden Bear Circle program—offering \$10 tickets for the best seats

in the house exclusively to UC Berkeley students—will encompass 12 performances including those by the San Francisco Symphony, the Joffrey Ballet, and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Single tickets for all Cal Performances events during the 2023–24 season will be available for purchase on Tuesday, August 8 at 12 noon: online at calperformances.org, in person at the Zellerbach Hall Ticket Office, and by phone at (510) 642-9988.

Ezra Klein, Thursday, Oct 5 at Zellerbach Hall

In a newly added event, Ezra Klein will reflect on “liberal governance that routinely fails to achieve liberal outcomes” in a talk informed by the forthcoming book he is co-writing with *Atlantic* journalist Derek Thompson that explores the difficulties Democratic governments encounter when working to build real things in the real world. Focusing on what he defines as California's deepest problems—skyrocketing housing costs, lagging developments in clean energy, and constant traffic—Klein asks, how did we get here? And what can we do about it?

Klein is known for his award-winning journalism, which combines traditional opinion writing with reporting to bring clarity to policy debates often mired in complexity. Prior to hosting “The Ezra Klein Show” at the *Times*, he founded and launched *Vox*, the popular explanatory news site, and, in 2020, published *Why We're Polarized*, a bestselling examination of the forces driving polarization and paralyzing politics in the United States.

This event is co-presented by Cal Performances and UC Berkeley Graduate Lectures as part of the Jefferson Memorial Lecture Series.

2023–24 Golden Bear Circle Performances: \$10 Premium Seats for UC Berkeley Students

For just \$10 per ticket, UC Berkeley students can secure a limited number of some of the best seats in the house for 12 of the most anticipated performances of the season. Launched last year, the Golden Bear Circle program has proven to be highly popular with students, with tickets frequently selling out in a matter of minutes. During the 2023–24 season, \$10 Golden Bear Circle tickets will be available to students for *The Triplets of Belleville Cine-Concert* (Oct 21), cellist **Sheku Kanneh-Mason** (Nov 1), the **San Francisco Symphony** led by conductor **Esa-Pekka Salonen** (Nov 10), *American Railroad* with **Silkroad Ensemble and Rhiannon Giddens** (Nov 17), soprano **Renée Fleming** (Feb 9), **Pina Bausch's** *The Rite of Spring* and *common ground[s]* (Feb 16), **Taylor Mac & Matt Ray's** *Bark of Millions* (Feb 23), *Baldwin and Buckley at Cambridge* performed by **Elevator Repair Service** (Mar 1), **Batsheva Dance Company** performing *MOMO* (Mar 8), **The Joffrey Ballet** performing *Anna Karenina* (Mar 15), **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** (Apr 2), and artist-in-residence, pianist **Mitsuko Uchida** with the **Mahler Chamber Orchestra** (Mar 24).

Students using Golden Bear Circle tickets may attend on their own or bring a friend with a limit of two tickets per student. Golden Bear Circle tickets are available to registered Berkeley students on a

first-come, first-served basis and go on sale at noon approximately two weeks before each performance. The full schedule of events and on-sale dates can be viewed at calperformances.org/ucb-students#golden-bear-circle. Students who sign up for [Cal Performances' email club](#) will receive email notification each time the tickets go on sale.

Additional discounts available to UC Berkeley students include half-price tickets to all Cal Performances events; Flex Passes of four, six, or eight tickets for just \$15 per ticket; group discounts; and rush tickets. For more information about UC Berkeley student discounts, visit calperformances.org/ucb-students.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE THIS NEWLY ADDED EVENT:

Thursday, October 5, 4pm

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

Speaker

Ezra Klein: *A Liberalism That Builds*

Program:

The New York Times columnist and podcast host Ezra Klein reflects on “liberal governance that routinely fails to achieve liberal outcomes” in a talk informed by a book he is currently co-writing that explores the difficulties Democratic governments encounter when working to build real things in the real world. Focusing on what Klein defines as California's deepest problems—skyrocketing housing costs, lagging developments in clean energy, constant traffic—he asks, how did we get here? And what can we do about it? As an award-winning journalist, Klein combines traditional opinion writing with reporting to bring clarity to policy debates often mired in complexity.

Co-presented by Cal Performances and UC Berkeley Graduate Lectures as part of the [Jefferson Memorial Lecture Series](#).

Tickets: \$26–\$58 (prices subject to change); \$25 for UC Berkeley students, faculty, and staff.

Tickets are 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. More information about student tickets and discounts is available at calperformances.org/ucb-students. For information about other discounts, visit calperformances.org/discounts.

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