

## One of America's pre-eminent humor writers returns to The Soraya

### An Evening with David Sedaris

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**Saturday, May 12 at 8:00pm**

Los Angeles, CA Apr 30— David Sedaris, America's best-selling literary funnyman, returns to the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts (The Soraya) for an evening of his captivating and hilarious storytelling on Saturday, May 12 at 8pm.

Sedaris last appeared at The Soraya in 2015. In 2017, he released *Theft By Finding*, selections from his diaries, which the *NPR* calls, "Mesmerizing, like watching spinning chickens. *Theft by Finding* feels like watching a favorite play from behind the scenes, in the company of a friend who can identify what is absurd and heartbreaking and human about every person on stage." On May 28 of this year, he will release *Calypso*, a collection of cheerfully misanthropic stories. Sedaris calls *Calypso*, "Beach reading for people who detest beaches, required reading for those who loathe small talk and love a good tumor joke."

Copies of his new book, *Calypso* will be available for pre-order. The first 50 people to pre-order *Calypso* will receive a bookplate signed by Sedaris. Pre-ordered copies can be mailed or picked up at the CSUN Bookstore starting on May 28. Sedaris will be in the lobby before and after the show to sign copies of his other works. The lobby will open at 6:30pm.

Over the years, his many books have ranged on a wide variety of topics from his sister Amy Sedaris' hijinks to his adventures as an expatriate in Paris. This evening will be filled with Sedaris' keen observations on life. With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

Tickets for **An Evening with David Sedaris** start at \$39 and can be purchased by visiting [TheSoraya.org](http://TheSoraya.org) or calling (818) 677-3000. Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts is located on the campus of California State University, Northridge (CSUN), 18111 Nordhoff Street Northridge, CA 91330-8448, at the corner of Nordhoff and Lindley.

#### **About David Sedaris**

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. He is the master of satire and one of today's most observant writers addressing the human condition, especially apparent in his latest book, a collection of his diaries entitled *Theft By Finding: Diaries (1977-2002)* (May 2017).

Beloved for his personal essays and short stories, David Sedaris is the author of *Barrel Fever*, *Holidays on Ice*, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, and *Theft By Finding: Diaries (1977-2002)*. He is the author of *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary*, a collection of fables with illustrations by Ian Falconer. Each of these books was an immediate bestseller. He was also the editor of *Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories*. His pieces regularly appear in *The New Yorker* and have twice been included in "The Best American Essays." There are over ten million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 25 languages.

He and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated under the name "The Talent Family" and have written half-a-dozen plays which have been produced at La Mama, Lincoln Center, and The Drama Department in New York City. These plays include *Stump the Host*, *Stitches*, *One Woman Shoe*, which received an Obie Award, *Incident at Cobbler's Knob*, and *The Book of Liz*, which was published in book form by Dramatists Play Service.

Sedaris's original audio pieces can often be heard on the public radio show *This American Life*. He has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His latest audio recording of new stories (recorded live) is "David Sedaris: Live for Your Listening Pleasure" (November 2009). A feature film adaptation of his story *C.O.G.* was released after a premiere at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). Since 2011, he can be heard annually on a series of live recordings on BBC Radio 4 entitled "Meet David Sedaris."

As a companion piece to *Theft By Finding*, Jeffrey Jenkins published and edited an art book of Sedaris's diary covers, entitled *David Sedaris Diaries: A Visual Compendium* (October 2017). A forthcoming book of essays entitled *Calypso* is set to be published May 2018, and a second volume of his diaries is expected for summer 2019.

You can follow David on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/davidsedaris](http://www.facebook.com/davidsedaris) or visit his official website at <http://www.davidsedarisbooks.com/>

**"Sedaris ain't the preeminent humorist of his generation by accident" —Whitney Pastorek, *Entertainment Weekly***

**"Sedaris has hit upon the narrative equivalent of Pepsi, or the PlayStation, or oxygen, or the haircut: something that others in the world might actually want and find useful. . . He's smart, he's caustic, he's mordant, and, somehow, he's . . . well, nice." —Bill Richardson, *Toronto Globe and Mail***

**"Sedaris's droll assessment of the mundane and the eccentrics who inhabit the world's crevices make him one of the greatest humorists writing today."---*Chicago Tribune***

**"Sedaris belongs on any list of people writing in English at the moment who are revising our ideas about what's funny." ---*San Francisco Chronicle***

#### **Calendar Listing for An Evening with David Sedaris**

**Venue:** Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts

18111 Nordhoff Street  
Northridge, CA 91330

**Date:** Saturday, May 12 at 8:00pm

**Tickets:** **Prices:** Starting at \$39. Prices subject to change.

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