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An Evening with David Sedaris

NPR Humorist and Best-selling Author of *Me Talk Pretty One Day* and *When You Are Engulfed in Flames* announces 2012 Australia/NZ theatre tour

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.

David Sedaris is the author *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice*, as well as collections of personal essays, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, and *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, each of which became a bestseller. There are a total of seven million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 25 languages. He was the editor of *Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories*. Sedaris's pieces appear regularly in *The New Yorker* and have twice been included in "The Best American Essays." His newest book, a collection of fables entitled *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary* (with illustrations by Ian Falconer), was published in September 2010 and immediately hit the *NYT* Bestseller Fiction List.

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. David Sedaris's original radio pieces can often be heard on *This American Life*, distributed nationally by Public Radio International and produced by WBEZ. David Sedaris 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).

You can follow David on Facebook at www.facebook.com/davidsedaris

"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

Australia/NZ Tour Dates January 2012

Wed 11 Jan ATHENAEUM THEATRE, Melbourne
& Thu 12 Jan www.ticketek.com.au or phone 132 849

Fri 13 Jan HER MAJESTYS THEATRE, Adelaide
www.bass.net.au or phone 131 246

Sat 14 Jan ASTOR THEATRE, Perth
www.bocsticketing.com.au or phone 9484 1133

Mon 16 Jan SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, Sydney
www.sydneyoperahouse.com or phone 9250 7777

Tue 17 Jan POWERHOUSE THEATRE, Brisbane
www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

Wed 18 Jan AUCKLAND TOWN HALL Concert Chamber, Auckland
& Thu 19 Jan www.buytickets.co.nz or phone 0800 BUY TICKETS

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