

Society for the Performing Arts  
Presents  
**An Evening with David Sedaris**

Tuesday, October 21 at 8 p.m.  
Jones Hall

David Sedaris will read from new and unpublished works.

### **About David Sedaris**

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 of the bestsellers *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice*, as well as collections of personal essays, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, and *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, each of which became immediate bestsellers. There are a total of seven million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 25 languages. He is the editor of an anthology of stories, *Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories*. His essays appear regularly in *Esquire* and *The New Yorker*. Sedaris and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated under the name "The Talent Family" and have written several 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 Dramatist's Play Service. His most recent collection of essays, titled *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, were published in June 2008.

David Sedaris' original radio pieces can often be heard on "This American Life," distributed nationally by Public Radio International and produced by WBEZ. In 2001, David Sedaris became the third recipient of the Thurber Prize for American Humor. He was named by *Time* magazine as "Humorist of the Year" in 2001. David Sedaris was nominated for two Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word Album (*Dress Your Family in Corduroy & Denim*) and Best Comedy Album (*David Sedaris: Live at Carnegie Hall*).