



# Celebrity Series of Boston

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## **Celebrity Series of Boston**

Gary Dunning, President and Executive Director

### **Presents**

## ***Seven Things I've Learned: An Evening with Ira Glass***

Sunday, April 15, 2018, 7pm — Symphony Hall

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(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present [Seven Things I've Learned: An Evening with Ira Glass](#) on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 7pm at Symphony Hall, 301 Gainsborough Street, Boston, MA. This performance is generously sponsored in part by The D.L. Saunders Real Estate Corp.

Tickets start at \$30, and are available online at [www.celebrityseries.org](http://www.celebrityseries.org), by calling (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., or at Symphony Hall's Hall Box Office, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA.

This performance marks Ira Glass's fifth appearance with the Celebrity Series; his debut performance was in 2006 with Terry Gross, and he was seen most recently in 2015 with dancers Monica Bill Barnes and Anna Bass in "Three Acts, Two Dancers, One Radio Host."

Using audio clips, music, and video, Ira Glass delivers a unique talk, sharing lessons from his life and career in storytelling: What inspires him to create? What drives his passion? How have failures and successes informed his decisions? During his presentation, he will mix stories live onstage and help his audience better follow the creative process of one of our foremost storytellers.

Ira Glass is the host and creator of the public radio program *This American Life*. The show is heard each week by over 2.2 million listeners on more than 500 public radio stations, with another 2.5 million downloading each podcast. He's also one of the editors of the podcasts *Serial* and *S-Town*.

Glass began his career as an intern at National Public Radio's network headquarters in Washington, DC in 1978, when he was 19 years old. Over the years, he worked on nearly every NPR network news program and held virtually every production job in NPR's Washington headquarters. He has been a tape cutter, newscast writer, desk assistant, editor, reporter and producer. He has filled in as host of *Talk of the Nation* and *Weekend All Things Considered*.

He put *This American Life* on the air in 1995. A television adaptation of *This American Life* ran on Showtime for two seasons and Glass has produced three feature films: Mike Birbiglia's "Don't Think Twice" and "Sleepwalk with Me," and the Netflix movie "Come Sunday."

Under Glass's editorial direction, *This American Life* has won the highest honors for broadcasting and journalistic excellence, including six Peabody awards. In 1999, the *American Journalism*

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*Review* declared that *This American Life* was “in the vanguard of a journalistic revolution” and since then, a generation of podcasts and radio shows have sprung up — *Radiolab*, *Invisibilia*, *StartUp*, *Reply All*, *Love + Radio*, *Heavyweight* — building on the style of narrative journalism championed by Glass and his staff.

“Mr. Glass is a journalist but also a storyteller who filters his interviews and impressions through a distinctive literary imagination, an eccentric intelligence, and a sympathetic heart.”  
— *The New York Times*

“What’s amazing is how new [This American Life] sounds. It has this beat all to itself...These stories float right into your brain and lodge there.”  
— *The Nation*

“We’re blessed from time to time, with a spontaneous generation of humor and insight....[Ira Glass] finds—uncovers—drama and humor in the most pedestrian of places.”  
— *David Mamet*

### **About Celebrity Series of Boston**

Celebrity Series of Boston was founded in 1938 by pianist and impresario Aaron Richmond. Over the course of its 79-year history, Celebrity Series has presented an array of the world’s greatest performing artists, including Sergei Rachmaninoff, Arturo Toscanini, Ignace Paderewski, Artur Rubenstein, Vladimir Horowitz, Glenn Gould, Fritz Kreisler, Jascha Heifetz, Isaac Stern, Andrés Segovia, Kirsten Flagstad, Marian Anderson, Luciano Pavarotti, Béla Bartók, Igor Stravinsky, Martha Graham, Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Mstislav Rostropovich, and the New York City Opera Company.

From orchestras and chamber ensembles, vocal and piano music, to dance companies, jazz, spoken word, and more, Celebrity Series has been bringing great artists to Boston’s major concert halls for nearly eight decades. The Celebrity Series of Boston believes in the power of excellence and innovation in the performing arts to enrich life experiences, transform lives and build better communities. Through its *Arts for All!* community programs, the Celebrity Series seeks to build a community of Greater Boston where the performing arts are a valued, lifelong, shared experience—on stages, in schools, at home— everywhere.

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