

## **Celebrity Series is now VIVO PERFORMING ARTS**

THU APR 9, 2026 7:30PM  
SYMPHONY HALL

### **DAVID SEDARIS**

At the end of this evening's program, which will run approximately 60 minutes without intermission, Mr. Sedaris will take questions from the audience.

Robert Lee is providing ASL interpretation for this evening's event.

Books are available for purchase in the lobby courtesy of the Harvard Book Store. Mr. Sedaris will sign books in the O'Block/Kay Room at the Huntington Ave end of the Orchestra level following this evening's program.

David Sedaris appears by arrangement with Steven Barclay Agency.

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## DAVID SEDARIS

David Sedaris is one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. He is a master of satire and one of today's most observant writers.

Beloved for his personal essays and short stories, David Sedaris is the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *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*, *Calypso*, and *Happy-Go-Lucky*. The audio version of *Happy-Go-Lucky*, written and narrated by Sedaris, won the 2023 Audie Award. His book *The Best of Me*, collects 42 previously published stories and essays. Sedaris also wrote *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary*, a collection of fables with illustrations by Ian Falconer. His next book of essays will be *The Land and Its People* (Back Bay Books, May 26, 2026).

Sedaris writes regularly for *The New Yorker* and his essays have been included in "The Best American Essays." The two volumes of his diaries, *Theft By Finding: Diaries (1977-2002)* and *A Carnival of Snackery, Diaries (2003-2020)*, were *New York Times* bestsellers. An art book of Sedaris' diary covers, *David Sedaris Diaries: A Visual Compendium*, was edited by Jeffrey Jenkins. He is the editor of *Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories*. His children's book, *Pretty Ugly*, illustrated by Ian Falconer, received a 'star' review from *Kirkus*. His new children's book *The Selfish Sister* (Astra / TOON Books, March 17, 2026) with illustrations by Bob Staake also received a 'star' review from *Kirkus*.

Sedaris and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated under the name "The Talent Family" and have written a half-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 has been nominated for five Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His audio recordings include "*David Sedaris: Live for Your Listening Pleasure*" and "*David Sedaris Live at Carnegie Hall*." A feature film adaptation of his story *C.O.G.* was released after a premiere at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). Since 2011 his show *Meet David Sedaris* has been on BBC Radio 4. In 2026 *Meet David Sedaris won the BBC Audio Drama Award for Best Stand Up or Sketch Comedy*. In 2019 David Sedaris became a regular contributor to CBS Sunday Morning, and his Masterclass, *David Sedaris Teaches Storytelling and Humor*, was released.

There are more than 16 million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 32 languages. He has been awarded the Terry Southern Prize for Humor, Thurber Prize for American Humor, Jonathan Swift International Literature Prize for Satire and Humor, *Time* 2001 Humorist of the Year Award,

as well as the Medal for Spoken Language from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In March 2019 he was elected as a member into the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 2020 the New York Public Library voted *Me Talk Pretty One Day* one of the 125 most important books of the last 125 years. In 2025 he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Literature degree by the University of Chichester.

***FROM THE ARCHIVES...***

**VIVO PERFORMING ARTS & DAVID SEDARIS**

David Sedaris appeared with Vivo Performing Arts (then Celebrity Series) for the first time in October 2002, and makes his 17th appearance this evening.