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## Portland Arts & Lectures Presents Frank McCourt

Portland, Ore. – Portland Arts & Lectures is pleased to present Pulitzer Prize winner **Frank McCourt** on **Monday, November 20, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall** (1037 SW Broadway). Tickets are \$26 at [www.literary-arts.org](http://www.literary-arts.org).

Frank McCourt continues to charm readers with his latest memoir, *Teacher Man* (2005), culling anecdotes from 30 years of teaching in New York public high schools. Philip Lopate calls the book “an enthralling work of autobiographical storytelling,” while fellow memoirist Mary Karr notes that McCourt’s “lyrical Irish voice will draw comparisons to Joyce. It’s that seductive, that hilarious.”

A self-professed “late bloomer, a johnny-come-lately,” McCourt burst to prominence with *Angela’s Ashes* (1996), a memoir that finds redemption in hardship and won the first-time author a Pulitzer Prize. McCourt picked up his life story with *‘Tis: A Memoir* (1999), which narrates his first years in America after emigrating from Ireland at the age of 19.

This evening with Frank McCourt is underwritten by **Union Bank of California**. The Portland Arts & Lectures series continues on Thursday, February 8, 2007, with Suzan-Lori Parks, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of *Topdog/Underdog*. The 2006-2007 Portland Arts & Lectures series is sponsored by Gard & Gerber, Oregon Council for the Humanities, Powell’s Books and Willamette University, with major support from *The Oregonian*.

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