

**2008/2009 Portland Arts & Lectures**  
**presents**  
**Richard Russo**

**Portland, Oregon - Literary Arts** is pleased to announce an evening with Pulitzer-Prize winning author **Richard Russo**, underwritten by Hoffman Construction Company.

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**September 18, 2008**

**7:30 p.m.** at the **Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall** (1037 SW Broadway, Portland)

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., box office opens at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 Upper Balcony only, all other sections sold out!

Exclusively through the PCPA box office (1111 SW Broadway) or Ticketmaster

"In my books I'm trying to make the comic and the serious rub up against each other just as closely and uncomfortably as I can," says author Richard Russo. Readers of his novels can attest to the power and beauty of these jarring juxtapositions. Critics have compared Russo's mastery to that of Sinclair Lewis, and *Esquire* extolled his elegiac portraits of declining small towns by dubbing him the "Stendahl of blue-collar America." *Bridge of Sighs* (2007), his most recent novel, returns to the theme that haunts Russo's earlier works: how do the places and experiences that define and nurture us also limit and inhibit us?

Richard Russo is the author of six novels, including *Empire Falls*, winner of the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, as well as numerous short stories and screenplays.

The 2008/2009 Portland Arts & Lectures series also includes Annie Leibowitz, Michael Pollan, Ann Patchett & Elizabeth Gilbert, Scott Simon and Mira Nair.

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