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Literary Arts Presents David Sedaris
A Benefit for Writers in the Schools

Portland, Ore. – Literary Arts is pleased to present David Sedaris on **Sunday, April 22, 2007**, at **7:30 p.m.** at the Keller Auditorium (222 SW Clay).

The performance is **sold-out**. For event information, please call 503.227.2583.

This evening with David Sedaris is a benefit event for Literary Arts' **Writers in the Schools (WITS)** program. WITS places published and professional writers in 16 Portland high schools to teach creative writing and contemporary literature in classrooms across academic disciplines. Every year, WITS reaches **more than 3,000 students**. For more information, please contact John Morrison, WITS Program Director, at 503.227.2583.

This event is sponsored by **Comcast**.

David Sedaris Biography:

The New Yorker has called bestselling essayist David Sedaris “one of the best-loved humorists of our time, writing with perfect pitch about the ludicrousness of our age.”

Since his first appearance on public radio in 1992, Sedaris has published six books, including *Naked* (1998), *Me Talk Pretty One Day* (2000) and *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* (2004). His first radio essay, *The SantaLand Diaries*, describes his experiences working as an elf at Macy's department store during Christmas in New York. Sedaris is frequently featured on *This American Life*, and contributes regularly to *Esquire* and *The New Yorker*. In 2001, he was named “Humorist of the Year” by *Time* magazine. He has also received the Thurber Prize for American Humor.

Literary Arts will present a special event with *New York Times* crossword puzzle editor Will Shortz on Thursday, May 10, 2007. Tickets are available at www.literary-arts.org. Literary Arts will announce the 2007-2008 Portland Arts & Lectures series in April.

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