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Calvin Trillin to Open Literary Arts' 2006-2007 Portland Arts & Lectures Series

Portland, Ore. – Due to an unforeseen change in events, Joan Didion has cancelled her fall travel and will not appear in Portland Arts & Lectures on October 5, 2006.

Literary Arts is pleased to announce that Ms. Didion's friend and colleague **Calvin Trillin** will commence the 2006-2007 Portland Arts & Lectures series on **Tuesday, October 10, 2006**. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For more information, please call Literary Arts at 503.227.2583 or visit www.literary-arts.org.

Calvin Trillin is a longtime contributor to *The New Yorker* and the "deadline poet" for *The Nation*, where he writes a column of comic verse about contemporary politics. He is perhaps best known for his writing about food and American regional cuisine, collected in *The Tummy Trilogy* (1994). His forthcoming memoir, *About Alice*, follows his recent *New Yorker* article, "Alice, Off the Page."

In 1984, Trillin kicked off the inaugural Portland Arts & Lectures season. Visiting in 1989, he praised the Northwest as "everybody's favorite region."

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