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An Evening With david sedaris

**The Best-Selling Author, Humorist and Contributor to
This American Life
Live at Aurora's Paramount Theatre on November 20**



Visit ParamountAurora.com/press-kits for this photo of David Sedaris.

AURORA, IL, June 19, 2018 – David Sedaris, author of the previous bestsellers *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, and regular National Public Radio contributor will be appearing for one night only at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd. in downtown Aurora, Tuesday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m., following the release of his newest book and *New York Times* #1 Best Seller, *Calypso*.

This is a unique opportunity to see the best-selling humorist in an intimate setting. As always, Sedaris will be offering a selection of all-new readings and recollections, as well as a Q&A session and post-show book signing.

All seats are reserved, range in price from \$49-\$59 and are subject to additional taxes and fees. Tickets go on sale to the public on Friday, July 13, 2018 at 10 a.m. 2018/2019 Broadway Subscribers can purchase tickets starting today at 10 a.m. For tickets and information, visit ParamountAurora.com, call the box office at **(630) 896-6666**, or stop by the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd in downtown Aurora, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, Sedaris has become one of America's preeminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris returns to the road following the release of his most deeply personal and darkly hilarious collection, *Calypso*. Sedaris sets his formidable powers of observation toward middle age and mortality. Make no mistake: these stories are very, very funny – it's a book that can make you laugh until you

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snort, the way only family can. Sedaris's powers of observation have never been sharper, and his ability to shock readers into laughter unparalleled. But much of the comedy here is born out of that vertiginous moment when your own body betrays you and you realize that the story of your life is made up of more past than future.

If you love David Sedaris's cheerfully misanthropic stories, you might think you know what you're getting into at his live readings. You'd be wrong. To see him read his own work on stage allows his autobiographical narrative to reveal a uniquely personal narrative that will keep you laughing throughout the evening. Don't miss this event!

Subscribe now to Paramount's 2018-19 Broadway Series

See why everyone is buzzing about the amazing musicals now produced and presented at the Chicago-area's most decorated theater. Join the growing ranks of more than 36,000 Broadway Series subscribers at downtown Aurora's Paramount Theatre, now the most heavily subscribed theater in all of Chicago, and the second largest in the nation.

Paramount's 2018-19 Broadway Series includes four blockbuster musicals: *Legally Blonde* (September 5-October 21, 2018), *The Wizard of Oz* (November 14, 2018-January 6, 2019) and *The Producers* (February 6-March 17, 2019). For its season finale, and for the first time in its history, Paramount's fourth production will be a brand new musical, the world premiere of *August Rush*, based on the Oscar-nominated movie (April 24-June 2, 2019).

Four-show packages for Paramount's 2018-19 Broadway Series start at just \$72, and are on sale now. That's four Broadway-caliber productions in a historic Art Deco theatrical palace for less than the price and hassle of one show downtown. To subscribe or purchase single tickets, visit ParamountAurora.com, call **(630) 896-6666**, or stop by the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd. in Aurora.

Paramount Theatre's Broadway Series is sponsored by BMO Harris Bank, The Dunham Fund, ComEd and City of Aurora.

Also coming to Paramount Theatre in 2018-19

Tickets are currently on sale to:

American Psychic author Marla Frees

Saturday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.

At the Copley Theatre, 8 E. Galena Blvd. in downtown Aurora

Actress turned *American Psychic* author Marla Frees, joined by longtime friend and Artistic Director of Paramount Theatre, Jim Corti, will lead an on-stage discussion about listening to your intuition. Frees will then work with the audience sharing her psychic and mediumship gifts.

Tickets: \$20, or \$35 for the show plus a signed copy of Frees's new book

Happy Together Tour 2018

Friday, August 17, 8 p.m.

Six headline artists who delivered the biggest hits of the sixties and seventies - The Turtles, Chuck Negron, formerly of Three Dog Night, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, Mark Lindsay, former lead singer of Paul Revere & the Raiders and The Cowsills - promise to make audiences happy together at Paramount.

Tickets: \$59.50

Tickets go on sale to the general public Friday, June 22 at 10 a.m. for the following shows:

Purple Reign: The Prince Tribute Show

Friday, October 26, 8 p.m.

Prince may be gone, but his music endures with Purple Reign, the world's #1 Prince tribute band

Tickets: \$37-\$57

Barbra & Frank: The Concert That Never Was...

Sunday, October 28, 2 p.m.

Two of the biggest voices in history never performed together, but this is your chance to experience what it would have been like to see Barbra Streisand and Frank Sinatra live on stage

Tickets: \$35

Craig Ferguson: Hobo Fabulous Tour

Friday, November 2, 2018, 8 p.m.

Comedian. Actor. Author. Director. Grammy nominee. Emmy winner. Former host of *The Late Late Show*.

Craig Ferguson has done it all. Now Ferguson is bringing his hilarious stand-up to Aurora.

Tickets: \$45-\$80

The Second City's Holiday Revue

Thursday, November 29-Sunday, December 23, 2018

In the Copley Theatre, in the North Island Center, 8 E. Galena Blvd., across from Paramount Theatre

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Chicago's famed sketch and improv comedy theater comes back to Aurora with another hilarious take on the holidays.

Tickets: \$36

The Midtown Men

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

They took Broadway by storm in *Jersey Boys*. Now The Midtown Men are on their seventh national tour, singing their favorite "Sixties Hits" from The Beatles, The Rascals, The Turtles, Motown, The Four Seasons and more.

Tickets: \$45-\$55

Stay tuned for news of more nationally renowned artists coming to Paramount Theatre in 2018-19.

About the Paramount Theatre

The Paramount Theatre (ParamountAurora.com), 23 E. Galena Blvd. in downtown Aurora, is the center for performing arts, entertainment and arts education in the second largest city in Illinois. The Paramount opened on September 3, 1931. It was designed by renowned theater architects C.W. and George L. Rapp, and is graced with a beautiful Venetian decor with a strong 1930s Art Deco influence. It also was the first air-conditioned building outside of Chicago. From silent films to the first "Talkies," from Vaudeville to Bobby Vinton, from Dionne to Donny and Marie, the Paramount Theatre has provided Aurora and the Fox Valley the best of entertainment for generations.

In 1976, the Aurora Civic Center Authority (ACCA) restored the Paramount to its original grandeur. The Paramount Arts Centre reopened in 1978, offering a variety of touring theatrical, musical, comedy, dance and family programming. In 2006, a 12,000-square-foot, two-story Grand Gallery lobby was added, including a Grand Staircase, new box office, café and art gallery.

In 2010, ACCA hired Tim Rater as President and CEO of the Paramount Theatre. Rater's mission was to boost the theater's programming and audience base by transforming the Paramount into one of Chicago's top self-producing, professional Equity musical theaters. Rater hired award-winning Chicago director Jim Corti as the Paramount's first-ever artistic director.

In 2011, the Paramount introduced its inaugural four-play Broadway Series with Corti's critically acclaimed production of *My Fair Lady*. In just six blockbuster seasons since, Paramount has leapt to the top of Chicago's musical theater scene, winning unanimous audience and critical acclaim, and an unprecedented number of Joseph Jefferson nominations and awards, including Best Musical-Large for the past three consecutive seasons.

Today, the 1,888-seat Paramount Theatre remains nationally renowned for the quality and caliber of its presentations, historic beauty and superb acoustics. More than 36,000 subscribers from throughout the city and suburbs enjoy Paramount's Broadway-quality productions at highly affordable prices, making the Paramount the second largest subscription house in the nation. In addition to its Broadway Series, Paramount continues to present an eclectic array of internationally known comedians, music stars, dance events and family shows, and on most Mondays, screens a classic movie for just \$1.

The Paramount is one of three live performance venues programmed and managed by the ACCA, which also oversees the Paramount's "sister" stage, the intimate 173-seat Copley Theatre located across the street from the Paramount at 8 E. Galena Blvd., as well as RiverEdge Park, downtown Aurora's summer outdoor concert venue at 360 N. Broadway.

Rater and his team also are preparing to open the new Paramount School of the Arts in the John C. Dunham Aurora Arts Center, currently under construction adjacent to the Paramount. Paramount's new school will encourage and train young actors, dancers and musicians for a culture-filled life, nurture the arts in Chicago's western suburbs and add to the excitement, cultural and economic activity in downtown Aurora. Courses for children as young as six months will be offered with opportunities for adults and seniors, as well. Registration opens in the fall for a full roster of classes, private lessons and camps in acting, music and dance to launch in early 2019.

The Paramount Theatre continues to expand its artistic and institutional boundaries under the guidance of Tim Rater, President and CEO, Aurora Civic Center Authority; Jim Corti, Artistic Director, Paramount Theatre; a dedicated Board of Trustees and a devoted staff of live theater and music professionals. For more, visit ParamountAurora.com or call **(630) 896-6666**.

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