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Fran Lebowitz Brings Sharp, Hilariously Urban Wit to Carpenter Center Nov. 21
The best-selling author and social commentator will answer audience questions off-the-cuff on a wide range of controversial and topical issues.

LONG BEACH, California —A master of urban wit and pointed social satire, best-selling author Fran Lebowitz will speak Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, part of Cal State Long Beach.

Lebowitz is known for her hilarious insights into timely issues that range from gender, race and gay rights to celebrity culture, tourists and baby strollers.

During the first segment of the show, Lebowitz will be interviewed on stage by CSULB President Jane Close-Conoley. Then the author will demonstrate her famously sharp wit in answering the audience's questions.

Lebowitz has become particularly well-known for her witty one-liners, such as:

- “Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying.”
- “Great people talk about ideas, average people talk about things, and small people talk about wine.”
- “Success didn't spoil me, I've always been insufferable.”

Fran Lebowitz first hit the New York literary scene in the early 70's when Andy Warhol hired her to write a column for his famous Interview magazine. Almost immediately, she became a mainstay in the magazine world.

As a regular contributor to both Interview and Mademoiselle, she soon became a name associated with irreverent humor. She wrote two best-selling books, “Metropolitan Life” and “Social Studies.”

More recently, Lebowitz has been the subject of a feature-length HBO documentary by Martin Scorsese called "Public Speaking." The film also features her longtime friend Toni Morrison as they discuss a wide variety of topics onstage.

Lebowitz is a frequent guest of talk show hosts like Jimmy Fallon, David Letterman and Bill Maher. Last August she traded quips with Fallon; when he asked if there were any good books he could check out, she replied, "You can check them out. I'm not sure that you can read them."

Fran Lebowitz's appearance is part of the Carpenter Center's Wit and Wisdom Series, which also includes performances by Lily Tomlin and Kathleen Madigan. Single tickets to see Fran Lebowitz start at \$50, and subscriptions to the full Wit and Wisdom Series are \$125. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

ABOUT THE CARPENTER CENTER

Founded in 1994, the Carpenter Performing Arts Center seats 1,062 patrons. The Center is named after pop music duo Richard and Karen Carpenter, who both attended California State University, Long Beach. For more than 20 years, the Carpenter Center has brought hundreds of professional performances to the CSULB campus. Both established stars and the gifted talent of the future have delighted Carpenter Center audiences with music, dance, comedy and much more.

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