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Julian Sands Honors 'Most Influential Playwright in a Generation' at Carpenter Performing Arts Center March 28

*The work of Nobel prizewinner Harold Pinter is celebrated in this performance
directed by John Malkovich.*

LONG BEACH, California – Nobel laureate Harold Pinter is known for being brash, abrasive and sometimes downright rude. The playwright and poet has also been described by the New York Times as “the most influential dramatist of his generation.” British actor Julian Sand will perform “A Celebration of Harold Pinter,” an intimate understanding of this complex writer, on March 28 at 8 p.m. inside the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center, 6200 Atherton St. on the campus of Cal State Long Beach.

Sands, whose diverse accomplishments include the film “A Room with a View” and the TV series “Gotham,” is the sole performer in this 2013 Drama Desk Award-nominated presentation of Pinter’s life and work.

Three years before his death, Pinter had been preparing to deliver his poetry in London when illness stopped him. He turned to Sands to perform the poems and worked closely with the actor to get every inflection and every word just right. Sands developed “A Celebration of Harold Pinter” from his time rehearsing the poems with Pinter.

This will be the 2014-15 season’s last performance of the Wit and Wisdom series at the Carpenter Center. The Wit and Wisdom series began in 2007 and combines performances that inspire laughter and intellectually engage. The series has included performers such as Ira Glass, Jane Fonda and Garrison Keillor.

Single tickets are still available and on sale now, starting at \$40. 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. For photos and other press inquiries, please contact Peter Schelden.

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