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SATIRIST CHRISTOPHER BUCKLEY OPENS THE DRUE HEINZ LECTURES 2006-2007 SEASON

On **Monday, September 25**, satirical author and essayist **Christopher Buckley** will open the 2006-2007 season of **The Drue Heinz Lectures** at the **Carnegie Music Hall** in Oakland at **7:30 p.m.** Buckley is widely known for his irreverent political satire that *Publishers Weekly* has pronounced “consistently hilarious and painfully topical.”

Buckley’s 11 novels include *The White House Mess*, *God is My Broker*, *No Way to Treat a First Lady*, and his most recent, *Florence of Arabia*. His 1994 novel *Thank You for Smoking* was adapted for a film which appeared earlier this year. Buckley has also published over 50 comic essays in *The New Yorker* and has written for a host of national publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *The Washington Post*. Son of conservative commentator William F. Buckley, Jr., Christopher Buckley served as chief speechwriter for Vice President George Bush until 1983. He was managing editor of *Esquire* magazine at the age of 24 and is currently the founder and editor-in-chief of *ForbesLife* magazine.

Christopher Buckley is one of 13 guests speaking during the 2006-2007 season of The Drue Heinz Lectures, Pittsburgh’s preeminent lecture series highlighting the work of today’s most important and engaging writers and commentators.

The 2006-2007 season also features:

Fall:

Susan Orlean – October 9

Bill Bryson – October 23

Jeff Shaara – November 13

Jhumpa Lahiri – November 20

Jacques Pépin – December 4

Spring:

Alice Hoffman – January 22

Michael Chabon & Ayelet Waldman – February 5

Colson Whitehead – February 19

Michael Pollan – March 5

Deborah Tannen – March 19

David Sedaris – April 2

Single tickets for any of The Drue Heinz Lectures, as well as subscriptions for a full or partial season, are available by calling 412-622-8866. Discounted tickets are also available for students and groups. The Drue Heinz Lectures are presented by Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures in association with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, and is sponsored by The Drue Heinz Trust. The series’ media sponsor is DUQ 90.5 FM.