

Advance Program Notes

Cheryl Strayed

A WILD Life

Thursday, September 28, 2017, 7:30 PM

These Advance Program Notes are provided online for our patrons who like to read about performances ahead of time. Printed programs will be provided to patrons at the performances. Programs are subject to change.

Cheryl Strayed *A WILD Life*



Cheryl Strayed is the author of the number one *New York Times* bestselling memoir *Wild*, the *New York Times* best sellers *Tiny Beautiful Things* and *Brave Enough*, and the novel *Torch*. Her books have been translated into 40 languages around the world. *Wild* was chosen by Oprah Winfrey as her first selection for Oprah's Book Club 2.0. The Oscar-nominated movie adaptation of *Wild* stars Reese Witherspoon as Strayed and Laura Dern as Strayed's mother, Bobbi. The film was directed by Jean-Marc Vallée with a screenplay by Nick Hornby.

Strayed's essays have been published in *The Best American Essays*, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post Magazine*, *Vogue*, *Salon*, *The Sun*, *Tin House*, and elsewhere. Strayed is the co-host, along with Steve Almond, of the WBUR podcast *Dear Sugar Radio*, which originated with her popular *Dear Sugar* advice column on *The Rumpus*. Strayed holds a master of fine arts in fiction writing from Syracuse University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. She lives in Portland, Oregon.

For more information on Strayed, please visit prhspeakers.com.

Engagement Events

Thursday, September 28, 2017, 5 PM

CRAFT TALK: CHERYL STRAYED

Learn about Cheryl Strayed's approach to writing, and engage in an informal question-and-answer discussion with the visiting author.

Thursday, September 28, 2017, following the performance

MEET THE ARTIST: CHERYL STRAYED

After *A WILD Life*, meet Cheryl Strayed at this book-signing event. Strayed's books will be available for purchase.

Special thanks to Donna Mitchell, Erika Meitner, Matthew Vollmer, and Virginia Tech's Department of English

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Aspirations for Student Learning

Commit to unwavering **CURIOSITY**

Pursue **SELF-UNDERSTANDING** and **INTEGRITY**

Practice **CIVILITY**

Prepare for a life of **COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP**

Embrace **UT PROSIM** (That I May Serve) as a way of life

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Keystone Happening Reflections for Cheryl Strayed

What moments in Strayed's story inspired courage in you? Why?

For more resources for educators, students, and lifelong learners to help you dig deeper and engage with this performance and our other season performances, view our Learning Guide at artscenter.vt.edu/experiences.

In the Galleries



PIA FRIES

September 14-December 9, 2017

Ruth C. Horton Gallery and Francis T. Eck Exhibition Corridor

Internationally acclaimed artist Pia Fries (Swiss, based in Dusseldorf, Germany) integrates silkscreened fragments of 17th-century Baroque and Mannerist prints into a hybrid fusion of figuration and abstraction, art historical tradition and adventurous innovation. Intense color and lush paint career, halt, retreat, then advance across expanses of empty white surfaces in a statement about the intersection of movement and stasis, past and present, and art and life. This exhibition presents a selection of paintings and prints from renowned private collections and prominent galleries in New York and California. For more information on this artist, please visit piafries.com.

GALLERY HOURS

Monday-Friday, 10 AM-5:30 PM

Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM

To arrange a group tour or class visit, please contact Meggin Hicklin, exhibitions program manager, at megh79@vt.edu.