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Koffler Centre of the Arts presents
The Dorothy Schoichet Lecture Series
Fran Lebowitz: In Conversation

Sunday, April 22, 2018 | 4 PM
Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema

“Success didn’t spoil me, I’ve always been insufferable.”
– Fran Lebowitz

November 30, 2017 ... The Koffler Centre of the Arts is thrilled to present an afternoon with author, raconteur, cultural satirist and American cultural icon **Fran Lebowitz**, on Sunday April 22 at 4 PM at Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema. Tickets are available through the Koffler by calling 647-925-0643, or online at kofflerarts.org

In a cultural landscape filled with endless pundits and talking heads, Fran Lebowitz stands out as one of America’s most insightful social commentators. Offering her acerbic views on current events and the media, her writing — pointed, taut and economical — is equally forthright, irascible, and unapologetically opinionated. Lebowitz is widely sought out for her razor-sharp commentary on everything from cigarettes to the Trump presidency.

Purveyor of urban cool, Lebowitz has been called “the heir to Dorothy Parker,” and was once named one of the year’s most stylish women by Vanity Fair. At age 67, she remains a style icon.

For her first Toronto appearance in five years, Lebowitz will hold court on stage, in conversation with a moderator (TBA), followed by an audience Q & A. Copies of her collected essays, *The Fran Lebowitz Reader*, will be available for purchase at the event through Ben McNally Books.

ABOUT FRAN LEBOWITZ

Lebowitz worked odd jobs, such as taxi driving, belt peddling, and apartment cleaning before being hired by Andy Warhol as a columnist for *Interview*. Her first book, a collection of essays titled *Metropolitan Life*, was an international bestseller, as was a second collection, *Social Studies*. Lebowitz has also worked in television (*Law & Order*), film (*The Wolf of Wall Street*), and has long been a regular on various talk shows including those hosted by Jimmy Fallon, Conan O’Brien, and Bill Maher. She appears in various documentary films including the *American Experience* series on New York City, as well as *Mapplethorpe: Look at the Pictures* (2016), *Regarding Susan Sontag* (2014), and *Superstar: The Life and Times of Andy Warhol* (1990). *Public Speaking*, a documentary about Lebowitz directed by Martin Scorsese, premiered on HBO in November 2010.

Lebowitz lives in New York City, as she does not believe that she would be allowed to live anywhere else.

“An original gangster by any standard, she’s completely self-invented and did it her way — sardonic, entertaining, insightful.” — *Papermag*

“Before the amusements of ... *The Onion* or *Sex and the City*, there was Fran Lebowitz: the single inheritor to the smart-not-smarmy, sarcastic, cosmopolitan crown left by Dorothy Parker.” — *Philadelphia City Paper*

“Hilarious ... an unlikely and perhaps alarming combination of Mary Hartman and Mary McCarthy ... To a dose of Huck Finn add some Lenny Bruce, Oscar Wilde and Alexis de Tocqueville, a dash of cab driver, an assortment of puns, minced jargon, and top it off with smarty pants.” — *New York Times*

“She could be asked about her thoughts on shoelaces, and I guarantee her answer would keep you interested.”
—*NJ Arts*

Listing information:

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