



The Wallis and Writers Bloc Present

Senator Al Franken

In Conversation with Marc Maron on Friday, July 7 at 7:30pm

(Beverly Hills, CA May 26) The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and Writers Bloc present a special one-night-only event featuring **Senator Al Franken (D-MN)** in conversation with podcaster **Marc Maron** on Friday, July 7 at 7:30pm. The two comedians will come together on the stage of the Bram Goldsmith Theater for an intimate discussion about Franken's new book *Giant of the Senate*.

Al Franken used to be a comedian, our nation's foremost political satirist. Then he decided to run for office. His new book, *Giant of the Senate*, takes us deep into his unlikely campaign and into its more improbable ending—the closest Senate election outcome in history and an unprecedented eight month recount saga. Only Al Franken, a true "Giant of the Senate" could make that funny.

So what happens when an award-winning comedian with an army of loyal fans from "Saturday Night Live" and progressive radio, gets a chance to serve in the Senate? Senator Franken defies the low expectations from pundits and turns out to be good at it. *Giant of the Senate* is about our deeply polarized, frequently depressing and sometimes inspiring political culture. This candid memoir covers family, marriage, comedy and some of his most dramatic—and hilarious—moments in politics.

Marc Maron is the creator and host of the popular podcast, *WTF with Marc Maron*, in which he interviews comedians, celebrities and persons of interest—including former President Obama. Maron is a stand-up comedian, an author and the star of the television comedy series on IFC, *Maron*. He can be seen in the Netflix series *Glow* this summer.

Tickets for an evening with **Senator Al Franken** are currently on sale for \$50 and \$60, and include a copy of Franken's book *Giant of the Senate*. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <u>TheWallis.org/Franken</u>, call 310.746.4000, or stop by in person at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Services located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Ticket prices subject to change.

For more information about Senator Al Franken, please visit: <u>Franken.senate.gov</u>, or follow @<u>senFranken</u> on Twitter.

For more information about Marc Maron, please visit: <u>wtfpod.com</u>, or follow @<u>marcmaron</u> on Twitter.

For more information about Writers Bloc, please visit: <u>WritersBlocPresents.com</u>, like on <u>Facebook</u> and follow on <u>Twitter</u>.

For more information about The Wallis, please visit: <u>TheWallis.org</u>.

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TICKET INFORMATION:

What:	The Wallis and Writers Bloc present Senator Al Franken In conversation with Marc Maron
Where:	Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Bram Goldsmith Theater 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA, 90210
When:	Friday, July 7 at 7:30pm
Tickets:	Single tickets: \$50 and \$60, includes one copy of Senator Al Franken's book <i>Giant of the Senate</i> (prices subject to change) Online – <u>TheWallis.org/Franken</u> By Phone – 310.746.4000 Box Office – Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Service 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA, 90210

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