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Presents

Singer-Songwriter Suzanne Vega

on Friday, November 6 at 8 pm
at Sanders Theater

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present singer-songwriter **Suzanne Vega** on Friday, November 6 at 8pm at Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall, Harvard University, 45 Quincy Street, Cambridge. Vega will perform with guitarist Gerry Leonard and her longtime bassist Mike Visceglia.

This is Suzanne Vega's **Celebrity Series of Boston** debut.

Suzanne Vega was born in Santa Monica, CA, but grew up in Spanish Harlem and the Upper West Side of New York City. Her mother, a computer systems analyst and her stepfather, the Puerto Rican writer Egardo Vega Yunque played a heady mix of multicultural music at home: Motown, bossa nova, jazz and folk. At age 11 Vega picked up a guitar and as a teenager she started to write songs. She studied dance at the High School for the Performing Arts and later attended Barnard College where she majored in English Literature.

In 1979, Suzanne Vega was inspired by Lou Reed to embark on a career as a singer-songwriter. She began hanging out at the Greenwich Village Songwriter's Exchange and soon after, began performing at Greenwich Village clubs such as The Bottom Line and Folk City. She released her first album in 1985. Her 1987 follow-up, *Solitude Standing*, generated two of her most beloved hits, *Luka* and *Tom's Diner*.

While the 1980's established Suzanne Vega as a pillar of the neo-folk movement, the next decade was one of experimentation and growth. In the 1990's Suzanne Vega collaborated with minimalist composer Philip Glass on a track from her third album, *Days of Open Hand*, and his song cycle *Songs From Liquid Days*. She also experimented with electronic textures on her 1992 album *99.9F*. In 1999, *The Passionate Eye: The Collected Writings Of Suzanne Vega*, a volume of poems, lyrics, essays and journalistic pieces was published by Spike/ Avon Books.

Her most recent album is 2007's *Beauty & Crime*, a deeply personal reflection of her native New York City in the wake of the loss of her brother Tim and the tragedy of 9/11.

TICKETING INFORMATION

Tickets for Suzanne Vega are priced at \$49, \$43, and \$39, and are available by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., online at www.celebrityseries.org, or at the Harvard Box Office, Holyoke Center, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

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About Celebrity Series of Boston

Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance, and the performing arts from around the world. Founded in 1938, the Series incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 1989. Each year, the Celebrity Series brings to Boston's major concert halls performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz and popular music performers, folk and ethnic performance groups, and other performing artists. The Celebrity Series' Arts, Education and Community program was initiated in 1984. The program reaches thousands of students annually in Boston area schools and communities. The program includes the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, a six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students, and ACT 2, an after-school initiative for former participants of AileyCamp Boston. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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