



**LITERARY SENSATION AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR DAVE EGGERS
IN CONVERSATION WITH COLUMNIST JON CARROLL
AT BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE
7:00pm, February 1, 2010**

WHAT: Acclaimed columnist **Jon Carroll** will host an evening in conversation with the sensational best-selling author **Dave Eggers**. Eggers recently worked with beloved author Maurice Sendak to adapt the classic children's book *Where the Wild Things Are* both for the big screen, and a hugely successful teen version of the story called *The Wild Things*. He is the founder of **McSweeney's**, an independent publishing house, and is co-founder of **826 Valencia**, a non-profit writing center for youth. His first book, *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*, a memoir (with fictional elements,) shook the literary world, quickly becoming a bestseller and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction. His other works include *You Shall Know Our Velocity*, *Surviving Justice: America's Wrongfully Convicted and Exonerated*, and *What is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng* (a finalist for the 2006 National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction.) *Zeitoun*, Egger's best-selling work of narrative non-fiction telling the story of a Hurricane Katrina survivor published in July 2009, was called "riveting, intimate, wide-scanning, disturbing, and inspiring" by *Vanity Fair*. Eggers will talk about his incredible journey, both as a writer and advocate for aspiring writers in this lively and candid conversation. The evening's proceeds benefit the academic and financial assistance programs at **Park Day School** in Oakland.

WHEN: **Monday, February 1, 2010, 7:00pm**
Arrive early to purchase a glass of wine and find best seating.

WHERE: Berkeley Repertory Theatre
2025 Addison Street, Berkeley

TICKETS: Tickets (\$30) can be purchased in advance online at www.ParkDaySchool.org or by calling 510-653-0317 x103. (\$5 discount for students with valid student ID)

Additional "In-Conversation" event hosted by Jon Carroll:
March 1, 2010 – Scott Rosenberg