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ANNA DEAVERE SMITH

is an actress, a playwright, and an educator highly regarded for her "documentary theatre" style in plays such as the Pulitzer Prize-nominated Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Other Identities and Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992, which both featured her as the sole performer of multiple and diverse characters and explored issues of racial unrest. In her latest endeavor, the Pipeline Project, Smith investigates the cycle of suspension from school to incarceration that is prevalent among low-income Black, Brown, Latino, and Native American youth. In 2013 she was presented the National Humanities Medal by President Barack Obama and in 2015 she was the Jefferson Lecturer for the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is the recipient of numerous performing arts nominations and awards, among them the Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize, the prestigious MacArthur "genius" Award, two Obies, and two Tony nominations. Honorary degrees and distinctions have been conferred from such esteemed institutions as Yale, Juilliard, and Barnard. Smith is a professor in performance studies at New York University and the author of two books, Talk to Me: Listening Between the Lines and Letters to a Young Artist.

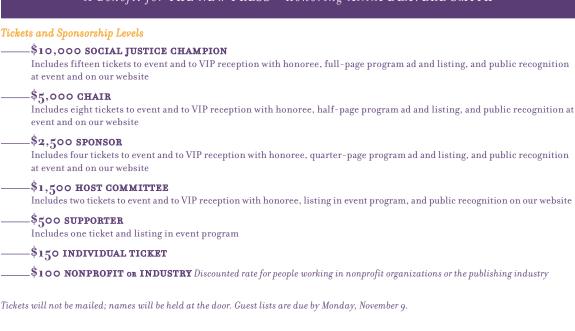
LAURA FLANDERS

is a longtime journalist, author, and media activist. She is the founder of the weekly program *The Laura Flanders Show/GRITtv* and the author of six books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *BUSHWOMEN: Tales of a Cynical Species* and *Blue GRIT: True Democrats Take Back Politics from the Politicians*. Flanders helped found and direct the Women's Desk at the media watch group Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting (FAIR). She is also a contributor to *The Nation*, *CounterPunch*, and the *Huffington Post*, as well as a regular guest on *Real Time with Bill Maher* and MSNBC.

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