



Celebrated Pulitzer Prize Winning Humor Columnist and Author, Dave Barry, to Speak at Graphics of the Americas 2009

**World-renowned satirist pays tribute to the written word
with his special brand of candor**

Miami Beach – September 18, 2008 – Celebrated Pulitzer Prize-winning humor columnist and author, Dave Barry is speaking at Graphics of the Americas (GOA) Exposition and Conference 2009 on opening day morning, February 26, at 11 a.m. The conference and tradeshow, attended by nearly 11,000 graphic arts industry professionals from 78 countries last year, is being held February 26-28 at the Miami Beach Convention Center in Miami Beach, Florida.

Barry, whose work includes a syndicated column that has appeared in over 500 newspapers around the world for the past 24 years, and who has authored 30 books, will bring his unique insights to GOA audiences.

“Dave Barry is one of the most recognized pop commentators of our time. He is an integral member of the publishing community with highly unique views to share about our industry and life in general. We look forward to Barry’s address at Graphics of the Americas,” says George Ryan, CEO and President of GOA and its management organization, Printing Association of Florida.

Dave Barry Biography

In 1988, humor columnist Dave Barry won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. Many people are still trying to figure out how this happened.

Dave has also written a total of 30 books, although virtually none of them contain useful information. Two of his books were used as the basis for the CBS TV sitcom "Dave's World," in which Harry Anderson played a much taller version of Dave.

Dave plays lead guitar in a literary rock band called the Rock Bottom Reminders, whose other members include Stephen King, Amy Tan, Ridley Pearson and Mitch Albom. They are not musically skilled, but they are extremely loud. Dave has also made

many TV appearances, including one on the David Letterman show where he proved that it is possible to set fire to a pair of men's underpants with a Barbie doll.

In his spare time, Dave is a candidate for president of the United States. If elected, his highest priority will be to seek the death penalty for whoever is responsible for making Americans install low-flow toilets.

Dave lives in Miami, Florida, with his wife, Michelle, a sportswriter. He has a son, Rob, and a daughter, Sophie, neither of whom thinks he's funny.

About Graphics of the Americas (GOA)

Now in its 34th year, Graphics of the Americas is produced annually by the Printing Association of Florida, Inc., a industry trade association. Taking place each year in Miami Beach, Fla., GOA is the largest, annual combined exposition and education event in the U.S. With worldwide attendance and exhibitors, GOA is one of the only conferences that attract print providers, suppliers and creative professionals. For 2009, GOA will be held Feb. 26 through Feb. 28, and will provide a one-of-a-kind international event that showcases the convergence of industry knowledge, products and technology. For more information call 1-800-331-0461 or visit www.graphicsoftheamericas.com. Outside the U.S. and Canada, dial + 1 407-240-8009.

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