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**RAE DOROUGH**  
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**October 9, 2014**  
**Thursday, 7:30 pm**

**MICHAEL KRASNY**  
**Off Mike: A Memoir of Talk Radio and Literary Life**

Fans of KQED's Forum and lovers of literature alike will be captivated by Michael Krasny's insights and amusing behind-the-scenes accounts as this admired Bay Area radio host discusses his biography *Off Mike: A Memoir of Talk Radio and Literary Life*. From his coming of age during the crazy '60's to the vivid accounts of his journey from a literature student to a struggling novelist to an educator and – somewhat accidentally – a radio host, Krasny's sharp commentary and insider anecdotes are sure to be riveting.



**November 13, 2014**  
**Thursday, 7:30 pm**

**KELLY CORRIGAN**  
**Family History – Can We Escape It?**

Kelly Corrigan, best selling author of *"The Middle Place"* and *"Glitter and Glue,"* examines the reasons why we choose the people we admire and how that changes over time. Her mother often describes their family this way: "Your father's the glitter, but I'm the glue." In this heartfelt presentation Corrigan connects who we are, both men and women, with who our parents are and how this history continues to shape us. A compelling storyteller, Corrigan will take you on a moving and humorous journey towards personal growth.



**January 29, 2015**  
**Thursday, 7:30 pm**

**PATRICK HUNT**  
**Getting to Know the Iceman: New Science on an Old Mummy**

What was life like in the Neolithic Age? Dr. Patrick Hunt describes new research on the oldest mummy ever discovered. "Otzi," found embedded in ice in the Oztal Alps, is over 5000 years old. Work on his frozen body is casting new light on how people ate, drank, clothed themselves and generally existed so long ago. Dr. Hunt, Stanford Alpine Archaeology Project, discusses how new scientific methods are helping archaeologists draw conclusions about the lives of our far off ancestors.



**April 16, 2015**  
**Thursday, 7:30 pm**

**JOHN MATHER**  
**The Story of our Universe: Beginning to End (and how we're finding out)**

Nobel Laureate and Astrophysicist, Dr. John C. Mather will explore the whole history of our universe, beginning with cosmic Inflation and a series of cosmic instabilities, leading to formation of stars, galaxies, and planets. He will discuss how the solar system made it possible for life to exist on Earth and show how the James Webb Space Telescope, being built for launch in 2018, will tell us more about our history. An even bigger telescope may show us signs of life on planets of other stars – Mather will speculate on how we, or our robotic progeny, could reach those planets.

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