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AUTHOR SHANTHI SEKARAN TO DISCUSS THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA TODAY IN LIVERMORE'S BANKHEAD THEATER

LIVERMORE –Author Shanthi Sekaran will discuss the interplay of immigration, parenting, class privilege and incarceration at the heart of her much acclaimed novel “Lucky Boy” in a Rae Dorough Speaker Series talk at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Bankhead Theater.

“Lucky Boy” is the story of two women and two very different immigrant experiences. In one story, 18-year-old Soli enters the U.S. from Mexico without papers. In the other, an Indian-American woman named Kavya struggles to have a baby with her husband, who works in Silicon Valley. Their stories converge around a baby, the “lucky boy” of the book’s title.

With immigration stories in the news almost daily and heated debate over related policy, Sekaran offers a clear-eyed view of the issues in all their complexity and human dimension. She delves deep into the stories that recount dramatically different immigration experiences.

“Immigration is the ultimate story – it encompasses every basic plot type: rags to riches, overcoming the monster, the quest, rebirth, comedy, tragedy, voyage and return,” Sekaran said in an interview published by BookBrowse. “Migration is a process of transcendence that reaches into so many aspects of our lives; it’s not always about passports and visas. Motherhood is a form of migration. So is love, and so is death.”

For additional information, see the Rae Dorough Speaker Series (RDSS) Website: <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/> Tickets – 925.373.6800 or www.bankheadtheater.org | PO Box 592 | Livermore | CA 94551

Tickets for the remaining speakers in the series as well as for individual presentations are available. Individual presentation tickets are \$16 for students and vary from \$32 to \$40 for adults. Tickets are now available online <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/tickets/> or may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., or by calling (925)-373-6800.

The speaker series, now entering its 11th season, honors the late Rae Dorough, a respected Livermore resident and strong supporter of cultural events. Members of her family and friends were the initiating sponsors in 2008. The series features provocative, entertaining and enlightening presentations on a wide variety of topics. Past speakers have included engineers, scientists, fiction and non-fiction writers and historians, entrepreneurs, comedians and entertainers, diplomats, astronauts, journalists, and even a former secretary of defense.

The Rae Dorough Speaker Series partners with the Livermore Valley Unified School District and Las Positas College to make presentations easily accessible to students and teachers.

The series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, Sandia National Laboratories, Tri-Valley Conservancy, the Alameda County Arts Commission and ImageSetters. Additionally, individual and corporate supporters help sponsor specific presentations.

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