

Mo Rocca, PJ O'Rourke and Peter Sagal to Speak in Des Moines**Date:** Thursday, February 24, 2011**Category:** Press Release

February 24, 2011 (Des Moines, IA) -- Iowa Public Radio welcomes Mo Rocca, PJ O'Rourke and Peter Sagal to Des Moines on Monday, March 7 for an evening of satire and stories. This is the third presentation in a four-part Insights Series.

Though best known to public radio listeners for their appearances on Chicago Public Radio's Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me!, Mo Rocca, PJ O'Rourke and Peter Sagal are forces of wit and wisdom in their own rights, having sold millions of books and appeared on television and stage. Each offers an entirely unique perspective on what's happening in your world, whether you know about it or not.

Tickets are \$45 and \$55; information is available online at www.iowapublicradio.org VIP reception packages, which include premium seating and a VIP reception at the event, start at \$125. There will be a public book signing after the show.

About the Speakers:

Mo Rocca is a well-known humorist, actor, writer and National Public Radio contributor best known for his off-beat news reports and satirical commentary. Currently a correspondent for CBS Sunday Morning News with Charles Osgood, he's also a panelist on NPR's hit weekly quiz show Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me! and the host of the show Foodography on The Cooking Channel. Rocca spent four seasons as a correspondent on Comedy Central's The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and four seasons as a correspondent on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Rocca also published a book, All the Presidents' Pets: The Story of One Reporter Who Refused to Roll Over.

PJ O'Rourke has established himself as America's premier political satirist with more than 1 million words of trenchant journalism under his byline and more citations in The Penguin Dictionary of Humorous Quotations than any living writer. Whether dealing with the inner workings of Washington bureaucracy or the shifting political and economic sands of the new world order, O'Rourke proves himself to be a savvy guide to national and world affairs. His razor sharp insights never fail to inform and entertain.

Peter Sagal is best known to public radio audiences for his work as host of the hit weekly news quiz, Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me! An adept moderator, Sagal is the perfect emcee, able to apply his quick wit to esoteric company stories, weaving jokes for an uproarious and unforgettable evening. Whether providing insightful, colorful commentary on current events or a behind-the-scenes peek at the funniest show on radio, Sagal never fails to inform and entertain. Sagal is also a celebrated author; his first book is The Book of Vice (Naughty Things and How to Do Them).

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Interview requests should be forwarded to Amanda Acton, Communications Manager, Iowa Public Radio at 515-725-1700 or aacton@iowapublicradio.org. Please include the following in your requests:

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