

**Award-Winning Food Authority and Public Radio Host to Speak in Des Moines****Date:** Monday, February 27, 2012**Category:** Press Release

February 27, 2012 (Des Moines, IA) — Iowa Public Radio welcomes Lynne Rossetto Kasper, author and host of American Public Media's *The Splendid Table*, to Des Moines on Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Principal Financial Group Auditorium. Rossetto Kasper will bring her characteristic charm and passion for everything food related to a presentation designed to please audible palates. She will also discuss her latest book, *The Splendid Table's How to Eat Weekends*, which was released in September 2011.

Lynne Rossetto Kasper has won numerous awards as host of APM's *The Splendid Table*, including two James Beard Foundation Awards for Best National Radio Show on Food, four Clarion Awards from Women in Communication and a Gracie Allen Award for Best Syndicated Talk Show. Lynne is a respected authority on food, having published three bestselling books: *The Splendid Table*, *The Italian Country Table*, and *The Splendid Table's How To Eat Supper*, which was co-authored with show producer Sally Swift in 2008. *The Splendid Table* began as a live, Saturday-morning call-in show on Minnesota Public Radio seventeen years ago. As the program's popularity continued to stretch across the nation, *The Splendid Table* eventually became the pre-recorded program that now airs on more than 290 public radio stations in the United States, plus SIRIUS satellite radio and World Radio Switzerland.

IPR's Insights Series brings public radio's most acclaimed voices to audiences in Iowa. Insights Series presentations are \$25 and \$35; VIP reception packages, which include premium seating and a VIP reception at the event, are \$75. Student ticket prices are \$15. More information is available online at [www.iowapublicradio.org](http://www.iowapublicradio.org)

**About the Series:**

- March 5, 2012: Lynne Rossetto Kasper, host of American Public Media's *The Splendid Table*
- April 17, 2012: Krista Tippett, host of American Public Media's *On Being* (formerly *Speaking of Faith*)
- Previous presentations: Ken Rudin, NPR's *Political Junkie* (November 2011) and Bob Garfield, author and host of NPR's *On the Media* (February 2012)

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