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**NEXT WEEK:**

**National Public Radio's Diane Rehm shares her views  
with live audience in Lebanon May 20**

CONCORD, NH — Diane Rehm will be in New Hampshire next week to talk about her show, her guests and the issues, plus take questions from the audience at the Lebanon Opera House in Lebanon on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Rehm has hosted public radio's "The Diane Rehm Show" for over 25 years. Virginia Prescott, host of New Hampshire Public Radio's "Word of Mouth," will interview Rehm about how listener concerns have evolved over the years and her reflections on the nation as seen through the lens of her call-in guests.

Ticket prices are \$66, \$36 and \$26. Special Gold Circle top-level seats are \$66 and include admission to a post-show reception with Rehm.

Rehm has offered her listeners compelling conversations with cultural and political leaders. She is a native of Washington D.C. and began her radio career in 1973 as a volunteer at WAMU. Rehm became host and producer of two health-oriented programs and in 1979 was selected to host WAMU's local morning talk show, "Kaleidoscope," which was renamed "The Diane Rehm Show" in 1984.

"The Diane Rehm show is one of NHPR's most popular programs, and we're tremendously excited to have Diane visit the Upper Valley for the first time. She is unfailingly gracious, incredibly tenacious and has a gift for engaging listeners with issues and ideas," said Betsy Gardella, NHPR President & CEO. "Her May 20th performance will give our listeners the opportunity to talk directly with her. We are honored to host Diane, and we hope you will join us in welcoming her back to New Hampshire."

Since 1995, NPR has distributed "The Diane Rehm Show" to stations across the nation. During each show, Rehm invites listeners to join the conversation by opening the phones to their questions and comments on the topic. Since 1996, NPR Worldwide has offered the program to listeners in Europe and Japan via direct broadcast satellite. It is also heard on U.S. military installations around the world via Armed Forces Radio.

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Rehm is also a writer and has published two autobiographical books. In "Finding My Voice," she talks about her childhood, marriage, broadcast career and vocal difficulties. Rehm and her husband John co-authored "Toward Commitment: A Dialogue about Marriage," a book on the art of building and maintaining a strong relationship.

In 1998, Rehm was diagnosed with spasmodic dysphonia, a neurological condition that causes strained, difficult speech. After finding treatment, she wrote several articles and produced a program about the disorder. The National Council on Communicative Disorders recognized her work with a Communication Award, and the Maryland Speech-Hearing-Language Association honored her with a Media Award. ABC's "Nightline" host Ted Koppel devoted an entire program to a conversation with Rehm about her disorder.

Rehm has received many honors over the years including being named a Paul H. Nitze Senior Fellow at St. Mary's College of Maryland and becoming an inductee into the Class of 2004 Hall of Fame by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. The Society of Professional Journalists named her a "fellow," the highest honor the society bestows. In 1999, "Washingtonian Magazine" named her a "Washingtonian of the Year."

For more information call the Lebanon Opera House box office at 603-448-0400.

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