



Wexner Center hosts conversation with sports columnist and author Dave Zirin on September 10

July 30, 2018—Columbus, OH—On Monday, September 10 at 7 PM, the Wexner Center for the Arts at The Ohio State University continues a series of innovative programs exploring the connections between sports and culture with **The Politics of Sports: A Conversation with the *Nation's* Dave Zirin.**

In a discussion with Dave Filipi, the Wex's Director of Film/Video, the award-winning author and sports editor for *the Nation* will touch on contemporary issues such as the controversy surrounding Colin Kaepernick and the Black Lives Matter movement and the often troubled marriage between higher education and big time athletics, and will also trace the historic intersection of sports and politics through the 20th century.

“Sports has always provided a fascinating lens with which to examine broader social issues and never more so than right now,” notes Filipi. “A day doesn’t go by without sports providing the backdrop to discussions involving race, economics, gender, religion, and even broader national and international political issues. We’re very excited to have one of the most compelling voices about this dynamic with us for what is sure to be a riveting event.”

Named one of *UTNE Reader's* “50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Our World,” Zirin writes the weekly online column Edge of Sports in addition to his work for the *Nation*, and has contributed to numerous publications including the *New York Times*, *Vibe Magazine*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. Zirin’s also the author of eight books including *A People’s History of Sports in the United States* (2009); *The John Carlos Story: The Sports Moment that Changed the World* (2011); and *Brazil’s Dance with the Devil: The World Cup, the Olympics, and the Fight for Democracy* (2014).

Immediately following the discussion, Zirin will sign copies of his new biography, ***Jim Brown: Last Man Standing***, at the Wexner Center Store.

Visitor Information

The Politics of Sports: A Conversation with the *Nation's* Dave Zirin takes place on Monday, September 10 at 7 PM. Tickets for the discussion are \$6 general admission, \$5 for Wexner Center members, and free for students with valid ID. More information and tickets are available by phone at 614-292-3535 and online at wexarts.org.

The Wexner Center is located at 1871 N. High St. at 15th Ave. at The Ohio State University. Parking is available in the Ohio Union Garage, entered from High Street, and at the Arps Garage, located on College Road just north of the facility. The center is also on several COTA bus lines.

About the Wexner Center

The Wexner Center for the Arts is The Ohio State University's multidisciplinary, international laboratory for the exploration and advancement for contemporary art.

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