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Singer-songwriter-poet Patti Smith, who was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007, spoke at Dominican University of California on November 18, as part of the Institute for Leadership Studies' 2015 Fall Leadership Lecture Series in partnership with Book Passage. She also surprised the sellout crowd in Angelico Concert Hall by singing.

Smith, whose seminal album *Horses* has been hailed as one of the top 100 albums of all time, appeared at Dominican in conversation with Bay Area author Dave Eggers to present *M Train*, the follow-up to her National Book Award-winning memoir, *Just Kids*. Known as the "punk rock laureate," Smith in 2005 was awarded the title of *Commandeur des Arts et des Lettres* by the French Ministry of Culture.

For more information or to purchase the book, contact Book Passage in Corte Madera by calling (415) 927-0960 extension 1 or by visiting bookpassage.com.

The speaker series, a cooperative effort between <u>Dominican's Institute for Leadership Studies</u> and Book Passage, features some of the country's leading figures from the worlds of business, politics, entertainment, academia, and literature. The series has entertained and educated thousands of Marin County and San Francisco Bay Area residents.

All events are open to the public. Free parking is available on campus in the nearby Conlan Center parking lot at the intersection of Acacia and Grand Avenues in San Rafael.

The Institute for Leadership Studies' 2015 Fall Leadership Lecture Series is sponsored by Private Ocean, the oldest and largest privately-held wealth management firm in Marin County. Private Ocean's commitment to community service has been a driving force behind its support of the lecture series, now in its 13th year.

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