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***PHILOSOPHY TALK IS  
YOUR SUNDAY MORNING THOUGHT SHOW***

**The show that questions everything – except your intelligence  
moves to Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on KALW 91.7 FM**

SAN FRANCISCO – Imagine the perfect Sunday morning: fresh coffee, the Sunday paper... and now, the most intelligent radio program on the airwaves.

*Philosophy Talk* is an engaging, humorous and pragmatic weekly, one-hour call-in radio series that has been stimulating listeners since January, 2004. *Car Talk* for the brain.

The hosts – **Stanford University** professors **John Perry** and **Ken Taylor** – have a down-to-earth and no-nonsense approach that brings the richness of philosophic thought to everyday subjects. Topics are engaging (Baseball, Love, Happiness), arresting (Terrorism, Suicide, Intelligent Design), and lofty (Truth, Beauty, Justice.)

In early September, *Philosophy Talk* was invited to the **Smithsonian Institution** where John and Ken took on the topic “The Promise and Perils of Genomics” with controversial guest **J. Craig Venter** .

In July, Congresswoman Anna Eschoo invited *Philosophy Talk* to tape an episode in the **Capitol Building** in Washington, DC. The topic was “The Separation of Powers” with potential Supreme Court justice nominee, **Kathleen Sullivan**.

The first Sunday morning episode, October 1, 2006 will tackle **Jewish Philosophy** at the start of **Yom Kippur**. Our guest will be Paul Franks from the University of Toronto.

The series was just awarded a four-star rating by **PRX** - the Public Radio Exchange.

*Philosophy Talk* is not a lecture or a college course; it's philosophy in action! *Philosophy Talk* demystifies philosophy and philosophers, demonstrating the discipline can be fun and, above all, useful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Beginning October 1, 2006 the series moves from Tuesdays at noon to Sunday mornings at 10. The program is broadcast live from the studios of **KALW 91.7 FM** in San Francisco and rebroadcast on more than twenty-five stations across the western US, including the entire network of **Oregon Public Broadcasting**. The move to Sundays is part of an expansion plan that will make the program more convenient for stations across the country.

At the program's website, [www.philosophytalk.org](http://www.philosophytalk.org), listeners can access the complete archive of past programs. The website also features a blog containing the pre- and post-show musings of the show's hosts, guests, and listeners.

Each episode features a report from the Roving Philosophical Reporter, **Polly Stryker**, along with other features including lightning-fast commentaries from **Ian Shoales**, the Sixty-Second Philosopher.

*Philosophy Talk* is a presentation of Stanford University and **Ben Manilla Productions**.

**John Perry** is Henry Waldgrave Stuart Professor of Philosophy at Stanford University. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a recipient of many honors and awards, including the Nicod and Humboldt Prizes. A popular lecturer, in 1990 he was awarded the Dinkelspiel Award for undergraduate teaching. He is the author of over 100 articles and books, including *A Dialogue on Personal Identity and Immortality*, *Knowledge, Possibility, and Consciousness*, and *Reference and Reflexivity*. He also has the internet's most popular essay on procrastination.

**Ken Taylor** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Stanford University. His work lies at the intersection of the philosophy of language and the philosophy of mind, with an occasional foray into the history of philosophy. He is the author of many books and articles, including *Truth and Meaning*, and *Reference and the Rational Mind*.

**Polly Stryker** began working as a public radio producer in 1997, while earning a graduate degree in history. She has worked for a variety of news and public affairs programs, including "AirTalk" on KPCC Radio, and "These Days" on KPBS Radio.

**Merle Kessler** (aka Ian Shoales) is a writer, humorist, and performer. As Ian Shoales he has been churning out cranky yet strangely humorous commentaries since 1979. Kessler is also a founding member of Duck's Breath Mystery Theatre the legendary yet obscure sketch comedy group.

**Ben Manilla** has been at the vanguard of creative radio since the mid '70s. Recognized by professionals around the world for his award-winning programming and innovative production style, Ben has directed or produced hundreds of features, specials, documentaries, ongoing series, commercials, and audio presentations.

**Leland Stanford Junior University**, located near San Francisco in the heart of Silicon Valley, is recognized as one of the world's leading research and teaching institutions.

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