

# **Zeiterion presents Author and Iconic Artists, Patty Smith, January 26**

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center brings author, iconic artist, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Patti Smith to New Bedford on Friday, January 26, at 8:00 p.m. Smith will read from her latest book, *Devotion*, which all attendees will receive on the night of the reading. Tickets are \$30, which includes a copy of *Devotion*, and can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at [Zeiterion.org](http://Zeiterion.org), or at the Zeiterion Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 508-997-5664 x123.

While known for contributions in the music industry as the “godmother of punk rock,” Smith is a celebrated author. Her memoir *Just Kids* received a National Book Award and *M Train* became a critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller. *Devotion* offers a detailed account of the artist’s own creative process, inspirations, and unexpected connections. She will read from this new, groundbreaking book, though her appearance does not include a public book signing.

In *Devotion*, Smith first presents an original and beautifully crafted tale of obsession—a young skater who lives for her art, a possessive collector who ruthlessly seeks his prize, a relationship forged of need both craven and exalted. She then takes us on a second journey, exploring the sources of her story. We travel through the South of France to Camus’s house, and visit the garden of the great publisher Gallimard where the ghosts of Mishima, Nabokov, and Genet mingle. Smith tracks down Simone Weil’s grave in a lonely cemetery, hours from London, and winds through the nameless Paris streets of Patrick Modiano’s novels. Whether writing in a café or a train, Smith generously opens her notebooks and lets us

glimpse the alchemy of her art and craft in this arresting and original book on writing.

Patti Smith is a writer, performer, and visual artist. She was awarded the prestigious title of Commandeur des Arts et des Lettres by the French Republic. Her seminal album *Horses* has been hailed as one of the top one hundred albums of all time, and in 2007 she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Smith lives in New York City.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org), by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and two hours before each performance.