

# THE BROAD

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**THE BROAD MUSEUM PRESENTS A CONVERSATION WITH  
ACCLAIMED ARTIST TAKASHI MURAKAMI AND BESTSELLING  
AUTHOR PICO IYER AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE**



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- WHAT:** The Broad presents a conversation between artist **Takashi Murakami** and bestselling author **Pico Iyer** in the latest program in the museum's *Un-Private Collection* talk series. In advance of the museum opening in downtown Los Angeles in 2015, The Broad is holding talks at venues around L.A. with cultural leaders and influential artists in the Broad collections.
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 29, 2014  
8 p.m.
- WHERE:** Orpheum Theatre  
842 South Broadway  
Los Angeles 90014
- WHO:** Internationally acclaimed Japanese contemporary artist **Takashi Murakami**, who is represented by 11 works in the Broad collections, is known for his bold, graphic works that merge fine art, design and animation and continue to blur the lines between high art and pop culture. **Pico Iyer's**

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writings intersect with Murakami's work in their focus on the common disconnect between local tradition and imported global pop culture. The pair will discuss the complex social and historical narratives woven into Murakami's work and how they reflect upon contemporary Japanese culture.

**TICKETS:** Tickets are \$12 and are available online at [www.thebroad.org/programs](http://www.thebroad.org/programs)

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### **About The Broad**

The Broad is a contemporary art museum being built by philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad on Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles. The museum, which is designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro, will open to the public in 2015. The museum will be home to the more than 2,000 works of art in The Broad Art Foundation and the Broads' personal collections, which are among the most prominent holdings of postwar and contemporary art worldwide. With its innovative "veil-and-vault" concept, the 120,000-square-foot, \$140-million building will feature two floors of gallery space to showcase The Broad's comprehensive collections and will be the headquarters of The Broad Art Foundation's worldwide lending library.

### **About The Broad "Un-Private Collection" Talk Series**

*The Un-Private Collection* is an ongoing series of public programs The Broad started in September 2013 to introduce audiences to the museum's 2,000-work contemporary art collection by showcasing stories behind the collection, the collectors and the artists in the months leading up to the 2015 opening of The Broad museum on Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles. Upcoming programs include conversations featuring **Eric Fischl** and actor **Steve Martin**, **John Currin** and Getty Trust President and CEO **James Cuno**, and **Kara Walker** and distinguished film director **Ava DuVernay**. Talks will be held at venues throughout Los Angeles, making the programming available to audiences across the city. Livestreams of each conversation will be available online.

**For more information on The Broad, *The Un-Private Collection* series and to sign up for updates, please visit [www.thebroad.org](http://www.thebroad.org).**

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