



**THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE PRESENTS**  
**“Larry Kane’s Ticket to Ride” Beginning March 5**  
**-Show Features Extraordinary Look Back at the Beatles-**

January 11, 2010, Philadelphia, PA – The Franklin Institute will present “Larry Kane’s Ticket to Ride”, an extraordinary lecture and multi-media presentation featuring best-selling Beatles author and Philadelphia journalist Larry Kane’s experiences with the Beatles, beginning Friday, March 5 @ 8 PM. Presented in the Institute’s Franklin Theater, the shows will be hosted by rock historian and radio impresario Denny Somach and presented on consecutive Fridays at 8 PM, and Saturdays at both 5 and 8 PM for a total of 12 shows. KYW Newsradio 1060 and WOGL are Media Partners.

Tickets go on sale Friday, January 15 for \$33.50, with each purchase including a Larry Kane highlight CD of his audio interviews of the Beatles. Advance ticket purchase is recommended by calling 215.448.1254 or visiting [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu). Due to the mature nature of some of the content, parental guidance for children under 13 is suggested for the evening performances.

Emmy Award-winning journalist and *NY Times* best-selling author Larry Kane was the only American reporter in the Beatles' touring entourage during their historic U.S. tours in 1964 and 1965. An accomplished author and Beatles historian, Kane has penned two books about his experiences, *Ticket to Ride: Inside the Beatles' 1964 and 1965 Tour that Changed the World* and *Lennon Revealed* -- and will be writing a third Beatles book with Philadelphia-based publisher Running Press. Celebrating over 50 years in broadcast journalism, Kane is one of the nation’s most respected figures in television news. Kane has interviewed a virtual ‘who’s who’ of newsmakers throughout his career, has covered 21 national political conventions and interviewed every President from Lyndon Johnson to George W. Bush, although he states, “*I have interviewed kings and queens, been to the Chernobyl disaster and been through devastating earthquakes. No matter where I go and what I do, the first question I get asked is ‘what are the Beatles like?’*” Currently, Kane is the host of the *Voice of Reason* on the Comcast Network, and can be heard on KYW, is an occasional writer for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*; Kane also serves as a broadcast consultant for the Comcast Sports Group and the Comcast Programming Group.

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Each “Larry Kane’s Ticket to Ride” show will include footage from all parts of the Beatles world – including concert footage, Yoko Ono, footage of Kane’s interview of Lennon and McCartney in 1968 – their last interview together, and highlights of John Lennon doing an impromptu weather report in Philadelphia in 1975. Known for his extraordinary storytelling, Kane will also weave in a treasure trove of stories, some new each show, that mine the years he spent with the Beatles, and the years of relationships he subsequently had with the Beatles and the people around them.

*I can never get through all the stories about the Beatles, but this is an opportunity to get most of them out there,” said Larry Kane. “Additionally to have this at The Franklin Institute makes this ideal – it is the perfect place of learning, of understanding history and science and it is iconic – and having it here affords me the opportunity to not only provide entertainment, a lot of laughs, a lot of memories but a lot of real history. Not revisionist history – but the way it really was. It has played such an important role in my career here, and has provided many fond memories for my family as well.”*

“Ticket to Ride” is produced by BRE Presents and GeeWiz in association with Denny Somach Productions.

### **About The Franklin Institute**

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