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Harry Bridges Project
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Dear Project:

Ian Ruskin performed his one-man play, "From Wharf Rats to Lords of the Docks" for our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on September 14, 2005. Members in our program have been awed by MacAuthur Fellows, top quality academics, Michael Krasny (the NPR host with the largest local audience in the country), and other artists, performers and speakers. At no event did I hear a more resounding round of applause than at Ian Ruskin's. He moved the audience in a way no other of our speakers have.

His depiction of Harry Bridges and the discussion that followed were praised by all those in attendance. He combined Harry Bridges' personal travails and thoughts with the history of his leadership of the Longshoremans Union seamlessly. He clearly made his points while keeping connected with the audience. He is a true professional.

I highly recommend him to any group considering having him perform.

Sincerely,

Lou Miller, PhD
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