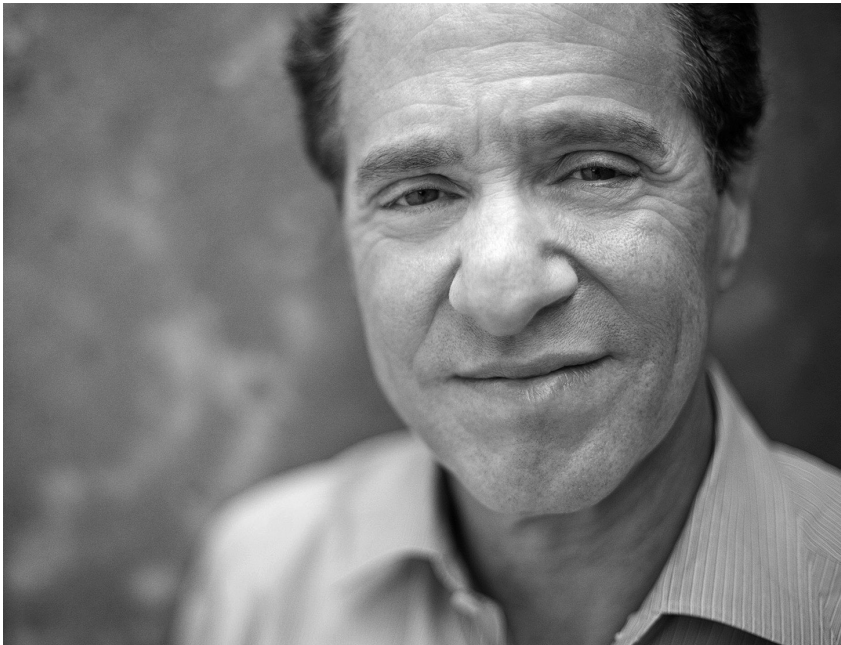


Saturday, April 13, 2013, 8pm
Wheeler Auditorium

Strictly Speaking

Ray Kurzweil



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RAY KURZWEIL is one of the world's leading inventors, thinkers, and futurists, with a 30-year track record of accurate predictions. Called "the restless genius" by *The Wall Street Journal* and "the ultimate thinking machine" by *Forbes*, Mr. Kurzweil was selected as one of the top entrepreneurs by *Inc.* magazine, which described him as the "rightful heir to Thomas Edison." PBS selected him as one of the "sixteen revolutionaries who made America."

Mr. Kurzweil was the principal inventor of the first CCD flat-bed scanner, the first omnifont optical character recognition, the first print-to-speech reading machine for the blind, the first text-to-speech synthesizer, the first music synthesizer capable of recreating the grand piano and other orchestral instruments, and the first commercially marketed large-vocabulary speech recognition.

Among Mr. Kurzweil's many honors, he is the recipient of the National Medal of Technology, was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame, holds 19 honorary doctorates, and has been honored by three United States Presidents.

Mr. Kurzweil has written seven books, five of which have been national bestsellers. *The Singularity Is Near* and his latest book, *How to Create a Mind*, have been *New York Times* bestsellers.

He was recently appointed Director of Engineering at Google.

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