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**Leeza Gibbons Talks Happy Endings and New Beginnings this Wednesday  
on "Let's Talk Autism with Shannon and Nancy"**

Television and radio show host, author, and speaker Leeza Gibbons will discuss her life and how she learned to "Take 2" on the highly popular web show "Let's Talk Autism with Shannon and Nancy," Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 11:00 am .

**LOS ANGELES, CA – MARCH 13, 2013** "Let's Talk Autism with Shannon and Nancy" hosts announce award-winning television and radio personality, author, and speaker Leeza Gibbons will share the studio with them on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 11:00 am (PDT). Gibbons will appear on the highly popular, live web show to discuss her new book, *Take 2: Your Guide to Creating Happy Endings and New Beginnings*. Gibbons plans to open up about her personal and professional life and how she learned to overcome life's obstacles and create her own happy endings and new beginnings.

"This is more than a book to me. It's a chance for me to share my life and the lessons I have learned with 'Let's Talk Autism' viewers in hopes that they'll become inspired, encouraged, and empowered enough to realize that, if this is not the life they ordered, then they can always call for a TAKE 2," says Gibbons.

"Let's Talk Autism with Shannon and Nancy" viewers can ask questions online during the live show. The show airs online at [www.autism-live.com](http://www.autism-live.com) each Wednesday at 11:00 am (PDT).



**About Temple Grandin:**

Dr. Grandin didn't talk until she was three and a half years old, communicating her frustration instead by screaming, peeping, and humming. In 1950, she was diagnosed with autism and her parents were told she should be institutionalized. She tells her story of "groping her way from the far side of darkness" in her book *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, a book which stunned the world because, until its publication, most professionals and parents assumed that an autism diagnosis was virtually a death sentence to achievement or productivity in life.

Dr. Grandin has become a prominent author and speaker on the subject of autism because "I have read enough to know that there are still many parents, and yes, professionals too, who believe that 'once autistic, always autistic.' This dictum has meant sad and sorry lives for many children diagnosed, as I was in early life, as autistic. To these people, it is incomprehensible that the characteristics of autism can be modified and controlled. However, I feel strongly that I am living proof that they can" (from *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*).

Even though she was considered "weird" in her young school years, she eventually found a mentor, who recognized her interests and abilities. Dr. Grandin later developed her talents into a successful career as a livestock-handling equipment designer, one of very few in the world. She has now designed the facilities in which half the cattle are handled in the United States, consulting for firms such as Burger King, McDonald's, Swift, and others.

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., is now the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. Her fascinating life, with all its challenges and successes has been brought to the screen. She has been featured on NPR (National Public Radio), major television programs, such as the BBC special "The Woman Who Thinks Like a Cow", ABC's *Primetime Live*, *The Today Show*, *Larry King Live*, *48 Hours* and *20/20*, and has been written about in many national publications, such as *Time* magazine,

*People* magazine, *Forbes*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *New York Times*.. Among numerous other recognitions by media, Bravo Cable did a half-hour show on her life, and she was featured in the best-selling book, *Anthropologist from Mars*.

Dr. Grandin presently works as a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. She also speaks around the world on both autism and cattle handling. At every Future Horizons conference on autism, the audience rates her presentation as 10+.

**About Autism Live:**

Autism Live is an interactive web show providing support, resources, information, facts, entertainment and inspiration to parents, teachers and practitioners working with children on the Autism Spectrum. Viewers are encouraged to participate by asking question of experts, offering suggestions for topics to be discussed and sharing progress their children have made.

**About Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD):**

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with ASD, with 23 treatment centers around the globe and a staff of nearly 1,000. CARD was founded in 1990 by leading autism expert and clinical psychologist Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. CARD treats individuals with ASD using the principles and procedures of ABA, which has been empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with ASD and is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General. For more information about the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, visit: [www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com) or call (855) 345-2273.

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