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DAVID BROOKS

September 29, 2010
Wednesday, 8:00 pm

OP-ED columnist for the *New York Times*, analyst on the News Hour with Jim Lehrer and commentator on NPR, David Brooks has a gift for bringing audiences face to face with the spirit of our times with humor, insight and quiet passion. He is a keen observer of the American way of life and will share with us his analysis of present day politics and foreign affairs.



**MARK HALPERIN
AND
JOHN HEILEMANN**

October 20, 2010
Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Halperin and Heilemann are co-authors of New York Times best seller *Game Change*, the definitive book on the 2008 election. Mark Halperin is editor at large and senior political analyst for *Time* magazine and was formerly political director for ABC News. John Heilemann is national political correspondent and columnist for *New York* magazine. They will give us their insight on the mid-term elections, some of their experiences in writing *Game Change* and an early peek into the 2012 presidential race.



WILLIE BROWN, JR.

November 10, 2010
Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Two term Mayor of San Francisco and thirty year member of the California Assembly, Willie Brown is uniquely qualified to provide us with his perspective on the problems facing our state and his thoughts on proposed solutions. Always candid, never one to shy from controversy, and guaranteed to be entertaining, he will present his view of the current state of the state and suggest a road map for the newly elected Governor as well as share some experiences from his over 40 years on the political scene.



BOB NEWHART

December 1, 2010
Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Continuing a career spanning two successful TV series, fourteen feature films and millions of albums sold, Bob Newhart is an American Icon. Recipient of Grammy, Peabody and Emmy awards and heralded as an American Master by PBS, he will offer us an evening of classic humor and share some insights into the people and experiences encountered in a fifty year career in show business.



JEANNETTE WALLS

January 12, 2011
Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Jeannette Walls' powerful memoir, *The Glass Castle*, spent over three years on the New York Times best-seller list. Walls grew up in poverty with her siblings and the brilliant, unorthodox, irresponsible parents who managed at once to neglect them, love them, and teach them to face their fears. Overcoming these hardships, she graduated with honors from Barnard College and became a well-known TV personality and journalist. Her message of confronting your past and facing your fears is inspirational to all.



ROBERT BALLARD

February 9, 2011
Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Internationally renowned oceanographer and famous for discovering the Titanic, Dr. Ballard makes his second visit to our series after his wildly successful speech in 2004. He will update us on his ground breaking discoveries since then and talk about his efforts to introduce students around the world to his science through leading edge technology. He is one of the most compelling speakers in our 20 year history and this will be a memorable evening for all.



**ARIANNA
HUFFINGTON**

March 9, 2011
Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Co-founder and editor-in-chief of *The Huffington Post*, nationally syndicated columnist, author of twelve books and co-host of NPR's *Left, Right and Center*, Arianna Huffington is among the most influential observers of the political scene. She will share with us her thoughts on the new media and how technology is changing the way we think, learn, play, work and vote. Famous for her outspoken opinions, she will also provide her impressions of some of the potential candidates in the upcoming presidential election.



T. BOONE PICKENS

April 6, 2011
Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Legendary oilman and philanthropist T. Boone Pickens is on a mission to develop alternative energy policies and resources that will power the future. After a lifetime of over achievement he has redefined himself to become an environmental crusader. He has unveiled his plan to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through our abundant supply of natural gas, wind and solar power. He will offer candid remarks about how we can reduce our dependency on foreign oil, and how we can dramatically enhance our energy security.

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