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LIZ CHENEY

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

The highest-ranking Republican woman in the history of the House. Cheney represented Wyoming from 2017–2023, serving on the Armed Services Committee. Vice Chair of the January 6th Committee, she was awarded the JFK Library's prestigious Profile in Courage Award for her consistent and courageous defense of democracy.



NINA TOTENBERG

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

With a career spanning more than 40 years, Totenberg has been at the US Supreme Court longer than any sitting justice. She shares insightful reporting on all aspects of the Court as NPR's legal affairs correspondent. Her memoir *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships* was a *New York Times* bestseller.

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ANNETTE GORDON-REED

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Renowned for her groundbreaking work on Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings, Gordon-Reed was the first Black person awarded the Pulitzer Prize for History. She was honored with MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellowships, and won the National Book Award for *The Hemingses of Monticello*. Her most recent book is *On Juneteenth*.



OREN ETZIONI

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

A pioneer in artificial intelligence, Etzioni was founding CEO of Allen Institute for AI, partnering with Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen. The first student to major in computer science at Harvard, his non-profit TrueMedia.org fights disinformation by developing technology to identify deepfakes and altered images.



ADM. JAMES STAVRIDIS

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

NATO Supreme Allied Commander from 2009 to 2013, Stavridis oversaw operations in Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, the Balkans, and counter piracy off the coast of Africa. A 4-star US Navy admiral, scholar, and diplomat, he holds a PhD in international relations and was dean of Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

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CHRIS WALLACE

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Award-winning television anchor and commentator, Wallace's career on ABC, NBC, Fox News, and CNN spans five decades. He anchored *Fox News Sunday* for 18 years, and has interviewed everyone from Vladimir Putin to George Clooney to Bill Gates. He is currently host of *The Chris Wallace Show*.



ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

The longest running musical in Broadway history, Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* ran for 35 years. With four decades of continuously running shows in London and New York, his iconic musicals include *Cats*, *School of Rock*, and *Evita*. He achieved the rare EGOT status—winning Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony awards.

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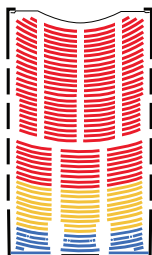
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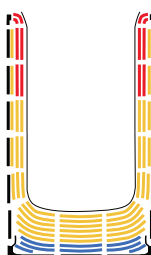
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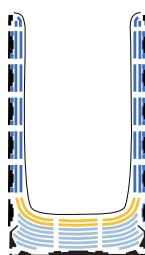
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Platon
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Jamie Metzl
Theresa May
Bill Nye

2019–2020

John Kerry
Zanny Minton Beddoes
Bob Woodward
Douglas Brinkley
Peter Diamandis
Susan Rice
Jason Alexander

2018–2019

James Comey
Lisa Genova
Gloria Steinem
Jeb Bush
Bryan Stevenson
Jon Meacham
Ian Bremmer
Jay Leno

2017–2018

David Cameron
Jon Meacham
Cokie Roberts
Robin Wright
Rick Steves
Mark Kelly and
Gabby Giffords
Paul Nicklen

2016–2017

Stephen Breyer
Ehud Barak
Rita Moreno
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Ted Koppel
Michele Norris, Jason
Riley and Morris Dees

2015–2016

Leon Panetta
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Diana Nyad
John Irving
Dennis Ross

2014–2015

Madeleine Albright
Julia Gillard
Ken Burns
Olympia Snowe
David Gergen
Ishmael Beah
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2013–2014

Bill Bryson
George Papandreou
Robert Gates
Steve Wozniak
Billy Collins
Jon Huntsman, Jr.
Doris Kearns Goodwin

2012–2013

President Bill Clinton
Jeannette Walls
Lisa Ling
P. W. Singer
Erskine Bowles
Vicente Fox
Nando Parrado

2011–2012

David McCullough
Michelle Rhee
Valerie Plame Wilson
and Joe Wilson
Michael Pollan
Azar Nafisi
Frank Abagnale
Tom Brokaw

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