

THE 2011-2012 SEASON



ROBERT BALLARD
THE LAST GREAT FRONTIER
NOVEMBER 12, 2011

Best known for his 1985 discovery of the *Titanic* shipwreck, Robert Ballard is a veteran of more than 125 expeditions, many in search of lost ships and ancient artifacts. He is president of the Institute for Exploration in Mystic, Connecticut, and director of the Institute for Archaeological Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island. Ballard will share his passion and discoveries in the last great uncharted frontier, where he uses cutting-edge science and technology to explore the ocean's depths in order to better understand and preserve our waters for the generations that follow.

ROBERT GATES
AN EVENING WITH THE FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
JANUARY 14, 2012

On June 30th, Secretary Gates retired after serving four and a half years as Secretary of Defense under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, a tenure that included two U.S. wars, military involvement in Libya, the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and the killing of Osama bin Laden. In total, Dr. Gates has served eight presidents in a number of leadership roles, including Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and Deputy National Security Adviser.

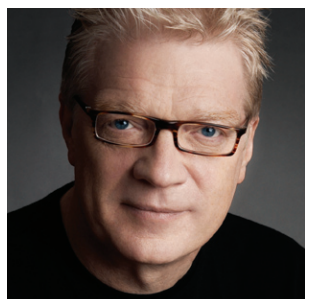
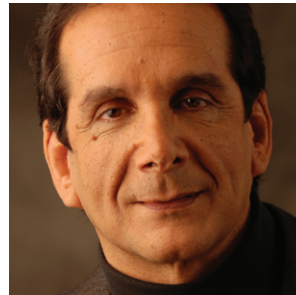


QUINCY JONES
A STORIED LIFE AND CAREER
FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Considered one of the most significant figures in American popular music, Quincy Jones' career has encompassed the roles of composer, record producer, artist, film producer, arranger, conductor, instrumentalist, television producer, record company executive, magazine founder and multi-media entrepreneur. His creative magic has spanned over six decades and he has worked with such legendary names as Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Michael Jackson and hundreds more. In a Richmond Forum first, "Q" will share the amazing stories of his life and career.

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER & ROBERT REICH
THE AMERICAN SOCIAL CONTRACT
MARCH 24, 2012

The debate of the American Social Contract may be the most important debate of our time. While some Americans argue that individual freedoms are being eroded at an unprecedented rate, others advocate for protections meant to benefit society as a whole. We have invited two of America's most respected intellects to tackle the topic head-on. Charles Krauthammer is a Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* columnist and conservative commentator. Robert Reich is one of the nation's leading thinkers about work and the economy and the former Secretary of Labor.



SIR KEN ROBINSON & RAFE ESQUITH
REVOLUTIONIZING EDUCATION IN AMERICA
APRIL 21, 2012

Creativity expert and renowned speaker, Sir Ken Robinson, champions a radical rethink of our school systems, to cultivate creativity and acknowledge multiple types of intelligence. His entertaining and insightful talks are the most-viewed-ever on the subject online. Rafe Esquith is the subject of the PBS documentary, *The Hobart Shakespeareans* and the only teacher to be awarded the president's National Medal of

the Arts. He has also received the National Teacher of the Year Award and was honored by Queen Elizabeth II and the Dalai Lama. Robinson and Esquith will present a thought-provoking and highly energized look at how to revolutionize our education system.