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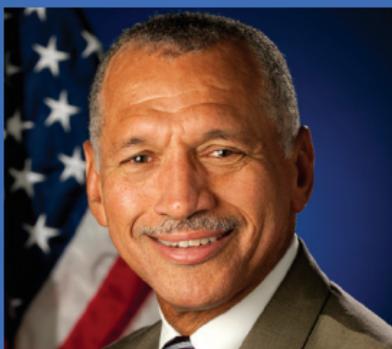
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PETE BUTTIGIEG

September 29, 2026
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US Secretary of Transportation (2021–2025), Buttigieg launched critical infrastructure projects and instituted landmark protections for air travelers. He is a veteran Navy Reserve intelligence officer who served in Afghanistan, two-term South Bend mayor who spearheaded urban revitalization, and a 2020 presidential candidate.



BORIS JOHNSON

October 13, 2026

UK Prime Minister (2019–2022) and Conservative Party leader, Johnson led the UK through its withdrawal from the European Union. Formerly the British Foreign Secretary and Mayor of London, he provides a unique firsthand perspective on global politics and Ukraine.

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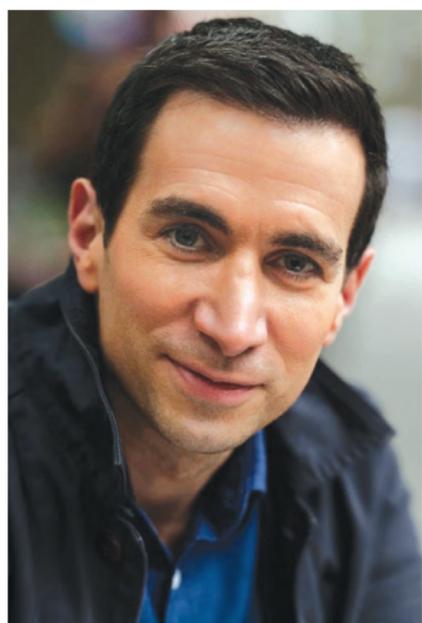


ANNE APPLEBAUM

November 17, 2026

Tuesday, 8 pm

A Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, bestselling author, and *Atlantic* staff writer, Applebaum is a leading voice on authoritarianism today. Her work deconstructs the misinformation and propaganda shaping global politics and the rise of autocracy, drawing on her extensive expertise in Soviet and Eastern European history.



ANDREW ROSS SORKIN

January 12, 2027

Tuesday, 8 pm

A financial expert on Wall Street and corporate America, Sorkin is an award-winning *New York Times* journalist, anchor of CNBC's *Squawk Box*, and founder of the influential NYT DealBook. The bestselling author of *1929: The Inside Story of the Greatest Crash* and *Too Big to Fail*, he also co-created the hit TV series *Billions*.



CHARLES F. BOLDEN JR.

February 16, 2027

Tuesday, 8 pm

Head of NASA for seven years (2009–2017) and a two-time Space Shuttle Commander who flew on four missions, Bolden is only the second astronaut ever to lead the space agency. A Marine Corps major general, he piloted the shuttle that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope and flew over 100 combat missions during the Vietnam War.

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NICHOLAS BURNS

March 23, 2027

Tuesday, 8 pm

US Ambassador to China (2021–2025), Burns is the leading expert on US–China relations. A trusted voice on diplomacy and national security, he served six presidents from both political parties during his 35 years of public service. He was US Ambassador to NATO during 9/11, and led negotiations on India and Iran’s nuclear programs.



LYNSEY ADDARIO

April 20, 2027

Tuesday, 8 pm

Award-winning war photographer, Addario’s powerful images from the front lines appear on *The New York Times* front page, capturing the realities of war, humanitarian crises, and human resilience. Twice kidnapped, her work over 25 years in conflict zones like Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Sudan earned two Pulitzer Prizes.

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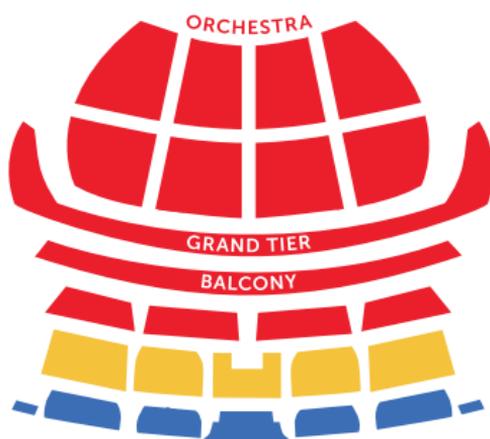
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Loretta Lynch
John Brennan
Maria Ressa
Erik Larson
Scott Kelly
Tom Friedman
Anthony Ray Hinton

2018–2019

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

2015–2016

John Irving
Sanjaya Gupta
Diana Nyad
Dennis Ross
Mark Kelly and
Gabby Giffords
Leon Panetta
Dave Barry

2012–2013

Condoleezza Rice
Jeannette Walls
Jon Huntsman, Jr.
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Vicente Fox
Nando Parrado

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Jean-Michel Cousteau
Laura Bush
Robert Reich
Mia Farrow
Thomas Friedman
Greg Mortenson

2006–2007

Joy Behar
Aron Ralston
Colin Powell
Paul Bremer
Michael Medved
Ron Chernow
Ari Fleischer

2003–2004

Rudy Giuliani
Elie Wiesel
Amy Tan
Frank Abagnale
Bob Woodward
David Gergen
Garrison Keillor

2000–2001

Mark Shields
Margaret Thatcher
Beverly Sills
Frank McCourt
Mike Wallace
Mario Cuomo
Beck Weathers

2024–2025

Liz Cheney
Jan Crawford
Annette Gordon-Reed
Oren Etzioni
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Chris Wallace
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2021–2022

John Bolton
Platon
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Jamie Metzl
Theresa May
Bill Nye

2017–2018

David Cameron
Jeffrey Toobin
Jane Pauley
Robin Wright
Rick Steves
President Bill Clinton
Paul Nicklen

2014–2015

Martin Sheen
Julia Gillard
Mark Halperin and
John Heilemann
Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Robert Mueller
David McCullough
Michio Kaku

2011–2012

Joseph Ellis
Michelle Rhee
Valerie Plame Wilson and
Joe Wilson
Michael Pollan
Azar Nafisi
Stanley McChrystal
Tom Brokaw

2008–2009

Alan Alda
Paul Rusesabagina
Arianna Huffington
George Mitchell
David Brooks
Jane Goodall
David McCullough

2005–2006

Bob Costas
Robert Redford
Mark Russell
John Major
Robert Ballard
Bill Moyers
Christine Todd Whitman

2002–2003

Benjamin Netanyahu
Jeff Greenfield
Ken Burns
Terry Gross
Benazir Bhutto
Bruce Babbitt
Hugh Shelton

1999–2000

George Will
Maya Angelou
Colin Powell
Cokie Roberts
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2023–2024

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2019–2020

John Kerry
Zanny Minton Beddoes
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Peter Diamandis
Susan Rice
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2016–2017

Ehud Barak
Rita Moreno
John Cleese
Martin Dempsey
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and Morris Dees

2013–2014

George Papandreou
Bill Bryson
Robert Gates
Steve Wozniak
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Dan Rather
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2010–2011

Fareed Zakaria
Elizabeth Gilbert
Ben Carson
Lisa Ling
George Will
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Karl Rove and
Howard Dean

2007–2008

Steve Forbes
Peter Hillary
Christiane Amanpour
Madeleine Albright
Salman Rushdie
Frank McCourt
The Capitol Steps

2004–2005

Tim Russert
James Carville
Mary Higgins Clark
Ehud Barak
James Lovell
Doris Kearns Goodwin
Dave Barry

2001–2002

Erin Brockovich
Walter Cronkite
Henry Kissinger
Stephen Ambrose
Anna Quindlen
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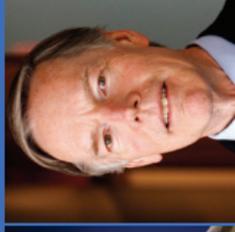
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