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Yes, it is already time to reserve your seats for the 2015 Celebrated Speakers Series. We have an exceptionally informative and entertaining lineup ready for you, and we want to make certain you are included.

If you're a Subscriber from 2014, you can retain (or possibly improve) your seating by renewing now. For new or returning Subscribers, responding quickly will secure your priority for seat assignments. After our March 15 deadline, seat assignments will be opened to the general public. So don't delay! Use the enclosed pre-addressed order envelope, visit our Box Office, or call **772.778.5249** today.

Have you considered becoming a **VIP Subscriber**? You'll enjoy preferred seating in a reserved section, preferred parking, and invitations to attend a private, catered VIP

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reception with the speaker. Only a limited number of VIP tickets are available for each performance. Typically, these tickets sell out early, so reply now! See the details on the order envelope.

Also, you might enjoy becoming an Emerson Center **Patron**. Each year, our Patrons are invited to vote for their favorite speakers for upcoming seasons. Their guidance is invaluable as we work to recruit speakers. Plus, Patrons are recognized in our program books. Become a Patron by making a \$100 (or more) tax-deductible donation. Again, find details on the order envelope.

Beyond our Celebrated Speakers Series, let me remind you of the variety of wonderful events happening regularly at The Emerson Center. You can follow what's going on at our website or on Facebook. We always enjoy your visits.

On behalf of the many volunteers who work so hard to bring these important events to you and our neighbors in Vero Beach and beyond, let me thank you for your support. We'll see you at The Emerson Center!

Sincerely,

Woody Suttin
Volunteer Chairman

Saturday, January 17, 2015

General David Petraeus takes command of our stage.



In the most critical days of America's military role in the Middle East, General David Petraeus provided steady, sensible leadership for our combat troops.

Petraeus guided the development and implementation of the Army/Marine Corps field manual on counterinsurgency. After the 2007 surge in Iraq, Petraeus took command of the U.S. Central Command. In 2010, he was sent by President Obama to command NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

The following year, Petraeus retired from the Army after 37 years of service and was named Director of the CIA. In November 2012, he resigned as Director, citing his extramarital affair with his female biographer.

Today, General Petraeus is the chairman of KKR Global Institute, a visiting professor at CUNY's Macaulay Honors College, a Judge Widney Professor at the University of Southern California, and a member of the advisory boards of several veterans' organizations.

Sunday, February 8, 2015

Ex-lobbyist Jack Abramoff reveals how to "buy" Washington.

Jack Abramoff was the lobbyist who rose to become the nation's most successful and prominent legislative promoter before becoming enmeshed in a harrowing political scandal.

If you wanted cooperation from Congress, you couldn't ask for a better advocate than Abramoff. In the 1980s, he honed his lobbying skills by moving major Reagan administration initiatives through Congress. Next he built a profitable lobbying practice by developing a seemingly unlimited capacity



to raise funds to fuel the political system. But, in an instant, his world collapsed after an investigation by *The Washington Post* exposed his methods of buying favors from lawmakers. Abramoff landed in federal prison. His name became

synonymous with government corruption. But now, Abramoff comes clean, revealing his lobbying techniques and acknowledging his errors. In his book, *Capitol Punishment: The Hard Truth About Washington Corruption From America's Most Notorious Lobbyist*, Abramoff lays out specific reform proposals in a nine-point American Anti-Corruption Act.

Saturday, February 28, 2015

Michio Kaku puts the mystery of science in its place.

His face is known to millions of viewers of network news shows and insightful specials on the Discovery, History, and Science channels. Dr. Michio Kaku is among America's most recognized futurists with a unique ability to make sense of complex theories of physics.



After serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, Kaku became a protégé of physicist Edward Teller, the father of

the hydrogen bomb. With Teller's encouragement, Kaku launched a career that has touched many of America's loftiest educational institutions. Yet, his messages continue to simplify complex physics (including string theory).

Dr. Kaku has written several international best-sellers, one of which was *How Science Will Revolutionize the 21st Century*. He has written for *TIME*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Discover*. His 2008 book, *Physics of the Impossible*, was judged the number-one science book in the United States.

Kaku is outspoken in his belief that the U.S. could easily fall behind the rest of the world in the coming technological onrush. A passionate communicator, he frequently draws attention by making predictions that make headlines.

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Hollywood's most talked-about producer/director is Lee Daniels.

Remember *The Butler*? Were you touched by *Precious*? Did *Monster's Ball* make you think? Well, all these films are the creative products of Lee Daniels, a Missourian who is redefining the art of movie making by touching the heart and soul of our nation and its people.

Daniels claimed an Oscar nomination for Best Director (*Precious*, 2009) and is considered an



Oscar favorite for *The Butler* (2013), the heart-felt story of the White House servant who observed a nation's evolution during eight presidential administrations.

Daniels will tell about his determined journey to break into the Hollywood movie business. He'll share unique insights about working with stars such as Halle Berry, John Cusack, Matthew McConaughey, Zac Efron, Nicole Kidman, and Forest Whitaker.

Lee Daniels' movies are realistic and often gritty. He says: "The media underestimates the intelligence of the moviegoer. We need to be fulfilled. People want to sit down and think, and I try to make people think."

Each speaker appears twice, at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

An optional VIP reception is held at 5:15 pm, between the performances.



We are wheelchair accessible on both the ground floor and the balcony.



Assistive listening devices are available from our ushers upon request.

The Emerson Center's Subscription Process: Current Subscribers have until 3/15 to renew and retain (or possibly improve) seating. New Subscribers are prioritized by their order dates. Any remaining subscriber tickets become available online starting 4/1. Single show tickets are not available until 12/1. Questions? Call 772.778.5249.

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Here is my Subscription Order for the 2015 Celebrated Speakers Series.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Subscriptions at 4:00 PM	_____ at \$275 each equals \$_____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renew now to retain 2014 seats or claim priority for 2015 seats. (Deadline: 3/15/14)
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Subscriptions at 6:30 PM	_____ at \$255 each equals \$_____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend a 6:30 PM performance for better seating availabilities and savings, too.
<input type="checkbox"/> VIP Subscriptions at 4:00 PM	_____ at \$550 each equals \$_____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VIP Subscribers enjoy preferred seats, preferred parking, and receptions with speakers.
<input type="checkbox"/> VIP Subscriptions at 6:30 PM	_____ at \$510 each equals \$_____		

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For Renewing Subscribers Only: For 2015, I wish to change my subscription, if possible:

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To help select future speakers, I wish to join the Patrons Club with a \$_____ tax-deductible donation. (Qualifying minimum \$100)

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