

***Cultural Arts & Contemporary Programming
at Harper College***

-- Celebrities, top authors, performers, musicians and speakers --

1968 - 2015

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1968

Bergen Evans, author/educator

Studs Terkel, author

Johnny Morris, Chicago Bears and sportscaster

1969

Jesse Jackson, civil rights leader

Drew Pearson, political columnist

Julian Bond, civil rights leader

Josh White, Jr. folk singer

1970

Gwendolyn Brooks, poet

Adlai Stevenson III, U.S. senator

Russell Kirk, author, *The Conservative Mind*

Sander Vanocur, broadcast journalist

Ashley Montagu, anthropologist

John Denver, musician

David Susskind, television personality, social commentator

1971

Joseph Heller, author

Birch Bayh, U.S. senator

Phillip Crane, representative, U.S. Congress

Pat Paulsen, comedian

Harlan Ellison, author

1972

Charles Percy, U.S. senator

Dan Walker, gubernatorial candidate

Preservation Hall Jazz Band

The Verneer Quartet, chamber music group

Ted Nugent and the Amboy Dukes, rock band

Gary "US" Bonds, Taxi and The Crystals, singing groups

Dave Brubeck, jazz pianist

Bruno Bettelheim, author/psychologist

Mike Royko, newspaper columnist

Judith Crist, film critic

Harrison Salisbury, author/journalist

Rollo May, psychologist, author, *Love and Will*

1973

Jim Croce, singer

Bella Abzug, representative, U. S. Congress

Rick Nelson, singer

Vincent Price, actor

Buckminster Fuller, author/inventor/architect

Harry Chapin, singer

Duke Ellington, musician

1974

Margaret Mead, author/anthropologist

Blood, Sweat, and Tears, rock band

Dr. Benjamin Spock, author/physician

Muddy Waters, singer

The Association, music group

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

Shawn Phillips, musician

William Windom, actor in “Thurber”

Steve Goodman with Bob Gibson, musicians

Jeane Dixon, psychic

John Hartford, with New Grass Revival, bluegrass

Carlos Montoya, flamenco guitarist

1975

Stewart Udall, political leader

F. Lee Bailey, lawyer

Chief Dan George, actor/activist

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, jazz band

John Wooden, basketball coach

1976

William Masters and Virginia Johnson, authors, *Human Sexual Response*

Cheech and Chong, comedians

Tom Wolfe, author

Dave Brubeck, jazz musician

William Colby, former CIA director

Burl Ives, singer

1977

Steve Martin, comedian

Vincent Bugliosi, author

John Kenneth Galbraith, author

Journey, rock band

John Prine, singer

Jose Feliciano, singer

Steve Goodman with Jethro Burns, musicians

1978

Muddy Waters, musician

Bonnie Koloc, singer

Stan Kenton and his Orchestra

Leo Kotke and Jim Post, musicians

The Kingston Trio, folksingers

Phyllis Schlafly, conservative activist

Pat Metheny, musician

Paul Sorvino, actor

1979

Charles Kuralt, television personality

Chubby Checker, singer

Corky Siegel, musician

Spirit, rock band

Gwendolyn Brooks, poet

Edward Albee, playwright

Pat Metheny Group, musicians

Ralph Nader, activist/author

John Powers, author

1980

James Dickey, poet/author

Ramsey Lewis, musician

Leo Kotke, musician

General William Westmoreland, armed forces commander, Vietnam

Jean-Michel Cousteau, ocean explorer

Barry Commoner, environmentalist

Corky Siegel, musician

Heartsfield, rock band

Juggular, rock band

1981

Muddy Waters, musician

Greg Kihn Band, rock band

Buddy Rich and the Buddy Rich Orchestra

Bob Greene, Chicago Tribune columnist/author

1982

Steve Landesberg, comedian and star of TV's *Barney Miller*

Steve Goodman, singer-songwriter

Jaco Pastorius, musician

Gene Siskel & Roger Ebert, film critics

Bonnie Koloc, singer

Corky Siegel, musician

1983

Graham Chapman, Monty Python performer

Skip Stephenson, TV personality, host of NBC's "Real People"

Paul Bartel, director

Yakov Smirnoff, comedian

Jay Leno, comedian

Koko Taylor, singer

1984

Leon Redbone, musician

Pat Metheny, Charlie Haden and Billy Higgins, musicians

Jay Leno, comedian

Robert Altman, director

Tab Hunter, actor

Maya Angelou, poet

Gallagher, comedian

1985

Tommy Shaw, guitarist (formerly of Styx)

Jay Leno, comedian

Jim Belushi, comedian, actor

Paul Simon, U.S. senator

Dr. Benjamin Spock, author/physician

Frederick Pohl, author

Violent Femmes, rock band

1986

Fabulous Thunderbirds, musicians

Psychedelic Furs, rock band

Cathy Rigby, Olympic gymnast

Daniel Ellsberg, activist/former U.S. military analyst

1987

Steve Earle, musician

Lyle Mays with Steve Morse, musicians

Oprah Winfrey, television personality

Betty, alternative rock band

1988

Richard Marx, singer-songwriter

Marlee Matlin, actress

Jerry Seinfeld, comedian

Judy Tenuta with Kevin Matthews, comedian and radio personality

Jules Feiffer, cartoonist

The Rainmakers, band

1989

Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, inductees in Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Robert Bly, poet

Mortimer Adler, philosopher

Judy Tenuta with Emo Philips, comedians

Adrian Belew, guitarist

Adam West, TV personality (*Batman*)

Pamela DesBarres, author, *I'm With the Band*

1990

Buddy Guy, musician, Grammy award winner and inductee in Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Branford and Wynton Marsalis, musicians

Richard Lewis with Jeff Garlin, comedians

Mark Russell, political comedian/satirist

1991

Tony! Toni! Tone! with Hi-Five, both R&B bands (note: TTT had the #1 album on Billboard's chart and Hi-Five had the #1 single the week we hosted their concert).

Rita Rudner with Louie Anderson, comedians

Buddy Miles, musician

Pat Schroeder, representative, U.S. Congress

Kurt Vonnegut, author

Paula Poundstone, comedian

1992

Largest display of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt in the state, Bill Murray made appearance

Ray Bradbury with Frederick Pohl, Science Fiction authors

Toad the Wet Sprocket with Gin Blossoms, rock bands

Jay McInerney, author

David Brenner, comedian

Jane Elliott, lecturer/diversity trainer; "Brown eyes/blue eyes" exercise

The Passing Zone, jugglers, featured in "The Addams Family" movie (1991)

1993

Patty Loveless, singer

Danny Glover, actor

Georgi Arbatov, Soviet advisor/political scientist

Carrot Top, comedian

T.C. Boyle, author

1994

Marcus Roberts, musician

Dada, rock band

Peter Himmelman, singer-songwriter

Jimmie Dale Gilmore, musician

1995

Dick Dale, guitarist

Scott Adams, cartoonist

Bonnie Koloc, singer

Danny Bonaduce, radio personality

1996

Bill Maher, comedian

Trace Adkins, musician

James Carroll, author

Poi Dog Pondering, rock band

Leon Russell, musician

Muntu Dancers

1997

Wilco, rock band

Robert Bakker, author/paleontologist

Tom Kennedy, author

Edward James Olmos, actor

Jon Stewart, TV personality/comedian

John Waters, director

John Pinette, comedian

Askold Melnyczuk, author *What is Told*

Pat Metheny and Charlie Haden, musicians

1998

Chuck D (rapper, *Public Enemy*)

Richard Price, author

Harlan Ellison, author

Jonatha Brooke, singer

1999

Daniel Myrick, film director, *The Blair Witch Project*

Brian Greene, physicist, author, *The Elegant Universe*

Wole Soyinka, author, Nobel laureate

Jeff Tweedy, singer (solo; with Wilco)

Poetry Slam with Marc Smith

2000

David Sedaris, author

Sherman Alexie, author

Anne Lamott, author

Aimee Mann, Grammy and Oscar-nominated singer-songwriter

2001

Glen Phillips, singer (formerly of Toad the Wet Sprocket)

Willy Porter with Peter Mulvey, singer-songwriters

Nickel Creek, band

Verbow, band

Michael Eric Dyson, author

2002

Frank Abagnale, security consultant, subject of film *Catch Me If You Can*

Tom Kenny, voice of TV's *SpongeBob SquarePants*

Jeff Corwin, TV personality

Frank Caliendo, comedian

Robbie Fulks, musician

Alejandro Escovedo, musician

J.Davis Trio, band

Ted Joans, poet

Janine Pommy Vega, poet/activist

Paris Combo, band

Pat MacDonald (formerly of Timbuk 3)

Frank Orrall and Friends (most of Poi Dog Pondering)

2003

Nancy Cartwright (voice of Bart Simpson)

Ed Sanders, poet

John Gilmore, author

Dennis McNally, author

Michael McClure, author

Elizabeth Wurtzel, author of *Prozac Nation*

2004

Dick Gregory, comedian/activist

Jeremy Rifkin, author/economist

Jars of Clay, band

Patti Vasquez, comedian

James Grauerholz, editor/writer

Mick Foley, pro wrestler/author

2005

Robert Bakker, paleontologist

David Dalton, author

Mario Lopez, actor

2006

T. C. Boyle, author

Siegel-Schwall, rock band

Janine Pommy Vega, poet/activist

Dr. Henry Lee, forensic scientist

Bettye LaVette, singer

Bernadine Dohrn and William Ayers, former Weather Underground activists

Max Weinberg of the E Street Band, musician/bandleader

Tom Savini, actor, director, stuntman

2007

Kari Byron and Grant Imahara from Discovery Channel's *Mythbusters*

Mallory Lewis, daughter of Shari Lewis

Gary Snyder, poet

Psalm One, hip-hop artist/singer

Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson of SyFy Channel's *Ghost Hunters*

Elizabeth Kolbert, *author*

Clay Jenkinson, historical interpreter, educator, author (performed with WGN's John Williams; Clay portrayed Thomas Jefferson)

2008

Darryl McDaniels, Run-DMC, rapper

Max Brooks, author *World War Z* and *Zombie Survival Guide*

Ralph Nader, author/activists

Clay Jenkinson, historical interpreter, educator, author (performed with WGN's John Williams; Clay portrayed Teddy Roosevelt)

2009

Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson of SyFy Channel's *Ghost Hunters*

Paul Watson, TV personality, Animal Planet's *Whale Wars*

Clay Jenkinson, historical interpreter, educator, author (performed with WGN's John Williams; Clay portrayed Lewis and Clark)

2010

Louie Psihoyos, Oscar-winning director of *The Cove* documentary

Barry Miles, poet/author Paul McCartney bio *Many Years from Now*

Jim DeRogatis and Greg Kot, WBEZ's *Sound Opinions*

Thomas E. Kennedy, author

Geof Manthorne, Food Network's *Ace of Cakes*

Julene Renee, actress, *Avatar*

Mark Boal, writer/producer of Oscar-winning film, *The Hurt Locker*

Reed Timmer, Weather Channel's *Storm Chasers*

2011

Alejandro Escovedo, musician

Andrew Zimmern, Travel Channel's *Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern*

Robert Kenner, director of documentary, *Food, Inc.*

Dr. Reza Aslan, author

2012

Michael Uslan, executive producer of the Batman and Dark Knight series

Hettie Jones, poet

Dr. John Carlos, Olympian, author, activist

Bob Forrest, VH1's *Celebrity Rehab*

2013

Max Brooks, author (return visit)

Andy Clausen, poet

John Zaffis, SyFy's *The Haunted Collector*

Lauren Cohan, AMC's *The Walking Dead*

RJ Mitte, actor from AMC's *Breaking Bad*

2014

T.C. Boyle, author

2015

Exene Cervenka, singer/poet (from the punk band, X)

Dennis McNally, author