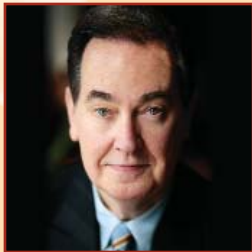


FEATURED SPEAKERS & ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday, October 10 | OPENING SESSION

Common Ground

Bob Beckel and Cal Thomas



In this keynote session, political speakers and USA Today columnists Cal Thomas and Bob Beckel, take on the contentious issues that divide America along partisan lines, and find areas where they agree! That's right—the best of America's right and left come together to advance their common positions on the critical domestic, security, and social issues facing the United States.

Moving away from the archaic crossfire format—Beckel and Thomas find shared beliefs that both liberals and conservatives can agree upon. More like a conversation between friends than a debate between enemies, they inspire audiences to find the common ground in their own beliefs, and put aside politics as usual. Their book *Common Ground: How To Stop The Partisan War That is Destroying America*, expands on their work in *USA Today*, and is a discussion of how liberals and conservatives can work together to put America back on track.

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Tuesday, October 12

SPOUSE LUNCH

In An Instant



Lee Woodruff

Author, Freelance Writer and Contributing Editor, ABC's "Good Morning America"

When Lee Woodruff's husband, ABC's then newly appointed co-anchor Bob Woodruff, was hit by a roadside bomb while covering the war in Iraq, their lives instantly changed. Lee speaks with grace and humor about her own family's experiences and their approach to the crisis that befell them, one that resulted in healing and strengthening of her whole family. She frankly discusses how a family crisis forced her to reassess her priorities, as well as dispense with the idea that she could do it all and achieve perfection. She delivers an anecdote-filled presentation demonstrating how we can learn to check the "cape" at the door and still tap into our own super powers.

Wednesday, October 13

DINNER & SHOW

A Night at the Rock Opera



Twenty-one incredible musicians and singers present an evening of songs from the most decadent and glitter-crazed era of rock 'n' roll. The Ultrasonic Rock Orchestra brings the often heard but rarely performed crown jewels of classic rock to vivid life — Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" & "Somebody To Love," The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again," David Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust," The Beatles' "Abbey Road," and many more.

This giant rock band has been together since 2004. This spectacle is more party than an opera—one big party courtesy of an insanely versatile band. The URO brings off even the most intricate of rock pieces with effortless ease, light-hearted humor, and an audacious display of vocal prowess.



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