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OCTOBER 3 • Carroll Bogert

When Journalism Becomes Advocacy

Journalist Carroll Bogert, president of the Marshall Project, examines the line separating the media from activists, and considers what we gain, and what we lose, when journalism takes an obvious stand. **Underwriter:** The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in partnership with Pulitzer Prizes

NOVEMBER 7 • Nancy Jay Crumbine

Celebrating E. B. White

From *Charlotte's Web* to his essays in *The New Yorker*, E. B. White remains the master's master of elegant prose, sophisticated wit, and graceful irreverence. Drawing on his various writings, Dartmouth professor Nancy Jay Crumbine celebrates White's versatility and legacy. **Underwriter:** r.k. Miles, Inc.

DECEMBER 5 • Deborah Evans

Robert Penn Warren's Timeless *All the King's Men*

Warren's 1947 Pulitzer-winning novel chronicles the rise and reign of politician Willie Stark—based on Louisiana's Huey Long—who stirs class resentments and mesmerizes crowds. Middlebury professor Deborah Evans examines how it addresses the moral challenges of balancing populist desires with the lure of personal power. *Books available to read in advance or afterwards (not required).* **Underwriter:** Woolmington, Campbell, Bent & Stasny, P.C.

JANUARY 2 • David Tibbs

Music of the Late 1960s: Social Upheaval in Song

Music historian David Tibbs shares and discusses music from this turbulent era and explores how its songs helped bring revolution into our living rooms. **Underwriter:** Anonymous

FEBRUARY 6 • Catherine A. Sanderson

"Nothing Either Good or Bad, But Thinking Makes It So."

Is this famous quotation from *Hamlet* true? Catherine A. Sanderson, Amherst College professor and author of *The Positive Shift*, outlines the significant difference we can make in our daily lives simply by adjusting our outlook. **Underwriter:** Northshire Bookstore

MARCH 6 • Barry O'Connell

What Does Emerson's Essay on Self-Reliance Mean?

Emerson's "Self-Reliance" is his most frequently read work. The very idea of self-reliance is central to our culture and to many Americans' self-definition. But, as Amherst professor Barry O'Connell explains, Emerson plays with the term's meaning until he finally dismisses it altogether. What, then, are we to make of the essay? **Underwriter:** Anonymous

APRIL 3 • David Macaulay

Life in the Studio

David Macaulay, award-winning author and illustrator of *Castle*, *Cathedral*, and *The Way We Work*, discusses current projects and challenges. **Underwriter:** Anonymous

MAY 1 • Harold Holzer

Lincoln's Second Inaugural Revisited

Historians rank Lincoln's majestic second inaugural address as one of the greatest political orations in American history. But at the time, the speech generated entirely partisan responses even as the Civil War headed toward Union victory. Preeminent Lincoln biographer Harold Holzer revisits the unforgettable day of March 4, 1865. **Underwriter:** Burr & Burton Academy