

# 2026 PROGRAM SUMMARY

## 24 EXPERT SPEAKERS

### 12 INSPIRING MUSICAL CONVERSATIONS



## GENERAL MARTIN DEMPSEY

Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

**Great Power Security Dilemmas:  
From Economic Competition to Military Confrontation**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 @2:30 PM – SARASOTA CHURCH of the PALMS – \$25

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Music Mondays</b>	<b>Global Issues Series I</b>	<b>Global Issues Series I</b>	<b>Global Issues Series II</b>	<b>Global Issues Series II</b>
Sarasota CHURCH of the PALMS <b>10:30 am</b>  Venice PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH <b>3:00 pm</b>	Sarasota 1st METHODIST CHURCH <b>10:30 am</b>  Venice COMMUNITY CENTER <b>2:30 pm</b>	Lakewood Ranch CORNERSTONE CHURCH <b>11:00 am</b>	Sarasota 1st METHODIST CHURCH <b>10:30 am</b>  Lakewood Ranch CORNERSTONE CHURCH <b>5:00 pm</b>	Venice COMMUNITY CENTER <b>10:00 am</b>

### MUSIC MONDAYS

JAN	5	Richard Dowling Piano
	12	Frederica von Stade Mezzo-Soprano
	19	NO PERFORMANCE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
	26	Edin Espinosa Broadway Actor and Singer
	2	Bobby Nunes and Fernando Traba Oboe and Bassoon
FEB	9	Jake Kwiatkowski Bagpipes
	16	The Garbage-Men Local Band from Sarasota
	23	Michael Stephen Brown Composer and Pianist
MAR	2	Virginia Mims Lyric Coloratura Soprano
	9	Three and a Half Men Barbershop Quartet
	16	Invoke String Quartet
	23	Lily and Steven Honigberg Violin and Cello
	30	Robyn Bell, Betsy Traba, Joseph Holt Guest Host, Flute, Piano

### GLOBAL ISSUES SERIES I

JAN	6-7	China's Reordered World Order Elizabeth Economy
	13-14	Russia, America, and Ukraine in 2026: Where Do We Go from Here? Eric Rubin
	20-21	Understanding Nutrition in the Brain: B12 and Other Nutrients' Role in Neurological Function Ari Green
	27-28	The Death of Expertise and the Danger to Democracy Tom Nichols
	3-4	U.S.-Canada Relations: Friends? Partners? Allies? Laura Dawson
FEB	10-11	The Future of Health: What's Technology Got to Do with It? Chris Gibbons
	17-18	Artificial Intelligence: A Cognitive Revolution is Upon Us Anatoly Temkin
	24-25	This Means War! Mike Plehn
MAR	3-4	U.S.-Mexico Relations in Turbulent Times Barcena Coqui
	10-11	Understanding Artificial Intelligence John Blevins
	17-18	AI in Healthcare: What Patients Need to Know Brook McSwain
	24-25	Will the Levant Finally See Calm? Robert Ford

### GLOBAL ISSUES SERIES II

JAN	8-9	Polarization and Democracy: Latin America in a Turbulent World Order Kenneth Roberts
	15-16	The Atomic Fault Line: U.S.-Iran Rivalry and the Nuclear Puzzle in the Middle East Mohsen Milani
	22-23	America and China: In a Cold War? David Lampton
	29-30	Can Europe Cope with Challenges from East AND West? Martin Walker
	5-6	From the Fall of the Berlin Wall, to the War in Ukraine: What Happened to the "End of History"? Jeremy Suri
FEB	12-13	Putin's Russia: The Man, The People, The War Jill Dougherty
	19-20	Upending Decades-Long U.S. Policies in the Middle East Dennis Ross
	26-27	Our Struggle for an Honest History: The Deep Roots of White Christian Nationalism Robert Jones
MAR	5-6	The Promise and Peril of Trump's America First Charles Kupchan
	12-13	Understanding the Arctic: Beyond the Headlines Jennifer Spence
	19-20	New Tariff Policies Upend Decades of U.S. Approach: How's That Working Out? Christine McDaniel
	26-27	The Rise and Fall of the Mainstream Media: Reflections of a Recovering Journalist Charles Lane

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Monday, January 6 – Monday, March 30, 2026

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