

Bill Moyers returns with “Moyers & Company” Jan. 13, with support from The Herb Alpert Foundation

Bill Moyers is back on TV and online, 20 months after retiring his PBS series “**Bill Moyers Journal**.” Moyers returns to American public television stations this Friday, Jan. 13, with “**Moyers & Company**,” a weekly series the veteran journalist says will try to make sense of our tumultuous times, “for myself and hopefully for anyone who wants to keep me company.”

The Herb Alpert Foundation has been a key supporter of Moyers’ work for the past 15 years – donating a total of \$5.9 million – which includes their current support of the 2012 “**Moyers & Company**” programs.

“Over the years **Bill Moyers** has introduced the public to ideas and issues of significance with deeply thoughtful people who have contributed to our thinking,” says **Herb Alpert**. “Bill’s work has played a key role in our Foundation’s mission to help foster more compassion and well-being. His message is about tolerance and aspiring to that level of genuine kindness that our humanity must reflect. He does it all like no-one else, with a strong, clear and calming voice that helps to bring our attention to a much needed civil discourse.”

Elizabeth Jensen wrote in **The New York Times**, Jan. 6, 2012: “‘**Bill Moyers Journal**’ ended in April 2010 because Mr. Moyers, now 77, said he needed a break from the incessant demands of weekly television. But there’s no sign he is easing up this time around,” Jensen continues, “The new show, which begins this month on public television stations, has a different name, ‘**Moyers & Company**,’ and a warmer set, featuring a blue-and-green background. But much will carry over from the old program, including Mr. Moyers’s thoughtful interviews with thinkers who wouldn’t otherwise get much television face time and a focus on the country’s most pressing political and economic questions.”

The opening show of **Moyers & Company** on Jan. 13, features the work of two noted political scientists, **Jacob Hacker** and **Paul Pierson**, authors of “Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer – and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class.” The inaugural show discusses the impact hard economic times has on families; it includes testimony of middle class Americans at a Senate hearing and closes with a Moyers’ essay on how **Occupy Wall Street** fits into the picture.

The following two shows continue to explore the seminal decisions made over the past 30 years that led to today’s great economic disparities. Moyers talks with **David Stockman** in the second week of “**Moyers & Company**,” who, as **Ronald Reagan’s** powerful and controversial budget director, was “taken to the woodshed” for telling the truth about the administration’s tax policies. Now a businessman and investor, Stockman speaks candidly with Moyers about how money dominates politics, distorting free markets and endangering democracy. “As a result,” Stockman says, “we have neither capitalism nor democracy. We have crony capitalism.”

In the third broadcast, Moyers talks with former Citigroup Chairman **John Reed**, now chairman of the board of MIT, and former Senator **Byron Dorgan**, to explore how the mid-90’s merger of Citicorp and Travelers Group brought down a crucial firewall between banks and investment firms – the Glass-Steagall Act, which had protected consumers from financial calamity since the aftermath of the Great Depression.

Over succeeding weeks, “**Moyers & Company**” will continue to explore some of the defining issues of the day, including relevant insight from novelists, poets, and artists, scientists and philosophers, and leading scholars. Among those scheduled to appear are former Poet Laureate of the United States **Rita Dove**; social psychologist **Jonathan Haidt** on the moral values that influence our political choices; and the influential editor of Poetry Magazine, **Christian Wiman**, on faith, doubt, and suffering. The broadcast will also feature regular political analysis from many of the people Moyers has called on over the years to interpret life in America, as well as new voices in the dialogue of democracy.

“**Moyers & Company**” debuts on Southern California’s KCET Jan. 13, 2012, airing Fridays at 8 p.m.



Herb Alpert and Bill Moyers at the Americans for the Arts Awards New York, October 2010

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