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The Lebanon Renaissance Foundation's Eli Khoury, Henry Crown Fellow James Pickup, and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at a US-Lebanon event.

## ASPEN LEADS IN LEBANON

The US-Lebanon Dialogue Program took its first trip to Lebanon in September. The delegation, headed by Institute CEO **Walter Isaacson**, met the political and business leaders and on-the-ground activists shaping Lebanon's future. "Our hope is to create a platform for dialogue that could help strengthen the US-Lebanon relationship," said **Firas Maksad**, executive director of the Lebanon Renaissance Foundation, which partnered with the Institute. "We want to elevate the level of debate on the important issues binding these two nations together." The Program also held its second annual conference in Washington in October. The event convened leading Lebanese and American experts, activists, and policymakers to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing Lebanon, and how the United States can best help Lebanon achieve its goals. To learn more, visit [www.aspeninstitute.org/uslebanon](http://www.aspeninstitute.org/uslebanon).

## Richards Takes Center Stage

As the Institute breaks ground on renovations to its Aspen campus, it was announced that the new Paepcke Memorial Building stage will be named in memory of The Honorable **Ann W. Richards**, a dedicated trustee of the Institute and the inimitable former governor of Texas, known for her fearless, plainspoken leadership and humor. To date, \$321,000 has been raised toward the \$500,000 goal for the stage renovation costs. To learn how you can help, contact Becky Ward at [becky.ward@aspeninstitute.org](mailto:becky.ward@aspeninstitute.org).

Richards and Institute trustee Henry Louis Gates Jr. perform *Antigone* in Aspen.



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## Cory Booker Kicks Off New York Series

**Cory Booker**, mayor of Newark, New Jersey, and a Henry Crown Fellow of the Institute, spoke in October to a rapt audience at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. The discussion with Booker, moderated by *Time* magazine Managing Editor Rick Stengel, was the inaugural event in The Aspen Leadership Series: Conversations with Great Leaders in Memory of Preston Robert Tisch. The five-year program is supported by **Laurie, Steven, and Jonathan Tisch**—with funds administered by the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund—in memory of their father. "We are thrilled that Mayor Booker has agreed to kick off the series," says Laurie. "He truly personifies the traits for which our father was so revered: community service, love for one's city and country, kindness, and dignity." The by-invitation series will continue at the Roosevelt House—part of Hunter College and the Institute's new New York home for programming—and will culminate each year with the Preston R. Tisch Award in Civic Leadership.



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