

Michael Smerconish

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Things I Wish I Knew Before I Started Talking. Michael Smerconish's speeches mirror the subject matter of his recently released full-length film: "Things I Wish I Knew Before I Started Talking". His latest book (released in 2018) is titled *Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right: American Life in Columns*. "Clowns" is a compilation of a selection of the newspaper columns he published in the first 15 years following 9/11. The book gave rise to a successful speaking tour dubbed "American Life in Columns," featuring Smerconish sharing stories from the book with live audiences in small theatres all across America. When the pandemic hit in March of 2020, Smerconish was about to embark on a new tour called "Things I Wish I Knew Before I Started Talking," a one-man show commemorating his 30th anniversary in talk radio. Reflecting on his three decades in the media, Smerconish shares funny anecdotes from his time behind a microphone and explains the connection between a partisan media and the increasing divide in Washington. When several sold-out dates had to be cancelled due to Covid 19, Smerconish commandeered a historic playhouse and with the benefit of a television film crew, delivered his presentation "live" in front of 400 empty seats. CNN aired portions of this performance worldwide as a one-hour special on July 11, 2020. The full-length version was released on December 8, 2020 by Virgil Films on VOM and DVD.
