



This month, WETA proudly celebrates the contributions, history, and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with special TV programming, including the WETA co-production *Asian Americans*. The series explores the impact of Asian Americans, the fastest-growing racial/ethnic group in the United States. Many of the programs can be streamed on the PBS Video App. Visit *weta.org/asian-pacific* for additional airdates and information.



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Saturday – May 1

12 PM WETA PBS

YAN CAN COOK: SPICE KINGDOM — A 13-part series hosted by Chef Martin Yan explores the many aspects of how food and spices helped shape the history and culture of Western China. *Saturdays, 12 noon on WETA PBS.*

7 PM WETA PBS

THE QUIETEST PLACE ON EARTH — On Hawaii's island of Maui, the Haleakala volcano rises nearly two miles into the sky. The massive crater located at its summit carries the unique distinction of being "the quietest place on Earth." This poetic documentary explores Maui's geological and spiritual birthplace through the eyes of Hawaiian people.

10 PM WETA PBS and WETA World

ASIAN AMERICANS — In this WETA co-production with the Center for Asian American Media (CAAM), explore the impact of Asian Americans, the fastest-growing racial/ethnic group in the United States. *Episode 1. Breaking Ground.* See how new immigrants from China, India, Japan, the Philippines, and beyond — despite anti-Asian laws — still managed to build railroads, dazzle on the silver screen, and take their fight for equality to the U.S. Supreme Court. *Repeats Thursday 5/6, 10 p.m. WETA Metro; Friday 5/7, 3 p.m. WETA PBS; Monday 5/31, 3 p.m. WETA World.*

2 Sunday – May 2

2 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM — This episode chronicles the story of indigenous AFL legend Adam Goodes, while also telling a deeper story about race, identity, and belonging. *Repeats Monday 5/10, 8 p.m. WETA World.*



Sunday – May 2

3 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF CHINA — This six-part series, written and presented by historian Michael Wood, explores the history of China from the ancient past to present day. *Episode 1. Ancestors.* Wood examines ancient myths, archaeological sites, and the first records of Chinese writing. *Episode 2. Silk Roads and China Ships.* Michael Wood explores China's first international age, the Tang Dynasty, uncovering the coming of Christianity and tracking the spread of Chinese culture across East Asia.

3 Monday – May 3

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: POI: THE STORY OF OUR SONG — Learn about a song that was able to bridge cultures and change lives.

4 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF INDIA — Another Michael Wood production, this six-part series chronicles the history of India. *Episode 1. Beginnings.* Wood traces the first human migrations out of Africa. Traveling through the remains of the Indus Valley civilization to the Ganges Plain, Wood discovers various archeological artifacts that shed light on the country's early history.

9 PM WETA World

LOCAL,USA KŪ KANAKA: STAND TALL — In August 1969, 15-year-old Terry Young became paralyzed from the neck down after taking a dive from a rock wall perch. Following the incident, Young graduated high school, completed college, earned a PhD, and was a founding faculty member of the School of Hawaiian Studies at University of Hawaii-Manoa. This episode follows his inspirational story from the accident up to his death in 2008.

10 PM WETA PBS

AMY TAN: UNINTENDED MEMOIR: AMERICAN MASTERS

— This documentary interweaves archival imagery, including home movies and personal photographs, animation, and original interviews, to tell the inspiring story of the groundbreaking author's life and career. *Repeats Friday 5/7,* 8 p.m. WETA World; Saturday 5/8, 8 p.m. WETA Metro.

4 Tuesday – May 4

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: MAKING GOOD MEN — Two high profile New Zealanders, a former All Black rugby player and a Hollywood actor, reveal their unforgettable account of bullying and their reconciliation many years after they were in a violent fight at a boarding school.

4 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF INDIA — *Episode 2. The Power of Ideas.* The second episode of Michael Wood's journey through Indian history covers the last centuries BCE — the age of the Buddha, the coming of the Greeks, and the rule of the emperor Ashoka, one of the greatest figures in world history.

8 PM WETA World

AMERICA REFRAMED: FAR EAST DEEP SOUTH — Charles Chiu and his family attempt to trace their ancestral roots. As they journey throughout the Mississippi Delta, they uncover stories and learn about the racially complex history of Chinese immigrants in the segregated South.

9:30 PM WETA World

NOBODY DIES: A FILM ABOUT A MUSICIAN, HER MOM AND VIETNAM — Singer and songwriter Thao Nguyen travels to Vietnam for the first time, accompanied by her mother who hasn't been back to the country since the Fall of Saigon. Throughout the trip, Thao reflects on her American upbringing and extended family in Vietnam.

5 Wednesday – May 5

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: PRISON SONGS — In Australia's first-ever documentary musical, inmates of a Darwin jail share their feelings, faults, and experiences in song.

4 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF INDIA — *Episode 3. Spice Routes and Silk Roads.* Explore how India became a great player in global commerce in the early centuries CE. As the spice trade with Rome opened India up to the world, merchant's caravans began to use the Silk Road between China and the West.

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Wednesday – May 5

7 PM WETA World

THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE — The history series examines the origin, history, and impact of the 1882 law that made it illegal for Chinese workers to come to America and for Chinese nationals already here to become U.S. citizens. The Act remained in force for more

than 60 years. Repeats Thursday 5/27, 3 p.m. WETA PBS.

Thursday – May 6

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: LEITIS IN WAITING — Follow the most prominent leiti (transgender) people in the Tonga Kingdom.

4 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF INDIA — *Episode 4. Ages of Gold.* Learn about India's accomplishments in the Middle Ages, from the discovery of the number zero to the creation of the world's first sex guide, the Kama Sutra.

Friday – May 7

4 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF INDIA — *Episode 5. The Meeting of Two Oceans.* In this episode, historian Michael Wood investigates the introduction of Islam to the subcontinent, the Mughal empire, the life of Muslim emperor Akbar, and more.

8 Saturday – May 8

7 PM WETA PBS

THE REGISTRY — Learn the history of the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Service (MIS) during World War II. The film profiles Americans of Japanese descent who served in a secret U.S. Army unit that fought in the Pacific. Aging veterans try to preserve their stories by creating a registry of those who served. *Repeats Monday 5/31, 3 p.m.*

10 PM WETA Metro

AND THEY CAME FOR US — Filmmakers Abby Ginzberg and Ken Schneider demonstrate the importance of speaking up against any efforts to register or ban Muslims today.

10 PM WETA World 10:30 PM WETA PBS

ASIAN AMERICANS — *Episode 2. A Question of Loyalty.* Meet an American-born generation tied both to the U.S. and to their parents' homelands in Asia. Loyalties are tested during World War II, when families are imprisoned in detention camps and brothers find themselves on opposite sides of battle lines. *Repeats Thursday 5/13, 10:30 p.m. WETA Metro; Friday 5/14, 3 p.m. WETA PBS; Monday 5/31, 4 p.m. WETA World.*

9 Sunday – May 9

12 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: FOR MY FATHER'S KINGDOM — Tongan pensioner Saia Mafile'o and his family deal with the rigors of devout Christian tithing. *Repeats Monday 5/17, 8 p.m. WETA World.*

3 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF CHINA — *Episode 3. Golden Age.* In Kaifeng, Woods hears the story of the boys who became emperors; tries a 1,000-year-old recipe; and dances with the locals by Hangzhou's West. *Episode 4. The Ming.* Viewers will visit the Great Wall and the Forbidden City; sail the South China Sea on junk; and travel to Macao with the first Jesuit missionary to China.

10 Monday – May 10

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: THE SPIRIT OF THE ANCESTORS — Inhabitants of the island of Rapanui attempt to claim back a statue of significant cultural importance.

4 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF INDIA — *Episode 6. Freedom.* In the last installment of the series, Michael Wood examines the British Raj and India's struggle for freedom. The episode also explores the Amritsar massacre, the rise of Gandhi and Nehru, and the events leading up to the Partition of India in 1947.





Tuesday – May 11

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: CORRIDOR FOUR — On September 11, 2001, K9 Unit Officer Isaac Ho'opi'i saved numerous lives during the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Since then, his heroism has been recognized nationally. However, the event's profound impact on Ho'opi'i has not been addressed... until now.

4 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — LUCKYRICE culinary festival founder Danielle Chang travels across America to explore the Asian food landscape and discovers how deeply Asian culture is rooted in our everyday lives. *Episode 1. Food as a Cultural Collision.* This episode explores how food can be a physical manifestation of the mixing of cultures.

4:30 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — *Episode 2. Food as Art.* Learn how artists are using food as their preferred medium.

7 PM WETA World

TOUCHING THE SOUND — Follow the artistic development and accomplishments of blind pianist Nobuyuki Tsujii. Tsujii started playing piano by ear from a young age, earned a gold medal triumph in the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, and performed at Carnegie Hall.

8 PM WETA World

AMERICA REFRAMED: CURTAIN UP! — A theater club at PS 124 in New York City's Chinatown prepares to stage a musical production. Throughout the process, the young thespians learn about culture, identity, and art.

9:30 PM WETA World

BLOODLINE — This documentary reveals how new biotechnologies raise ethical, legal, and social dilemmas. *Repeats Wednesday 5/19, 4:30 p.m. WETA PBS.*

12 Wednesday – May 12

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: LET'S PLAY MUSIC! SLACK KEY WITH CYRIL PAHINUI AND FRIENDS — Some of the most revered and talented musicians in Hawaii, including master slack key musician Cyril Pahinui, jam out.

4 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — *Episode 3. Food as Local Locavore.* Danielle Chang travels around China's Hangzhou region to take a closer look at the Chinese farm-to-table movement.

4:30 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — *Episode 4. Food as Wellness.* While food provides us with our daily sustenance, it can also be a useful medicine.

13 Thursday – May 13

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: ANOTE'S ARK — Inhabitants of the Pacific Island nation of Kiribati find themselves threatened by sea level rise.

4PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — *Episode 5. Food as AZN.* Danielle Chang chats with chefs, entrepreneurs, and cultural ambassadors about the future of Asian representation in the mainstream.

4:30 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — *Episode 6. Food as Beauty.* With the help of Sokoglam's Charlotte Cho, Danielle Chang shows how Asian beauty secrets have manifested themselves in mainstream America today.

14 Friday – May 14

4 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 4 — *Episode 1. Generasians.* In the first episode of their newest season, Danielle Chang and new cohost William Li chat with various restaurant owners and chefs, who recount incredible stories of immigrant perseverance.

4:30 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 4 — *Episode 2. Healing.* Danielle Chang and William Li explore the concept of functional food and learn that consciousness and intent are two of the most powerful ingredients in life.



5 Saturday – May 15

7 PM WETA PBS

MR. TORNADO: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE — Meet Ted Fujita, a pioneering meteorologist who transformed our understanding of tornados. His technological advancements saved lives and helped Americans prepare for and respond to dangerous weather phenomena. *Repeats Friday, 5/28, 7 p.m. WETA World; Monday 5/31, 4 p.m. WETA PBS.*

10 PM WETA World

10:30 PM WETA PBS

ASIAN AMERICANS — *Episode 3. Good Americans.* During the Cold War years, Asian Americans are simultaneously heralded as a model minority and targeted as the perpetual foreigner. The period is also a time of bold ambition, as Asian Americans aspire to national political office. *Repeats Thursday 5/20, 10:30 p.m. WETA Metro; Friday 5/21, 3 p.m. WETA PBS.*

16 Sunday – May 16

3 PM WETA PBS

THE STORY OF CHINA — *Episode 5. The Last Empire.* Discover the splendors of China's last empire, the Qing. From China's favorite novel to story-telling houses and all-female mosques, it's an age full of surprises. *Episode 6. The Age of Revolution.* Survey the three great revolutions that gave birth to today's China. Wood visits wild mountain villages; describes the fall of the empire; and stays in the last communist commune – before a celebration on Chinese New Year.

17 Monday – May 17

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: POWER MERI — Papua New Guinea's first women's national rugby team travels to the 2017 World Cup, encountering sexism, lack of funding, and national prejudice along the way.

4 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 4 — *Episode 3. Innovators.* Danielle Chang and William Li interview acclaimed chefs and other innovators to discuss the future of food innovation.

4:30 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 4 — *Episode 4. Hybrid.* See how culture and food collide in four different ways: Park's Filipino-American BBQ, J.J. Johnson's Afro-Asian rice bowls, Llama San's take on unique Peruvian-Japanese flavors, and Lao refugee James Syhabout's various creations.

7 PM WETA World

INDEPENDENT LENS: EATING UP EASTER — See how climate change and a booming tourism trade threaten the fragile economy of Rapa Nui, also known as Easter Island, and meet the local artists, ecologists, and developers balancing their strong cultural heritage with modern-day challenges. *Repeats Saturday 5/22, 7 p.m. WETA PBS; Friday 5/28, 4 p.m. WETA PBS.*

18 Tuesday – May 18

3PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: BORN THIS WAY: AWA'S STORY/THE ROGERS — Awa's Story chronicles an openly transgender teen as she attends her final year at college in Wellington, New Zealand. In The Rogers, the first visible group of transgender men in the Pacific Islands is formed.

4 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 4 — *Episode 5. Curators.* Danielle Chang and co-host William Li meet the editors of a contemporary AZN culture magazine, visit an urban rice paddy in New York City, talk to the creator of a hot Chinese cooking blog, and look into the future of Asian cocktail culture.

4:30 PM WETA PBS

LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 4 — *Episode 6. Comfort.* The last episode of the season explores how food can be a comforting presence.

7 PM WETA World

REEL SOUTH: GIMME A FAITH — Arriving in North Carolina to study filmmaking, Hao Zhang is surprised to find a unique community of Chinese students, connected by a newly discovered evangelical Christianity that is often at stark odds with their communist roots in China.



8 PM WETA World

AMERICA REFRAMED: FIRST VOTE — This documentary offers a look into Chinese American electoral organizing in North Carolina and Ohio. The episode weaves stories of organizers from the presidential election of 2016 and the 2018 midterms and explores the intersections of immigration, voting rights, and racial justice.

9 PM WETA World

NORMAN MINETA AND HIS LEGACY: AN AMERICAN STORY

— Meet the statesman who served as a cabinet secretary for two presidents, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Imprisoned by the U.S. during World War II for his Japanese ancestry. Norman Mineta served in the U.S. Congress for 21 years and became the first Asian American to serve in a presidential cabinet.

19 🐘 Wednesday – May 19

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: BEING BRUNO BANANI — Hear the story of the first and only Tongan luger who qualified for the 2014 Winter Olympics.

7 PM WETA World

SHANGHAI 1937: WHERE WORLD WAR II BEGAN — Most Americans would say World War II began in December 1941 with the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Europeans would say the war began when Nazi Germany invaded Poland in September 1939. But in China, the Battle of Shanghai in August 1937 marks the beginning of the World War. The film chronicles the battle, while also exploring the aftermath that ensued.

8 PM WETA World

ITO SISTERS: AN AMERICAN STORY — Three Japanese American sisters share the experiences of their immigrant parents struggling to make a life in America at the beginning of the 20th century.

20 Thursday – May 20

3 PM WETA PBS

KOREA: THE NEVER-ENDING WAR — The documentary traces the history of the Korean War and its continuing impact on the world, shining new light on a geopolitical hotspot. *Repeats Friday 5/28, 8 p.m. WETA World.*

1 Friday – May 21

4 PM WETA PBS

RICHARD BANGS' ADVENTURES WITH PURPOSE: HONG KONG: QUEST FOR THE DRAGON — Adventurer Richard Bangs ventures into the heart of Hong Kong to discover what forces drive a city in which the spiritual concept of chi and the worldly concept of wealth coexist.

Saturday – May 22

10 PM WETA PBS & WETA World

ASIAN AMERICANS — *Episode 4. Generation Rising.* The aftermath of the Vietnam War brings new immigrants and refugees who fight for equality in the fields, on campuses, and in the culture, claiming a new identity: Asian Americans. *Repeats Thursday 5/27, 10 p.m. WETA Metro; Friday 5/28, 3 p.m. WETA PBS.*

3 Sunday – May 23

12 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: AMERICAN ALOHA: HULA BEYOND HAWAI'I — Three master hula teachers continue to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through the teaching of music, language, and dance in California.

1 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: NA KAMALEI: THE MEN OF HULA — While Western concepts of gender and sexuality have interfered with the role of male hula dancers, this dance is often a source of pride for men.

3 PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: STAN — At age 26, musician Stan Walker fights a rare cancer with humor and determination. *Repeats Monday 5/24, 8 p.m. WETA World.*

4PM WETA PBS

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: TOKYO HULA — Examine how tourism, economics, and a love for all things Hawaiian have influenced the rise of hula dancing in Japan. *Repeats Monday 5/31, 8 p.m. WETA World.*

9 PM WETA World

P.O.V.: ABOUT LOVE — In Mumbai, three generations of the Phadke family are interviewed by the family's youngest daughter.



4 Monday – May 24

7 PM WETA World

GANDHI'S AWAKENING & GANDHI'S GIFT, PT 1 — This two-part series documents Gandhi's early transformative years in South Africa as the young lawyer experiences harsh prejudice and hatred firsthand. Part of Gandhi's story is told by Gandhi's grandson Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi, Indian scholar and environmental activist Dr. Vandana Shiva, and author James W. Douglass.

10 PM WETA PBS

INDEPENDENT LENS: THE DONUT KING — Hear the story of Ted Ngoy. After fleeing Cambodia for the United States, he built a multimillion-dollar fried pastry empire, Christy's Doughnuts, and began living his American Dream. But a great rise often comes with a great fall. *Repeats Wednesday 5/26, 7:30 p.m. WETA World; Saturday 5/29, 8 p.m. WETA Metro.*

25 Tuesday – May 25

7 PM WETA World

REEL SOUTH: SEADRIFT — Set in the early days of the Vietnamese refugee arrival in the U.S., this episode explores a fatal shooting that ignited a series of hostilities against Vietnamese refugee fishermen along the Gulf Coast.

8 PM WETA World

AMERICA REFRAMED: HAMTRAMCK, USA — Explore life and democracy in America's first Muslim-majority city. As election day approaches, candidates Fadel al-Marsoumi and Karen Majewski face various challenges and opportunities.

9 PM WETA World

ENEMY OF THE REICH: THE NOOR INAYAT KHAN STORY — In 1943, Noor Inayat Khan, a young Muslim woman, was recruited by the British as a covert operative in Paris. Khan was crucial in coordinating the airdrop of weapons, explosives, and agents, as well as supporting the rescue of downed Allied fliers.

6 Saturday – May 29

10 PM WETA World 10:30 PM WETA PBS

ASIAN AMERICANS — *Episode 5. Breaking Through.* Revisit the turn of the millennium, when Asian Americans are empowered by growing numbers and rising influence but face a reckoning of what it means to be an American in an increasingly polarized society.

27 Monday – May 31

7 PM WETA World

GANDHI'S AWAKENING & GANDHI'S GIFT, PT 2 — The second part of a two-part series on Gandhi's life, this film continues telling the story of the activist's life and accomplishments.

8 PM WETA Metro

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, SEASON 20 — Episode 28. Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage. This episode highlights items of Asian and Pacific Island origins, including a Hawaiian Kou bowl, a Gandhi presentation spinning wheel, and an 1888 Joseph Nawahi painting.

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