

MAY 2021
MAGAZINE FOR MEMBERS

WETA



Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WETA presents special programming throughout May
on WETA PBS, WETA Metro & WETA World

WETA local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration
series *If You Lived Here* presents four new episodes in May



WETA Focus

In May, we reprise the WETA co-production *Asian Americans*, a five-part 2020 film which through individual lives and personal stories explores the significant role of the diverse peoples of this community in shaping the nation's history and identity. The series anchors our celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which includes a lineup of more than

50 engaging programs airing across our channels WETA PBS, WETA Metro and WETA World. These important offerings, including documentaries, biographies and independent films, illuminate achievements and aspirations, history and culture, lived experience and more.

We are also pleased to premiere four more programs in our locally focused house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series *If You Lived Here*, which in May wraps up its first season with visits to Hyattsville, Petworth/16th Street Heights, North Arlington and Takoma Park. Created by WETA exclusively for our viewers, the series is a great way to tour properties and — for longtime residents and new arrivals alike — to discover the many vibrant communities that make up the national capital area. We are already working on new episodes for Season 2, so stay tuned for more programs spotlighting our hometown.

Among our many other offerings this month, WETA helps bring to viewers nationwide the annual broadcast *National Memorial Day Concert*, which honors the service and sacrifice of America's military men and women in uniform. Enjoy our stellar programs this May, and thank you for your support of WETA.

Sharon Percy Rockefeller

Sharon Percy Rockefeller, President & CEO, WETA

National Memorial Day Concert 2021

WETA co-production airs Sunday, May 30 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS and WETA Metro; streams on the PBS Video App

This year marks the 32nd annual broadcast of *National Memorial Day Concert*, a night of remembrance that WETA helps to bring to the nation via PBS. The program honors the service and sacrifice of America's military men and women in uniform, their families and all of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The broadcast, a WETA co-production with Capital Concerts, this year features all-new content and the return of co-hosts Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna — with pops conductor Jack Everly, the National Symphony Orchestra, and artists to be announced. Segments honor those who served in the Vietnam War, including a special tribute to American nurses with Diane Carlson Evans, founder of the Vietnam Women's Memorial; and the show honors Americans who served in the Korean War, including the elite 2nd Ranger Company, a trailblazing all-Black unit that served with distinction. The concert also commemorates the September 11, 2001 terror attacks, remembering those who perished that day and in the 20 years since in service to our nation.

National Memorial Day Concert is made possible by grants from the National Park Service, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Department of the Army, General Dynamics, PBS, and public television stations nationwide. Air travel is provided by American Airlines.



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WETA TV Highlights

Tulsa: The Fire and the Forgotten

**Monday, May 31 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS
& WETA Metro; streams on the PBS Video App**

A new documentary explores the Tulsa Race Massacre, the history of anti-Black violence, and Black resilience. In one of the worst incidents of racial violence in American history, on May 31-June 1, 1921, a mob of white residents set fire to “Black Wall Street” — hundreds of Black-owned businesses and homes in the Greenwood district of Tulsa, Oklahoma — killing an estimated 100-300 Black residents and leaving thousands homeless. On the 100th anniversary of the crime, the film examines this deadly assault. The racial terror in Tulsa was compounded by the silence that followed: no one was punished, and many Americans remain unaware of this history. In the film, *Washington Post* reporter DeNeen L. Brown (pictured, center) interviews Greenwood descendants and today’s community activists, asking them about the search for mass graves from 1921, today’s efforts to revive the Black district of Greenwood, and more. The documentary also explores issues of atonement, reconciliation and reparation.



Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer

**Tuesdays at 8 p.m. starting May 11 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
streams on the PBS Video App**

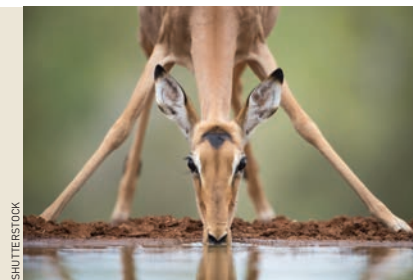
A new four-part series explores the life-extending role of science, medicine and public health as hosts Steven Johnson and David Olusoga (below) guide an examination of three centuries of health innovations that conquered diseases and increased life expectancies for many across the globe. Set in the context of today’s COVID-19 pandemic, the series explores lessons learned from previous pandemics — including smallpox, cholera and the Spanish flu — and reveals how scientists, doctors, activists and others launched a public health revolution, saving millions of lives, changing how we think about illness and paving the way for modern medicine. The series features leading public health authorities and scientists on the front lines of the current pandemic, and follows how the approaches and medical triumphs of the past provided a blueprint for our future in the battle to live longer. Episodes are *Vaccines* (May 11); *Medical Drugs* (May 18); *Data* (May 25) and *Behavior* (June 1).



Life at the Waterhole

**Wednesdays starting May 19 at 8 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
streams on the PBS Video App**

Waterholes are vital to the African ecosystem as bustling oases where elephants, warthogs, giraffes, monkeys, big cats and hundreds of other species meet and compete for water. Despite the growing competition for resources, little is known about how these waterholes support so much life. In a three-part natural history miniseries created in a partnership between PBS and BBC, the dynamic role of water for Africa’s wildlife is explored through the creation and observation of an artificial waterhole rigged with built-in, weather-proofed cameras in Tanzania. Series host and renowned conservation scientist Dr. M. Sanjayan, alongside wildlife cinematographer Bob Poole, worked with local Hadzabe and Maasai communities to create the waterhole, which attracted a wide array of animals and shed light on the waterhole’s complex dynamics.



For program and membership inquiries, visit weta.org or call 703-998-2724.

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WETA TV Highlights



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WETA Arts

**WETA production airs Monday, May 3 at 9:30 p.m.
on WETA PBS and 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro;
streams on WETA Passport; visit weta.org/arts**

WETA's engaging half-hour magazine-style series *WETA Arts* — hosted by actor and arts advocate Felicia Curry — spotlights locally focused stories on arts and culture. In the May program, go inside the United States Capitol as Curator of the Capitol Dr. Michele Cohen describes efforts to restore damaged artworks, including paintings and sculptures; meet award-winning playwright-director-actor Psalmayene 24, creator of *The Freewheelin' Insurgents*, a film that channels Black Lives Matter activism into the artist's love of the local theater scene; see a bureaucrat-by-day, drag-queen-by-night compete to lead a local philanthropic LGBTQ+ organization in Josh Davidsburg's documentary *Queen of the Capital*; and Felicia Curry speaks with Julie Kent, artistic director of The Washington Ballet, about adapting dance to the pandemic.

Politics and Prose Live

**Saturdays at 7 p.m. on WETA Metro;
repeating 1 p.m. Sundays**

Among the locally focused presentations on WETA Metro is a series from the renowned D.C. independent bookstore and cultural institution Politics and Prose. Each Saturday night at 7 p.m., *Politics and Prose Live* features in-depth conversations with leading thinkers and public figures about their latest books. These television programs feature discussions previously recorded by the bookstore in a live format via Zoom; WETA Metro's presentations allow viewers in the DMV region to tune in for hand-picked events from the bookstore's long-running author event series. Authors and works featured or celebrated in May episodes of *Politics and Prose Live* include **Fareed Zakaria**, "Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World" (May 1); **Peter Baker and Susan Glasser**, "The Man Who Ran Washington: The Life and Times of James A. Baker III" (May 22); and **Caty Borum Chattoo**, "Story Movements: How Documentaries Empower People and Inspire Social Change" (May 29).



Saturdays at 7PM

WETA metro PBS

Great Performances: *Uncle Vanya*

**Friday, May 7 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS Video App**

A new *Great Performances* presentation marries the intimacy of the screen with the electricity of live theater as Tony Award-nominee Conor McPherson breathes new life into Anton Chekhov's masterpiece "Uncle Vanya" with his acclaimed adaptation of the drama, portraying life at the turn of the 20th century filled with tumultuous frustration, dark humor and hidden passions. The program, a U.S. premiere, was recorded in August 2020 at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London after the production's sold-out run closed early due to the coronavirus pandemic. Toby Jones stars

in the title role and Richard Armitage portrays Astrov; and Roger Allam (*Endeavour*) is among the stellar ensemble cast. *Uncle Vanya* begins as Sonya and her Uncle Vanya throw their lives into maintaining the crumbling family estate occasionally visited by the radical and inspiring local doctor Astrov. However, when Sonya's father, Professor Serebryakov, suddenly returns with his restless, alluring new wife, Yelena, long-hidden truths begin to emerge.



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2 MAY 2021 • Stream select programs via the free PBS Video App.

If You Lived Here

Four New Episodes!

WETA production airs Mondays at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS and 8 p.m. on WETA Metro; streams on the PBS Video App

WETA's local house-hunting series *If You Lived Here* presents four new programs this month, spotlighting neighborhoods and properties throughout the D.C. Metro region while celebrating each area's history, culture, notable places, and flavor. In each half-hour program, hosts, best friends and longtime Washingtonians Christine Louise and John Begeny tour homes and communities with local realtors, exploring the national capital area one neighborhood at a time. Episodes air Mondays on WETA PBS and WETA Metro. Watch all 10 episodes on May 30, 1-6 p.m. on WETA PBS, 3-8 p.m. on WETA Metro. Also find episodes at weta.org.



MAY 3 • Episode 7. Hyattsville, MD

Series hosts Christine Louise and John Begeny join realtor Juan Umanzor to explore and visit three homes in historic Hyattsville. Juan's trio of home tours starts with a colonial 1943 brick home in West Hyattsville followed by an end-unit townhouse in the heart of the Arts District. The final stop is a new build on Powhatan Road. From Hyattsville's automotive history to the durability of 100-year-old Sears Kit Homes to older buildings now being revitalized, the hosts immerse themselves in Hyattsville's past, present and future. Along the way, locals share their thoughts on why Hyattsville is such a vibrant community.

MAY 10 • Episode 8. Petworth/16th St. Heights, DC

The hosts and realtor Denise Champion visit three properties in the District's Petworth and 16th Street Heights neighborhoods. The day begins in Rock Creek Park as Louise and Begeny tour a 1936 townhome on New Hampshire Avenue. *Petworth News* founder Drew Schneider and longtime Petworth resident Akena Allen share historic and personal stories of how the residents of Petworth feel a "pride of place." Next among the explorations is Longfellow Street NW, with rowhomes, detached Victorian frame-houses and bungalows. The final stop is a 6,400-square-foot historic 1909 private residence (with carriage house) that was once a bed and breakfast.

MAY 17 • Episode 9. North Arlington, VA

Series hosts John Begeny and Christine Louise and realtor Veronica Seva-Gonzalez explore North Arlington, Virginia. The tour begins at a condo conversion of a former hotel on Wilson Boulevard. The hosts connect with a historian to learn about Arlington's place in music history; and then they visit Oakland Street to discover a 1951 Charles Goodman-designed home that embraces its mid-century modern vibe. County Natural Resources Specialist Jennifer Soles shares her passion for Arlington's outdoor offerings, and the tour concludes at a home on 40th Street.



Series hosts
John Begeny &
Christine Louise

MAY 24 • Episode 10. Takoma Park, MD

The hosts join realtor Anna Mackler to tour historic Takoma Park, Maryland, and visit a variety of properties. Known as "Azalea City," this close-knit, quiet suburb shares a border with D.C. and is renowned for its art and activism. Begeny and Louise explore a brick 1941 Cape Cod on 13th Place and then a five-bedroom 1923 Craftsman on Flower Avenue that features one of Takoma Park's signature front porches. The final stop is an even larger Craftsman on Takoma Avenue built in 1928 with a contemporary addition on the back. The hosts make time for some history at the Cady-Lee house, Takoma Park's grandest Victorian home; a bit of local news at community radio station WOWD; and the story behind the community's official mascot.

Asian American & Pacific

Heritage Month Programs

On WETA PBS and WETA Metro

Visit weta.org/asian-pacific

Asian Americans Saturdays, 10 or 10:30pm;

Rpts Fridays, 3pm; **Thursdays 10 or 10:30 p.m.**

The Quietest Place on Earth Sat 5/1, 7pm; Rpts 11pm

Yan Can Cook: Spice Kingdom Saturdays, noon

Pacific Heartbeat, Series 10:

The Australian Dream Sun 5/2, 2pm

For My Father's Kingdom Sun 5/9, noon

American Aloha: Hula Beyond Hawai'i Sun 5/23, 12n

Na Kamalei: The Men of Hula Sun 5/23, 1pm

Stan Sun 5/23, 3pm

Tokyo Hula Sun 5/23, 4pm

The Story of China Sundays, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 3pm;

Rpts Mon-Wed 5/24-5/26, 3pm

Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir: American Masters

Mon 5/3, 10pm; **Sat 5/8, 8pm; Rpts 12m**

And They Came for Us Sat 5/8, 10pm; Rpts 2am

Pacific Heartbeat, Series 7:

Poi E: The Story of Our Song Mon 5/3, 3pm

Making Good Men Tue 5/4, 3pm

Being Bruno Banani Wed 5/19, 3pm

The Story of India weekdays, 5/3-5/10, 4pm

Pacific Heartbeat, Series 8:

Prison Songs Wed 5/5, 3pm

Leitis in Waiting Thur 5/6, 3pm

Te Kuhane o te Tupuna (The Spirit of the Ancestors)

Mon 5/10, 3pm

Corridor Four Tue 5/11, 3pm

Let's Play Music! Slack Key with Cyril Pahinui and

Friends Wed 5/12, 3pm

The Registry Sat 5/8, 7pm; Rpts 12m, Mon 5/31, 3pm

Lucky Chow, Series 3 & 4 weekdays

Tue 5/11-Tue 5/18, 4pm

Pacific Heartbeat, Series 9:

Anote's Ark Thur 5/13, 3pm

Power Meri Mon 5/17, 3pm

Born This Way: Awa's Story/The Rogers Tue 5/18, 3pm

Mr. Tornado: American Experience

Sat 5/15, 7pm; Rpts 12m; Mon 5/31, 4pm

Bloodline Wed 5/19, 4:30pm

Korea: The Never-Ending War Thur 5/20, 3pm

Richard Bangs' Adventures with Purpose: Hong Kong

Fri 5/21, 4pm

Independent Lens: Eating Up Easter

Sat 5/22, 7pm; Rpts 11pm; Fri 5/28, 4pm

Independent Lens: The Donut King

Mon 5/24, 10pm; **Sat 5/29, 8pm; Rpts 12m**

The Chinese Exclusion Act: American Experience

Thur 5/27, 3pm

Antiques Roadshow: Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage

Mon 5/31, 8pm; **Mon 5/31, 8pm**



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that celebrates Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, featuring a wide array of historical documentaries, independent films, cultural presentations and more.

To learn about the many heritage programs this month on WETA PBS, WETA Metro and WETA World, visit weta.org/asian-pacific.

Asian Americans

WETA co-production airs

Saturdays at 10 p.m./10:30 p.m.

in May on WETA PBS,

Thursdays at 10 p.m./10:30 p.m.

on WETA Metro;

streams on the PBS Video App

A documentary series co-produced by WETA, the five-part 2020 film *Asian Americans* chronicles the Asian American experience in the United States, presenting stories that explore exclusion and empowerment, sacrifice and triumph, trauma and hope. The series showcases the significant role of diverse Asian American communities in shaping the nation's history and identity — from the wave of new Asian immigrants in the 1850s to identity politics during the social and cultural turmoil of the 20th century to modern refugee crises in a globally connected world. *Asian Americans* follows the stories of trailblazers, both prominent and forgotten, who had an impact on representation and what it means to be Asian American today. The documentary is narrated by actors Daniel Dae Kim and Tamlyn Tomita. *Asian Americans* is a production of WETA and the Center for Asian American Media (CAAM) for PBS, in association with the Independent Television Service (ITVS), Flash Cuts and Tajima-Peña Productions.

Major funding for *Asian Americans* is provided by Wallace H. Coulter Foundation, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Ford Foundation/JustFilms, National Endowment for the Humanities, The Freeman Foundation, The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Kay Family Foundation, Long Family Foundation, Spring Wang and California Humanities.

Islander Heritage Month

Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir: American Masters

**May 3 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; May 8 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS Video App**

Airing as part of WETA's celebration of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the *American Masters* film *Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir* presents an intimate portrait of the groundbreaking author, born to Chinese immigrant parents in Oakland, California in 1952. Tan's hit debut novel, "The Joy Luck Club," catapulted her to commercial and critical success, spending more than 40 weeks on *The New York Times* Best Seller list. With the 1993 blockbuster film adaptation that followed, as well as additional bestselling novels, librettos, short stories and memoirs (including "The Kitchen God's Wife," "The Hundred Secret Senses," "The Bonesetter's Daughter," "Saving Fish from Drowning" and "The Valley of Amazement"), Tan established herself as one of the most respected literary voices today. Her work has been translated into 35 languages. The documentary — the last completed film from late director James Redford — features new interviews with Tan; fellow writers Kevin Kwan, Isabel Allende, Dave Barry and Ronald Bass; actors from *The Joy Luck Club*; and friends and family.



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Women detainees,
Angel Island,
San Francisco Bay

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Chinese Exclusion Act: American Experience

Wednesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. on WETA World

A documentary film by Ric Burns and Li-Shin Yu — *The Chinese Exclusion Act: American Experience* — spotlights a unique piece of federal legislation and its impact. On May 6, 1882, on the eve of the greatest wave of immigration in American history, President Chester A. Arthur signed into law the Act, which singled out as never before a specific race and nationality for exclusion. The law made it illegal for Chinese workers to come to America and for Chinese nationals already here ever to become citizens of the United States. The first

in a long line of federal acts targeting the Chinese for exclusion, the Act would remain in force for more than 60 years. The film explores in detail this little-known yet deeply resonant and revealing episode in American history — examining aspects of civil liberties, immigration and culture. Actor Hoon Lee narrates the film.

Independent Lens: The Donut King

**Monday, May 24 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS;
May 29 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS Video App**

The award-winning documentary film *The Donut King* explores immigration, assimilation, prejudice, and who gets access to the American Dream — and what happens when you achieve it. In 1975, Ted Ngoy escaped the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, arriving in America via Camp Pendleton, California. Starting as a gas station janitor, he parlayed diligence and luck into the purchase of his first donut shop, launching an unlikely multi-million-dollar fried pastry empire. Starting in Orange County, California, his Christy's Doughnuts consortium continued to expand, providing a unique opportunity for Ngoy to lend a helping hand to his former countrymen and women. He sponsored hundreds of visas for incoming Cambodian refugees and offered them steady employment in his donut shops. By the mid 1980s, Ngoy was living his version of the American Dream: owner of multiple homes, driving luxury cars, taking lavish vacations, and officially becoming an American citizen. But a great rise can also come with a great fall.



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WETA Digital Highlights

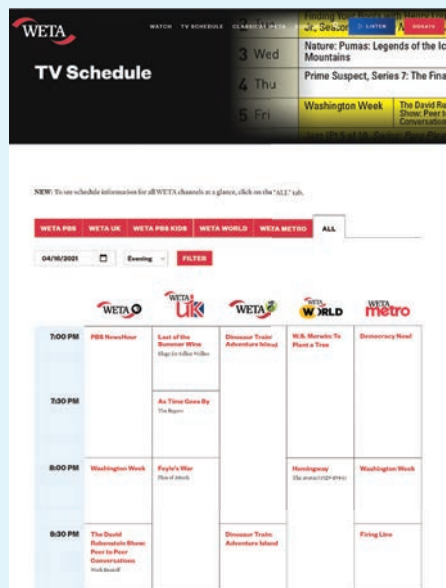
See what's on WETA TV at weta.org!

Website features view of offerings across WETA channels

On WETA's redesigned weta.org site, the station makes it easy to find out what's on the air, offering tabs at weta.org/schedule where you can discover the programming scheduled for any of WETA's five individual television channels — WETA PBS, WETA UK, WETA Kids, WETA World and WETA Metro — and plan your viewing. With member input, WETA made an important addition. You asked, we listened, and now weta.org features an “All” tab on the schedule page, where you can see what's airing across ALL of WETA's channels!

Looking for some great content to view? Visit weta.org/schedule, click on the red “All” tab, and find a wide array of viewing options, scrollable so you can see what's ahead for up to two weeks *and* looking back a few days too in case you want to find something you may have missed. **SEARCH TIP:** If you change your search parameters on this page, such as date or time period, remember to press the “Filter” button to refresh your search.

When looking *back* in the schedule, in many instances by clicking on a selection you'll go right to a page when you can view the program directly on the site. WETA has a vast array of superb content available at weta.org. Explore and enjoy!



Spotlight on WETA Passport



Stream your favorite shows on WETA Passport, a member benefit that offers access to a vast library of superb programs available for streaming on-demand. To learn how to access programming on WETA Passport, visit weta.org/passport/FAQ.



Stream on WETA Passport

Now available for streaming on WETA Passport is 2020 French thriller *No Second Chance*. In the six-episode series, which has been airing on WETA UK's “Foreign Favourites” showcase, Dr. Alice Lambert is shot in the back, her husband is murdered, and her infant daughter is kidnapped. Faced with inept police, who at times suspect *her*, she begins her own hunt for her missing child and the culprits — finding herself tangled up in a web of dark secrets and ruthless criminals. The series, in French with English subtitles, is adapted from Harlen Coben's 2003 book of the same name, the first international Book of the Month Club pick. Alexandra Lamy, Pascal Elbé and Lionel Abelanski star in the production.

Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece

Stream on WETA Passport

Masterpiece drama *Atlantic Crossing*, unfolding on WETA PBS and coming to WETA UK May 21, also streams on WETA Passport. In the eight-part series, Kyle MacLachlan (*Twin Peaks*) and Swedish star Sofia Helin (*The Bridge*) portray an intriguing friendship forged in war between U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt and Norway's Crown Princess Martha. Based on a true story, the drama ranges back and forth across the North Atlantic throughout World War II, depicting momentous events in the changing fortunes of Norway, Great Britain and the United States.



Primetime Schedule

WETA PBS in May



Visit weta.org/schedule for the most up-to-date schedule information.

 Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
1 Sat	Baseball (Pt 5 of 9. <i>Shadow Ball</i>) (1930-1940)				Asian Americans (Pt 1 of 5. <i>Breaking Ground</i>)	
2 Sun	Rise of the Nazis (Pt 1 of 3. <i>Politics</i>)		Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 8. <i>Empty Promises</i>)		World on Fire, Series 1 on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 7)	
3 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Celebrity Edition Hour 1		If You Lived Here (<i>Hyattsville, MD</i>)	WETA Arts	Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir: American Masters (to 12m)	
4 Tue	Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Season 7 (<i>Laughing on the Inside</i>)		Independent Lens: Philly D.A. (Pt 4 of 8)		Frontline: Escaping Eritrea	
5 Wed	Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World (Pt 2 of 3)		Human: The World Within (Pt 1 of 6. <i>Birth</i>)		Human: The World Within (Pt 2 of 6. <i>Pulse</i>)	
6 Thu	Vera, Series 5 (Ep 1 of 4. <i>Changing Tides</i>)			Vera, Series 5 (Ep 2 of 4. <i>Old Wounds</i>)		
7 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 2	Great Performances: <i>Uncle Vanya</i> (to 11:30pm)			
8 Sat	Baseball (Pt 6 of 9. <i>The National Pastime</i>) (1940-1950)					Asian Americans (Pt 2 of 5) (to 11:30pm)
9 Sun	Rise of the Nazis (Pt 2 of 3. <i>The First Six Months in Power</i>)		Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 8. <i>The Giant Awakes</i>)		World on Fire, Series 1 on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 7)	
10 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Celebrity Edition Hour 2		If You Lived Here (<i>Petworth/16th St. Heights, DC</i>)	Beyond the Canvas, Series 2 (Ep 1. <i>World of Writers</i>)	POV: Through the Night (to 11:30pm)	
11 Tue	Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer (Ep 1 of 4. <i>Vaccines</i>)		Independent Lens: Philly D.A. (Pt 5 of 8)		Frontline: Plastic Wars	
12 Wed	Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World (Pt 3 of 3)		NOVA: Fighting for Fertility		Human: The World Within (Pt 3 of 6. <i>Fuel</i>)	
13 Thu	Vera, Series 5 (Ep 3 of 4. <i>Muddy Waters</i>)			Vera, Series 5 (Ep 4 of 4. <i>Shadows in the Sky</i>)		
14 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 2	PBS for the Arts		We Are Family: Songs of Hope and Unity	
15 Sat	Baseball (Pt 7 of 9. <i>The Capital of Baseball</i>) (1950-1960)					Asian Americans (Pt 3 of 5) (to 11:30pm)
16 Sun	Rise of the Nazis (Pt 3 of 3. <i>Night of the Long Knives</i>)		Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece (Pt 7 of 8. <i>The Gift</i>)		World on Fire, Series 1 on Masterpiece (Pt 7 of 7)	
17 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Celebrity Edition Hour 3		If You Lived Here (<i>N. Arlington, VA</i>)	WETA Arts (Encore)	Billy Graham: American Experience (to 12m)	
18 Tue	Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer (Ep 2 of 4. <i>Medical Drugs</i>)		Independent Lens: Philly D.A. (Pt 6 of 8)		Frontline: The Healthcare Divide	
19 Wed	Life at the Waterhole (Pt 1 of 3)		NOVA: Hindenburg: The New Evidence		Human: The World Within (Pt 4 of 6. <i>Defend</i>)	
20 Thu	Vera, Series 6 (Ep 1 of 4. <i>Dark Road</i>)			Vera, Series 6 (Ep 2 of 4. <i>Tuesday's Child</i>)		
21 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 2	Inside the Met (Ep 1 of 3. <i>The Birthday Surprise</i>)		Inside the Met (Ep 2 of 3. <i>All Things to All People?</i>)	
22 Sat	Baseball (Pt 8 of 9. <i>A Whole New Ballgame</i>) (1960-1970)					Asian Americans (Pt 4 of 5. <i>Generation Rising</i>)
23 Sun	The Queen at War		Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece (Pt 8 of 8. <i>A Queen Returns</i>)		The Windermere Children: In Their Own Words	
24 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Celebrity Edition Hour 4		If You Lived Here (<i>Takoma Park, MD</i>)	Beyond the Canvas, Series 2 (Ep 2. <i>Visionaries of the Arts</i>)	Independent Lens: The Donut King (to 11:30pm)	
25 Tue	Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer (Ep 3 of 4. <i>Data</i>)		Independent Lens: Philly D.A. (Pt 7 of 8)		Race Matters: America After George Floyd: A <i>PBS NewsHour</i> Special Report	
26 Wed	Life at the Waterhole (Pt 2 of 3)		NOVA: Great Electric Airplane Race		Human: The World Within (Pt 5 of 6. <i>Sense</i>)	
27 Thu	Vera, Series 6 (Ep 3 of 4. <i>The Moth Catcher</i>)			Vera, Series 6 (Ep 4 of 4. <i>The Sea Glass</i>)		
28 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 2	Inside the Met (Ep 3 of 3. <i>Love and Money</i>)		One Voice: The Songs We Share (<i>Broadway/The Sacred</i>)	
29 Sat	Baseball (Pt 9 of 9. <i>Home</i>) (1970-1990s)					Asian Americans (Pt 5 of 5) (to 11:30pm)
30 Sun	National Memorial Day Concert 2021			National Memorial Day Concert 2021 (encore)		
31 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage		Tulsa: The Fire and the Forgotten			<i>PBS NewsHour</i> Weekend Special
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30

PBS NewsHour airs weeknights at 7 p.m.

Amanpour and Company airs late weeknights (check listings).

TV Listings

WETA PBS in May



Listings are accurate as of press time. For late-breaking program updates, visit weta.org/tv or call 703-998-2724.

WETA PBS is devoted to children's educational programming 8 a.m.–3 p.m., Monday-Friday. For 24 hours of children's programming each day, tune in to the WETA PBS Kids channel. See page 15 for schedule information.

Program Key

Blue type — WETA productions, co-productions or presentations.

R — Repeats that aired within the month.



IF YOU LIVED HERE A WETA PRODUCTION

Mondays at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & 8 p.m. on WETA Metro

If You Lived Here, WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series, in May presents four new episodes spotlighting the communities of Hyattsville, MD; Petworth/16th St. Heights, DC; North Arlington, VA; and Takoma Park, MD. Above: The series hosts Christine Louise and John Begeny with realtor Denise Champion.

1 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK** — R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** — R
- 7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** — R
- 8AM JOSEPH ROSENDO'S TRAVELSCOPE**
- 8:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPE**
- 9AM ANTIQUES ROADSHOW** — Repeat of Monday 8 p.m.
- 10AM THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 10:30 ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 11AM JOANNE WEIR'S PLATES AND PLACES**
- 11:30 JACQUES PÉPIN: HEART & SOUL**
- 12N YAN CAN COOK: SPICE KINGDOM**
- 12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION**
- 1:00 NICK STELLINO: STORYTELLER**
- 1:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN**
- 2:00 IN JULIA'S KITCHEN WITH MASTER CHEFS**
- 2:30 SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS**
- 3:00 JOANNE WEIR'S PLATES AND PLACES**
- 3:30 NEW SCANDINAVIAN COOKING**
- 4:00 COOK'S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**
- 4:30 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**
- 5:00 PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE**
- 5:30 SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE**
- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND** — Repeats Monday, 7am
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** — WETA's weekly production presents a roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major news stories from the nation's capital. Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Mon 5/3, 7:30am**
- 7:00 THE QUIETEST PLACE ON EARTH** — The Hawaiian Islands are the most remote major island group on Earth. On Maui, the Haleakala volcano rises nearly two miles into the sky; and 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. **Repeats tonight, 11pm**

8:00 BASEBALL — Ken Burns's landmark 1994 film, a WETA co-production, recounts the history of America's pastime. *Part 5 of 9. Shadow Ball (1930-1940)*. The fifth inning spotlights baseball's attempts to survive the Great Depression and Babe Ruth's fading career, while a new generation of stars, including Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams, were on the rise. Learn about the parallel world of the Negro Leagues, which thrived in the shadow of the Major Leagues. **Repeats tonight, mid-night; Sun 5/2, 11pm**

10:00 ASIAN AMERICANS — A 2020 WETA co-production explores the impact of Asian Americans, the fastest-growing racial/ethnic group in the United States, on the country's past, present and future. *Part 1 of 5. Breaking Ground*. See how new immigrants from China, India, Japan, the Philippines and beyond, despite anti-Asian laws, build railroads, dazzle on the silver screen, and take their fight for equality to the U.S. Supreme Court. **Repeats Fri 5/7, 3pm**

11:00 THE QUIETEST PLACE ON EARTH — R

2 Sunday

6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

- 9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**
- 9:30 TO THE CONTRARY WITH BONNIE ERBE**
- 10AM THIS IS AMERICA AND THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHOLEY**
- 10:30 THE OPEN MIND**
- 11AM FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** — **Repeats Saturdays, 6:30am**
- 11:30 TO DINE FOR WITH KATE SULLIVAN**
- 12N THE WETA MOVIE: DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS** — In Frank Oz's 1988 comedy, two con men try to settle their rivalry by betting on who can swindle a young heiress out of \$50,000 first. Steve Martin, Michael Caine and Glenn Headly star.
- 2:00 PACIFIC HEARTBEAT, SEASON 10: THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM** — Hear the remarkable and inspirational story of Indigenous AFL legend Adam Goodes to learn a deep and powerful story about race, identity and belonging.
- 3:00 THE STORY OF CHINA** — Travel with historian Michael Wood as he surveys the 4,000-year story of the world's oldest continuous state. *Part 1 of 3. Ancestors/Silk Roads and China Ships*. Explore China's early history with Wood as he joins a million people at a festival



Sundays, May 2, 9 & 16 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Three-part documentary miniseries *Rise of the Nazis* examines how Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party rose to power and transformed Germany from a liberal democracy to a brutal police state during the 1930s.

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Thursdays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

Series 5 of mystery drama *Vera*, starring Brenda Blethyn as homicide detective Vera Stanhope and Kenny Doughty as her new colleague Aiden Healy, begins May 6 in double features on Thriller Thursdays.

devoted to ancient gods, hear the tale of China's blood-thirsty first emperor, and travel the Silk Road to discover the brilliant Tang dynasty.

- 5:00 THE CHAVIS CHRONICLES** — A talk show hosted by award-winning journalist, civil rights icon, and intellectual influencer Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. features interviews with thought leaders.
- 5:30 A SEAT AT THE TABLE** — A talk show series featuring hosts Denene Millner, Monica Pearson and Christine White gives voice to African American women from their diverse experiences, perspectives and challenges.
- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND** — *Repeats Monday, 7am*
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** — *Episode 1 of 10. Ambassador Susan E. Rice. R*
- 7:00 A VERY BRITISH ROMANCE WITH LUCY WORSLEY** — Lucy Worsley delves into the history of British romance, uncovering the forces that shaped ideals of romantic love. *Part 2 of 2.* Worsley discovers how medieval chivalry shaped Victorian courtship by defining the roles men and women were expected to play — and explores the romantic gestures that emerged and continue today, from cards to flowers. *Repeats tonight, 1am*
- 8:00 RISE OF THE NAZIS** — See how Adolf Hitler and the Nazis rose to power. In 1930, Germany was a liberal democracy, but just four years later, Germany's leader was a dictator and the government was in the hands of the Nazis. *Part 1 of 3. Politics.* Learn the chain of events that propelled Hitler to the heart of the government.
- 9:00 ATLANTIC CROSSING ON MASTERPIECE** — A drama follows the World War II relationship of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Norwegian Crown Princess Martha. Kyle MacLachlan stars as FDR, opposite Swedish star Sofia Helin. *Part 5 of 8. Empty Promises.* Martha uses dinner-table tactics to help Norway. The First Lady gives Martha unusual lessons in public speaking. The president gets on dangerous ground with Martha.
- 10:00 WORLD ON FIRE, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** — Follow the intertwining fates of ordinary people as they grapple with the effects of World War II on their lives in Britain, Poland, France and Germany. *Part 5 of 7.* Harry and his unit reach Dunkirk, with the odds stacked against them.
- 11:00 BASEBALL** — *Part 5 of 9. Shadow Ball (1930-1940). R*

3 Monday

WEEKDAYS IN MAY:

- 6AM NHK NEWSLINE + 6:30AM BBC WORLD NEWS**
- 7AM (Mondays:) PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND** — **R**
- 7:30 (Mondays:) WASHINGTON WEEK** — **R**
- 7AM (Tuesdays-Saturdays:) PBS NEWSHOUR** — **R**
- 8AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING**
- 3PM HERITAGE MONTH PROGRAMS**
- 5PM AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** — Repeat of previous night
- 6PM BBC NEWS** — *BBC World News Outside Source (6pm, Mon-Thur); BBC World News Today (6pm, Fri); BBC World News America (6:30pm, Mon-Fri)*
- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** — Each weeknight at 7 p.m., the WETA production provides in-depth analysis of current events with a news summary, live interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. Judy Woodruff anchors. Visit pbs.org/newshour. *Repeats next weekday, 7am*

- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CELEBRITY EDITION HOUR 1** — See treasures of Jay Leno, S. Epatha Merkerson, Jason Reynolds, Nancy Kerrigan and Dottie Pepper.
- 9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE** — WETA's local house-hunting series explores neighborhoods and properties throughout Metro D.C., celebrating each area's history, culture and flavor. Longtime Washingtonians Christine Louise and John Begeny host. *Hyattsville, MD.* The hosts join realtor Juan Umanzor to learn about and explore historic Hyattsville, Maryland, and tour a brick colonial, a townhouse and a new build.
- 9:30 WETA ARTS** — WETA's magazine-style arts series spotlights locally focused stories in arts and culture. Award-winning actor Felicia Curry hosts. See page 2 for May stories. *Repeats Sat 5/8, 11:30pm; Sun 5/9, 1pm; Sat 5/15, 11:30pm; Sun 5/16, 2:30pm; Mon 5/17, 9:30pm*
- 10:00 AMY TAN: UNINTENDED MEMOIR: AMERICAN MASTERS** — Explore the life of the groundbreaking author of "The Joy Luck Club" in this intimate portrait, a vivid, colorful journey through Amy Tan's inspiring life and career.
- 12M AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** — Capping primetime programming each weeknight, Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with global thought leaders on contemporary issues. *Repeats next weekday, 5pm*

4 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 7** — In this WETA co-production, Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. Season finale: *Episode 10 of 10. Laughing on the Inside.* Gates provides comedians Lewis Black and Roy Wood, Jr. with accounts of hardship in their family trees that may have led them each to find humor in adversity.
- 9:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: PHILLY DA** — A documentary series spotlights progressive Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner and his team at work. *Part 4 of 8.* LaTonya Myers lands her dream job fighting for probation reform, but any slip-up could send her back to prison. At the same time, the D.A.'s team pursues systemic probation reform, facing off against judges who embrace extended supervision.
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: ESCAPING ERITREA** — *Frontline* presents an undercover investigation into one of the world's most repressive regimes. Secret footage and testimony shed light on allegations of torture, arbitrary detention and indefinite forced conscription. (60 min)

5 Wednesday

- 8:00 GRETA THUNBERG: A YEAR TO CHANGE THE WORLD** — Travel with the world's best-known climate activist as she takes her fight to a global stage. *Part 2 of 3.* Follow Greta's journey from the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland to Poland to the UK, where she meets one of her inspirations: Sir David Attenborough.
- 9:00 HUMAN: THE WORLD WITHIN** — An examination of diverse personal stories from around the world reveals how our lives, passions and goals are powered by the amazing systems that define our biology as a species.



COURTESY THE FILMMAKERS

Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Six-part series *Human: The World Within* explores stories from around the world that reveal how our lives are powered by the systems that define our biology. Preempted in April, the series features episodes May 5 at 9 and 10 p.m. — and airs at 10 p.m. in weeks thereafter.



ENUTUOPIA

Tuesdays at 8 p.m. starting May 11 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Four-part series *Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer* explores the story of the innovations in science and medicine that doubled the human lifespan, and celebrates the unsung heroes of public health who made change possible. Steven Johnson and David Olusoga host.

Part 1 of 6. Birth. Learn the astonishing story of human reproduction from attraction to the moment of a baby's first breath. At the core of it all is the amazing power of the human body.

- 10:00 HUMAN: THE WORLD WITHIN** — *Part 2 of 6. Pulse.* See how the human heart and the circulatory system power our physical and emotional lives and create the pulsing rhythm of our world. (60 min)

6 Thursday

- 8:00 VERA, SERIES 5: CHANGING TIDES** — Brenda Blethyn stars as DCI Vera Stanhope in mysteries set in north-east England. *Changing Tides.* Stanhope investigates the death of a young woman in a suspicious fire that rips through a coastal holiday park.
- 9:30 VERA, SERIES 5: OLD WOUNDS** — When the remains of a teenage girl are found in a wood, Stanhope and her team find themselves investigating a 30-year-old mystery.
- 11:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** — *Repeats tomorrow, 5pm*

7 Friday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** — *Repeats tomorrow, 7am*
- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** — WETA's weekly production presents a roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major news stories from the nation's capital. Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. *Repeats Sat 5/8, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 5/10, 7:30am*
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** — In a new season of this WETA presentation, Washington, D.C.-based financier and philanthropist David Rubenstein interviews more of America's top scholars and writers to illuminate how history is made. *Episode 2 of 10. Journalist John Dickerson. Repeats Sun 5/9, 5pm*
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: UNCLE VANYA** — Experience Anton Chekov's masterpiece in this Olivier Award-nominated West End production adapted by Conor McPherson and starring Toby Jones and Richard Armitage from London's Harold Pinter Theater. (2.5 hrs)

8 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 1 listings.

- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** — **R**
- 7:00 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 tonight, midnight*
- 8:00 BASEBALL** — Ken Burns's landmark 1994 film, a WETA co-production, continues. *Part 6 of 9. The National Pastime. (1940-1950).* The sixth inning leads off with the baseball season of 1941, one of the most exciting of all time. Joe DiMaggio enjoys the longest hitting streak in history. Ted Williams becomes the last man to hit .400. The Brooklyn Dodgers win their first

pennant in 20 years. Then the war intervenes; when players return from service, the game — and the country — are changed forever: Branch Rickey integrates baseball on April 15, 1947, when Jackie Robinson takes the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers. *Repeats tonight, 1am; Sun 5/9, 11pm*

- 10:30 ASIAN AMERICANS** — The WETA co-production continues. *Part 2 of 5. A Question of Loyalty.* Meet the first generation of U.S.-born Asian Americans, whose loyalties are tested during World War II. *Repeats Fri 5/14, 3pm*
- 11:30 WETA ARTS** — **R**

9 Sunday

6AM-12N See the Sunday, May 2 listings.

- 12N PACIFIC HEARTBEAT, SEASON 10: FOR MY FATHER'S KINGDOM** — Follow Tongan pensioner Saia Mafile'o and his family as they are stretched to breaking point by the commitment and passion to God that has driven Saia's life.
- 1:00 WETA ARTS** — **R**
- 1:30 BBC ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**
- 2:00 NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC: IN MEMORIAM — HAILSTORK, HAMER & STRAUSS** — WETA presents a National Philharmonic concert at Strathmore featuring Adolphus Hailstork's *Essay for Strings*, Janice Hamer's *For the Uprooted*, and Richard Strauss' *Metamorphosen, Study for 23 Solo Strings*. Piotr Gajewski conducts.
- 3:00 THE STORY OF CHINA** — Historian Michael Wood hosts. *Part 2 of 3. Golden Age/The Ming.* Learn of the stunning achievements of two of China's most brilliant dynasties: the Song, creators of a Chinese Renaissance, and the Ming, builders of the Great Wall and the Forbidden City.
- 5:00 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** — *Episode 2 of 10. Journalist John Dickerson. R*
- 5:30 A SEAT AT THE TABLE**
- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND** — *Repeats Monday, 7am*
- 6:30 STEPHANO: THE TRUE STORY OF SHAKESPEARE'S SHIPWRECK** — Follow the fascinating tale of *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins and his influence on William Shakespeare. Hopkins was the only passenger who had previously been to North America; a decade earlier, in 1609, he had been aboard a ship that wrecked on Bermuda. *Repeats tonight, 1:30am*
- 8:00 RISE OF THE NAZIS** — *Part 2 of 3. The First Six Months in Power.* Discover the measures Chancellor Hitler took to dismantle the German state.
- 9:00 ATLANTIC CROSSING ON MASTERPIECE** — *Part 6 of 8. The Giant Awakes.* America enters the war, and Olav arrives from England. Missy grows suspicious of ties between Martha and the president, as does Olav. Meanwhile, a dastardly Nazi plot unfolds.
- 10:00 WORLD ON FIRE, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** — *Part 6 of 7. Paris falls to the Nazis, and Webster and Albert's lives are turned upside down.*
- 11:00 BASEBALL** — *Part 6 of 9. The National Pastime. (1940-1950).* (2.5 hrs) **R**

10 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** — *Weeknights Repeats next day, 7am*
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CELEBRITY EDITION HOUR 2** — *Roadshow* experts appraise collections of Marc Brown, Carla Hall, John Hodgman, Ruben Blades and Luba Mason.
- 9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE** — WETA's local house-hunting series explores neighborhoods and properties throughout Metro D.C., celebrating each area's history, culture and flavor. Longtime Washingtonians Christine Louise and John Begeny host. *Petworth/16th St. Heights, DC.* The hosts join realtor Denise Champion to learn about D.C.'s Petworth/16th Street Heights community and tour a townhome, a rowhouse and a former B&B.
- 9:30 BEYOND THE CANVAS, SEASON 2** — Enjoy the best arts and culture reporting from *PBS NewsHour's* CANVAS arts series. *PBS NewsHour's* Amna Nawaz hosts. *Episode 1. World of Writers.* Finding one's voice as a writer takes dedication, courage and a willingness to reimagine the world through words on a page. Novelist Margaret Atwood, playwright Danai Gurira and others talk about finding meaning as a writer.
- 10:00 POV: THROUGH THE NIGHT** — Explore the personal cost of our modern economy through the stories of two working mothers and a childcare provider, whose lives intersect at a 24-hour daycare center in New Rochelle, New York. (90 min)

11 Tuesday

- 8:00 EXTRA LIFE: A SHORT HISTORY OF LIVING LONGER** — Learn about innovations in science and medicine that doubled the human lifespan in less than a century. *Episode 1 of 4. Vaccines.* Discover the role vaccination plays in our growing ability to prevent the spread of illness. Travel through the history of vaccines and learn how new ones are developed when never-before-seen diseases like COVID-19 emerge.
- 9:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: PHILLY D.A.** — *Part 5 of 8.* Joseph Chamberlain dreams of freedom, but first he must convince a skeptical parole board. A murder spike has media pointing fingers at Krasner and threatens to halt the D.A.'s office's parole reform plans.
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: PLASTIC WARS** — Did the plastic industry use recycling to sell more plastic? With the industry expanding and the crisis of ocean pollution growing, *Frontline* and NPR investigate the fight over the future of plastics. (60 min)

12 Wednesday

- 8:00 GRETA THUNBERG: A YEAR TO CHANGE THE WORLD** — *Part 3 of 3.* Join Greta in Switzerland and Denmark to investigate potential solutions to limit climate change. She also explores how everyone can play a role, from what we eat to what we wear. Finally, she looks for lessons from the world's response to COVID-19.
- 9:00 NOVA: FIGHTING FOR FERTILITY** — Whether it's flash-freezing an egg, or searching for sperm where there seems to be none, the high-tech world of assisted reproduction is ushering in a new era of possibilities, and humanity is redefining what it means to reproduce.
- 10:00 HUMAN: THE WORLD WITHIN** — *Part 3 of 6. Fuel.* Journey through the factory at the center of our bodies that turns food into energy to keep us going. (60 min)

13 Thursday

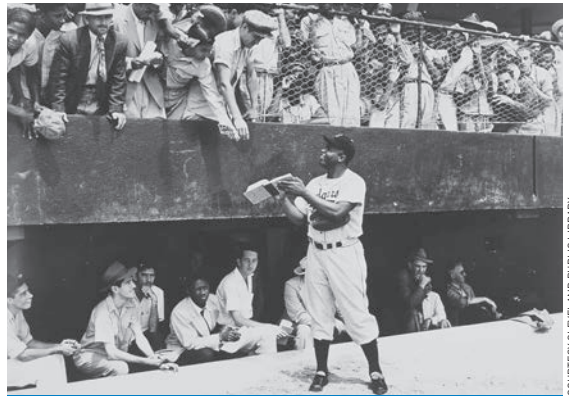
- 8:00 VERA, SERIES 5: MUDDY WATERS** — DCI Vera Stanhope and her team investigate the mysterious death of a John Doe, found floating in the slurry pit of a remote Northumberland farm.
- 9:30 VERA, SERIES 5: SHADOWS IN THE SKY** — When the body of a well-loved family man plummets from a multi-story car park, Stanhope must uncover a life of secrets and lies. (90 min)

14 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** — *Repeats Sat 5/15, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 5/17, 7:30am*
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** — *Episode 3 of 10. New York Times editor Jia Lynn Yang. Repeats Sun 5/16, 6:30pm*
- 9:00 PBS FOR THE ARTS**
- 10:00 WE ARE FAMILY: SONGS OF HOPE AND UNITY** — Join the American Pops Orchestra, Maestro Luke Frazier and luminaries for an evening of songs that bring us together. The program features performances by Gabrielle Ruiz; *America's Got Talent* vocalist Rayshun LaMarr; Broadway star Morgan James; Tony Award-nominee



Wednesdays at 8 p.m. starting May 19 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Three-part series *Life at the Waterhole* follows the daily drama as African wildlife flocks to a manmade waterhole rigged with cameras. Observers uncover the complex dynamic of this bustling oasis.



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BASEBALL A FILM BY KEN BURNS A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

Saturdays, 8 p.m. on WETA PBS; Thursdays, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro
The newly remastered version of Ken Burns's epic 1994 film *Baseball*, a WETA co-production, continues throughout May with five episodes. Above: Famed Dodgers player Jackie Robinson signs autographs.

Laura Osnes, and recording artist Nova Payton. Judith Light hosts. (60 min) **Repeats Sun 5/23, 7pm, 1am; Sun 5/30, noon**

15 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 1 listings.

- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** — **R**
- 7:00 MR. TORNADO: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** — Meet pioneering meteorologist Ted Fujita, who transformed our understanding of tornadoes. His technological advancements saved lives and helped Americans prepare for and respond to dangerous weather phenomena. **Repeats tonight, midnight**
- 8:00 BASEBALL** — Ken Burns's landmark 1994 film, a WETA co-production, continues. *Part 7 of 9. The Capital of Baseball (1950-1960).* Learn about the heyday of New York City baseball through memorable moments: the "shot heard round the world," Bobby Thomson's home run in 1951; Willie Mays' incredible catch in the 1954 World Series; and Don Larsen's perfect game. The highlight of the episode is 1955, when the Brooklyn Dodgers, sparked by Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, finally win their first World Series. **Repeats tonight, 1am; Sun 5/16, 11pm**
- 10:30 ASIAN AMERICANS** — The WETA co-production continues. *Part 3 of 5. Good Americans.* Learn how Asian Americans are simultaneously heralded as a model minority and targeted as the perpetual foreigner during the Cold War. It is also a time of bold ambition, as Asian Americans aspire to national political office. **Repeats Fri 5/21, 3pm**
- 11:30 WETA ARTS** — **R**

16 Sunday

6AM-12N See the Sunday, May 2 listings.

- 12N THE WETA MOVIE: THE LAST PICTURE SHOW** — In Peter Bogdanovich's 1971 drama, based on the novel by Larry McMurtry, the lives of high schoolers (Timothy Bottoms, Jeff Bridges), a debutante (Cybill Shepherd) and others overlap as they come of age in a dying 1950s West Texas town. Ben Johnson and Chloris Leachman co-star.
- 2:00 DESIGN IN MIND: BUNNY WILLIAMS - NOT A HOUSE BUT A HOME** — Explore the life and work of renowned interior designer Bunny Williams. She leads a tour through her Upper East Side apartment in New York City and her country home and gardens in Connecticut, explaining her architectural and design decisions.
- 2:30 WETA ARTS** — **R**
- 3:00 THE STORY OF CHINA** — Historian Michael Wood hosts. *Part 3 of 3. The Last Empire/The Age of Revolution.* Wood spotlights the splendor of the last Chinese dynasty, the Qing. Learn about the fateful First Opium War, which sparked the fall of the empire, and, after the 20th-century revolutions, the birth of today's China.



COURTESY BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

May 17 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; May 22 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro
Billy Graham: American Experience explores the life of one of the best-known and most influential 20th-century religious leaders. Above: Graham with Nancy and Ronald Reagan, 1981.

5:00 THE CHAVIS CHRONICLES

5:30 A SEAT AT THE TABLE

6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND — Repeats Monday, 7am

6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2 — Episode 3 of 10. New York Times editor Jia Lynn Yang. R

7:00 UNDER THE GROUND: THE STORY OF LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE — Learn about the rise and fall of one of the most influential underground media publications of its time — the “AP of the underground press.” The Liberation News Service contributed to hundreds of newspapers, college publications and radio stations between 1967 and 1981, covering turbulent times and culturally defining moments.

8:00 RISE OF THE NAZIS — Part 3 of 3. *Night of the Long Knives*. See how Hitler found himself caught between Germany’s president and the Nazis’ power base. To consolidate his grip on power, he purged rivals to make the SS Germany’s sole paramilitary force.

9:00 ATLANTIC CROSSING ON MASTERPIECE — Part 7 of 8. *The Gift*. A Nazi agent slips through the cracks, putting the children at risk. Martha travels to England and gets a shock. A Norwegian war hero meets a tragic fate.

10:00 WORLD ON FIRE, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE — Part 7 of 7. Harry has a second chance at saving Kasia from Warsaw. In Manchester, could Lois be set for happiness?

11:00 BASEBALL — Part 7 of 9. *The Capital of Baseball (1950-1960)*. (2.5 hrs) R

17 Monday

7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR — Weeknights Repeats next day, 7am

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CELEBRITY EDITION HOUR 3 — Learn about Ronny Chieng, Mo Willems, Soledad O’Brien and Christian Siriano’s cherished treasures.

9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE — WETA’s local house-hunting series explores neighborhoods and properties throughout Metro D.C., celebrating each area’s history, culture and flavor. Longtime Washingtonians Christine Louise and John Begeny host. *N. Arlington, VA*. The hosts join realtor Veronica Seva-Gonzalez to learn about North Arlington, Virginia, and tour a condo, a mid-century home and a stylish new home.

9:30 WETA ARTS — See the Monday, May 3, 9:30 p.m. listing.

10:00 BILLY GRAHAM: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE — Explore the life of one of the best-known and most influential Christian leaders of the 20th century. An international celebrity by age 30, he built a media empire, preached to millions worldwide, and had the ear of tycoons, presidents and royalty. (2 hrs)

18 Tuesday

8:00 EXTRA LIFE: A SHORT HISTORY OF LIVING LONGER

— *Episode 2 of 4. Medical Drugs*. Learn about the surprisingly recent invention of medicine that combats illness directly, such as antibiotics. From the accidental discovery of penicillin to today’s hunt for antivirals, this history underpins work to find COVID-19 treatments.

9:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: PHILLY D.A. — Part 6 of 8. A councilwoman bridges fed-up constituents plagued by the opioid crisis with the District Attorney’s unorthodox plans. The D.A. favors safe injection sites. Locals are fed up. Will Krasner’s brassy style backfire and undermine community support?

10:00 FRONTLINE: THE HEALTHCARE DIVIDE — *Frontline* and NPR investigate inequities in American healthcare; profit pressure and uneven government support is widening the divide between rich and poor hospitals and endangering care for the most needy. (60 min)

19 Wednesday

8:00 LIFE AT THE WATERHOLE — Explore the daily drama as African wildlife flocks to a manmade waterhole rigged with cameras. A scientist and his team uncover dynamics of this bustling oasis where animals meet and compete for water. *Part 1 of 3*. Meet the first animal visitors to a new waterhole in the African savannah. Cameras capture warthogs and elephants discovering the new oasis — and leopards and lions closing in.

9:00 NOVA: HINDENBURG: THE NEW EVIDENCE — In one of aviation’s biggest mysteries, on May 6, 1937, the *Hindenburg*, the world’s largest airship, ignited in a giant fireball as it prepared to land at Lakehurst, New Jersey. Now, new footage has surfaced: an amateur 8mm film shows the airship’s final seconds from a fresh angle and in new clarity. With this evidence, *NOVA* presents a new investigation of this iconic disaster.

10:00 HUMAN: THE WORLD WITHIN — Part 4 of 6. *Defend*. Uncover the advanced biology that keeps us alive against all odds, defending the human body in an increasingly dangerous global environment. (60 min)

20 Thursday

8:00 VERA, SERIES 6: DARK ROAD — DCI Vera Stanhope uncovers a tragic life of secrets and lies when the body of a woman is found on the bleak Northumberland moors.

9:30 VERA, SERIES 6: TUESDAY’S CHILD — Stanhope investigates the mysterious death of a young man whose remains are discovered in remote caves in an area notorious for illicit teenage gatherings. (90 min)

21 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK — Repeats Sat 5/22, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 5/24, 7:30am

8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2 — Episode 4 of 10. Harvard University professor Philip J. Deloria. Repeats Sun 5/23, 6:30pm

9:00 INSIDE THE MET — Experience the 150th birthday of the Metropolitan Museum of Art amid the COVID-19 pandemic and urgent demands for social justice. *Episode 1 of 3. The Birthday Surprise*. Watch as the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s 150th birthday is upended by the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing the art institution to close its doors for the first time in history, while facing financial losses and a battle to protect artistic treasures.

10:00 INSIDE THE MET — *Episode 2 of 3. All Things to All People?* The Metropolitan Museum of Art is forced to confront its historical record on inclusion, exclusion and diversity in art and staffing. (60 min)

22 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 1 listings.

6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK — R

7:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: EATING UP EASTER — See how Easter Island provides a climate change and globalization wake-up call for the world. Climate change and the tourism trade threaten the fragile economy of Rapanui (Easter Island); meet the islanders balancing their cultural heritage with modern-day challenges. Repeats tonight, 11pm

8:00 BASEBALL — Ken Burns’s landmark 1994 film, a WETA co-production, continues. *Part 8 of 9. A Whole New Ballgame (1960-1970)*. Follow the game during the 1960s, including a 1960 World Series that signals the beginning of the end of the Yankees dynasty. Roger Maris breaks Babe Ruth’s record in 1961; pitcher Sandy Koufax dominates the decade; Pete Rose begins his career;

and Carl Yastrzemski and the Boston Red Sox almost win the World Series. Baseball is radically transformed when players organize into a union. **Repeats tonight, midnight; Sun 5/23, 11pm**

10:00 ASIAN AMERICANS — The WETA co-production continues. *Part 4 of 5. Generation Rising.* Follow a young generation's fight for equality in the fields, on campuses and in the culture, claiming a new identity: Asian Americans. New immigrants and war refugees expand the population and definition of Asian America. **Repeats Fri 5/28, 3pm**

11:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: EATING UP EASTER — R

23 Sunday

6AM-12N See the Sunday, May 2 listings.

12N PACIFIC HEARTBEAT, SEASON 10: AMERICAN ALOHA: HULA BEYOND HAWAI'I — Hear the stories of three *kumu hula* (master instructors) who direct hula schools based in California. The film explores the challenges they face trying to perpetuate hula faithfully as it evolves on distant shores.

1:00 PACIFIC HEARTBEAT, SEASON 10: NA KAMALEI: THE MEN OF HULA — Learn about the role of male hula dancers, long overshadowed by Western concepts of gender and sexuality. Through the lens of dance, this film explores the meaning of Hawaiian pride and the role of men in Hawaiian culture, following a group of male dancers as they prepare to compete in the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival.

2:00 NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC: AMORE & MOZART — WETA presents a National Philharmonic concert at the Music Center at Strathmore featuring Henry Dehlinger's *Amore e 'l Cor Gentil Sono Una Cosa* and Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante for Four Winds in E-flat Major, K. 297b*. Piotr Gajewski conducts.

3:00 PACIFIC HEARTBEAT, SEASON 10: STAN — Follow 26-year-old musician Stan Walker as he fights a rare cancer caused by a genetic mutation that has killed 25 members of his family. Facing his diagnosis with humor and determination, he embarks on a mission to seek aggressive treatment and educate family members who carry the gene.

4:00 PACIFIC HEARTBEAT, SEASON 10: TOKYO HULA — An estimated 2 million people dance hula in Japan — a figure greater than the entire population of Hawai'i. This film examines how tourism, economics and more have fueled this cultural phenomenon.

5:00 THE CHAVIS CHRONICLES

5:30 A SEAT AT THE TABLE

6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND — **Repeats Monday, 7am**

6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2 — *Episode 4 of 10. Harvard University professor Philip J. Deloria. R*

7:00 WE ARE FAMILY: SONGS OF HOPE AND UNITY — See the Friday, May 14, 10 p.m. listing. **R**

8:00 THE QUEEN AT WAR — Learn the story of Queen Elizabeth's experiences during World War II and how the era shaped the longest-reigning monarch in British history.

9:00 ATLANTIC CROSSING ON MASTERPIECE — *Part 8 of 8. A Queen Returns.* With the war almost over, the president's health takes a bad turn. Olav tries to keep



COURTESY WGBH

Wednesday, May 19 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

NOVA: Hindenburg: The New Evidence explores the 1937 New Jersey airship disaster anew, examining newfound amateur 8mm footage that may shed light on one of aviation's most perplexing mysteries.

Norway out of the clutches of the Soviets. He also faces rocky relations with Martha.

10:00 THE WINDERMERE CHILDREN: IN THEIR OWN WORDS

— Learn the little-known true story of a pioneering project to support a group of child survivors of the Holocaust. The 300 young orphaned Jewish refugees began new lives and found family in each other in England's Lake District during the summer of 1945.

11:00 BASEBALL — *Part 8 of 9. A Whole New Ballgame (1960-1970). R*

1AM WE ARE FAMILY: SONGS OF HOPE AND UNITY — R

24 Monday

7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR — *Weeknights Repeats next day, 7am*

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CELEBRITY EDITION 4 — *Roadshow* appraisers visit Carson Kressley, Gbenga Akinagbe, Mo Rocca, Paquito D'Rivera and Brenda Feliciano to assess treasures.

9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE — WETA's local house-hunting series explores neighborhoods and properties throughout Metro D.C., celebrating each area's history, culture and flavor. Longtime Washingtonians Christine Louise and John Begeny host. **Takoma Park, MD.** The hosts join realtor Anna Mackler to learn about and explore Takoma Park, Maryland, and tour a Cape Cod and two Craftsman homes.

9:30 BEYOND THE CANVAS, SEASON 2 — Enjoy arts and culture reporting from *PBS NewsHour's* CANVAS arts series. *Episode 2. Visionaries of the Arts.* What does it take to make it to the top? Meet some of the people recognized at the highest levels in their fields. Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas, filmmaker Sir David Attenborough and others reveal what it takes to achieve excellence.

10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: THE DONUT KING — Hear the story of Ted Ngoy. After fleeing Cambodia for the United States, he built a multi-million-dollar fried pastry empire, Christy's Doughnuts, and began living his American Dream. But a great rise can come with a great fall. (90 min)

25 Tuesday

8:00 EXTRA LIFE: A SHORT HISTORY OF LIVING LONGER — *Episode 3 of 4. Data.* Track the importance of data mapping and analysis in the quest to improve public health. The painstaking work of past data detectives made us aware of epidemic "curves" as well as the extent of health inequalities among different U.S. communities.

9:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: PHILLY D.A. — *Part 7 of 8.* When an on-duty officer shoots a disarmed Black man as he's running away, Krasner must decide whether to pursue murder charges against a cop. The police union plans to put Krasner on trial in the court of public opinion.

10:00 RACE MATTERS: AMERICA AFTER GEORGE FLOYD: A PBS NEWSHOUR SPECIAL REPORT — On the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's death, Judy Woodruff and *PBS NewsHour* reporters explore what has changed, and what hasn't, since the outrage and protests of last summer, focusing on Minneapolis as well as other communities around the country that have also seen protests, police killings and hate crimes.

11:00 SAY HIS NAME: FIVE DAYS FOR GEORGE FLOYD — The police killing of George Floyd sparked a global uprising.



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Fridays, May 21 & 28 at 9 pm. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Inside the Met spotlights the 150th birthday of the Metropolitan Museum of Art amid the COVID-19 pandemic and urgent demands for social justice, as the art institution makes history in ways no one could have predicted. Above: The Greek and Roman galleries.



COURTESY SAWEER SAADI

Saturday, May 29 at 7 p.m. on WETA PBS

The Interpreters meets local translators who helped U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan at the risk of retribution; some have been able to leave their home countries and reach safety, while others remain, in fear for their lives. Above: Interpreter "Phillip Morris" (second from left) with friend Sgt. Paul Braun and others.

The epicenter was in filmmaker Cy Dodson's Minneapolis neighborhood, where he captured an observation of unrest, anger and hope in the days after the killing of Mr. Floyd. (30 min)

26 Wednesday

- 8:00 LIFE AT THE WATERHOLE** — *Part 2 of 3.* Discover how hotter weather affects the animals as the waterhole becomes busier in the evening cool. Nocturnal activity brings a new predator out of the shadows — hyenas.
- 9:00 NOVA: GREAT ELECTRIC AIRPLANE RACE** — Could a new generation of emission-free electric planes replace the planes in our skies — a major step in the fight against climate change? *NOVA* looks at an array of promising new electric planes on the horizon and takes a ride in some prototypes already in the air.
- 10:00 HUMAN: THE WORLD WITHIN** — *Part 5 of 6.* *Sense.* Explore the incredible world of human sensation and how it defines our reality. (60 min)

27 Thursday

- 8:00 VERA, SERIES 6: THE MOTH CATCHER** — DCI Vera Stanhope investigates a mysterious double murder in a remote country manor house.
- 9:30 VERA, SERIES 6: THE SEA GLASS** — When the body of a missing trawler man is pulled from the sea, Stanhope must delve into the lives of his family in a close-knit fishing community. (90 min)

28 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** — *Repeats Sat 5/29, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 5/31, 7:30am*
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** — *Episode 5 of 10. Journalists Peter Baker and Susan Glasser. Repeats Sun 5/30, 6:30pm*
- 9:00 INSIDE THE MET** — *Episode 3 of 3. Love and Money.* The Metropolitan Museum of Art faces a new financial reality following its fall 2020 reopening, with philanthropists and art collectors stepping in to help keep the museum alive.
- 10:00 ONE VOICE: THE SONGS WE SHARE** — Enjoy the American Pops Orchestra's celebration of uniquely American music that has transcended its original genre and audience. *Broadway.* Learn which Broadway tunes were recorded by chart-topping artists to be sung outside the theater as anthems, giving a broader voice to our changing society. *The Sacred.* See how music once only performed in church is adapted by Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Aretha Franklin and other top artists to

be shared beyond the walls of the sanctuary. **Repeats Sun 5/30, 7pm**

29 Saturday**6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 1 listings.**

- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** — **R**
- 7:00 THE INTERPRETERS** — More than 50,000 local interpreters helped protect U.S. troops on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, enabling soldiers to communicate with the local population. These translators were often considered traitors by locals; some have been able to reach safety, but others still languish in hiding.
- 8:00 BASEBALL** — Ken Burns's landmark 1994 film, a WETA co-production, concludes. *Part 9 of 9. Home (1970-1990s).* Follow the recent history of baseball and explore the game's future. Game Six of the 1975 World Series reawakens the whole country's love for baseball, but in the 1980s, the rising influence of television and the coming of free agency threaten that affection. Learn about achievements on the field in the late '80s and early '90s, and explore the game's enduring appeal. **Repeats tonight, 12:30am, Sun 5/30, 11pm**
- 10:30 ASIAN AMERICANS** — The WETA co-production concludes. *Part 5 of 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.
- 11:30 THE INTERPRETERS** — **R**

30 Sunday**6AM-12N See the Sunday, May 2 listings.**

- 12N WE ARE FAMILY: SONGS OF HOPE AND UNITY** — **R**
- 1:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE** — WETA reprises all 10 half-hour Season 1 episodes of the local WETA house-hunting series that spotlights a wide array of neighborhoods and properties throughout Metro D.C. The programs celebrate each area's history, culture, notable places and flavor. Hosts Christine Louise and John Begeny tour communities and homes with local realtors.
- 1pm:** *Ep 1. H Street* • **1:30pm:** *Ep. 2 Shaw* • **2pm:** *Ep 3. Old Town Alexandria, VA* • **2:30pm:** *Ep 4. Silver Spring, MD* • **3pm:** *Ep 5. Southwest Waterfront* • **3:30pm:** *Ep 6. Anacostia* • **4pm:** *Ep 7. Hyattsville, MD* • **4:30pm:** *Ep 8. Petworth/16th Street Heights* • **5pm:** *Ep 9. N. Arlington, VA* • **5:30pm:** *Ep 10. Takoma Park, MD.*
- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND** — **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** — *Episode 5 of 10. Journalists Peter Baker and Susan Glasser. Repeats Monday, 7am*
- 7:00 ONE VOICE: THE SONGS WE SHARE** — **R**
- 8:00 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2021** — Tune in to the annual WETA co-production, the 32nd annual broadcast of America's national night of remembrance, honoring the military service of men and women in uniform, their families, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. **Repeats tonight**
- 9:30 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2021** — (encore) **R**
- 11:00 BASEBALL** — *Part 9 of 9. Home (1970-1990s).* (2.5 hrs) **R**

31 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** — *Weeknights* **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CELEBRATING ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE** — View items with Asian and Pacific Islands origins, including a \$250,000-\$300,000 find.
- 9:00 TULSA: THE FIRE AND THE FORGOTTEN** — On the 100th anniversary of the crime, learn about the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre and how the community of Tulsa is coming to terms with its past, present and future.
- 10:30 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND SPECIAL** — A special explores the events and themes in *Tulsa: The Fire and the Forgotten*. (30 min)

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WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS KIDS

- The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!, 6am
- Ready Jet Go!, 6:30am
- Peg + Cat, 7am
- Super WHY!, 7:30am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 8am, 8:30am
- Sesame Street, 9am
- Elinor Wonders Why, 9:30am
- Clifford the Big Red Dog, 10am
- Dinosaur Train, 10:30am
- Let's Go Luna!, 11am
- Nature Cat, 11:30am, 12n
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 12:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 1pm
- Hero Elementary, 1:30pm
- Cyberchase, 2pm
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 2:30pm, 3pm
- Elinor Wonders Why, 3:30pm
- **Donkey Hodie, 4pm**
- Curious George, 4:30pm, 5pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 5:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 6pm
- Hero Elementary, 6:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 7pm, 7:30pm
- Odd Squad, 8pm, 8:30pm
- Arthur, 9pm, 9:30pm
- **WETA PBS Kids Family Night airs Fridays, 7-10pm**

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WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS

- Hero Elementary, 8am
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 8:30am
- Curious George, 9am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 9:30am
- **Donkey Hodie, 10am**
- Elinor Wonders Why, 10:30am
- Sesame Street, 11am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 11:30am
- Dinosaur Train, 12n
- Clifford the Big Red Dog, 12:30pm
- Sesame Street, 1pm
- **Donkey Hodie, 1:30pm**
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 2pm
- Let's Go Luna!, 2:30pm

SUNDAYS ON WETA PBS

- Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, 6am
- Arthur, 6:30am
- Molly of Denali, 7am
- Wild Kratts, 7:30am
- Hero Elementary, 8am
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 8:30am



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Donkey Hodie

New series airs 4 p.m. weekdays
on WETA PBS Kids; 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
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A whimsical new puppet series inspired by *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* teaches critical thinking and problem solving, empowering children ages 3-5 to dream big, be resourceful and embrace challenges. *Donkey Hodie* is produced by Fred Rogers Productions and Spiffy Pictures and joins the WETA Kids schedule May 3. The programs follow the adventures of the granddaughter of the original Donkey Hodie character from Rogers' beloved long-running children's program. Inspired by Rogers' quirky, funny side, the imaginative new social-emotional series furthers the TV pioneer's mission of helping young viewers navigate the challenges of childhood.

Set in Rogers' whimsical land of Someplace Else, *Donkey Hodie* centers on the adventures of the enthusiastic, "can-do" yellow donkey, and her pals: loyal and empathetic best friend Purple Panda; practical, quick-witted mallard Duck Duck, who loves to figure things out; and energetic and eager canine Bob Dog. Episodes include catchy songs that reinforce the stories' positive messages, fun adventures and life lessons surrounding teamwork, perseverance and resilience.

Donkey Hodie is made possible with major funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.



Wild Kratts movie *Cats and Dogs* airs on WETA PBS Kids, Monday, May 10 at 7 p.m., following the brothers' explorations as they visit Africa, discover cats and dogs living in the wild, and try to protect the creatures and their habitat.

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masterpiece: All Creatures Great and Small marathon (5/2, 10am-5:30pm)• Escape to the Country 2 (5/23, 5/30)	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rick Steves Marathon (10am-1pm, 5/1)• The Coroner (noon-2pm, 5/8)• Death in Paradise, Series 10
12:30pm		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	
1pm	Great Tours: England, Scotland, Wales (5/16-5/30)	A Place to Call Home (next ep airs tomorrow)	A Place to Call Home (next ep airs tomorrow)	A Place to Call Home (next ep airs tomorrow)	A Place to Call Home (next ep airs tomorrow)	A Place to Call Home (next ep airs Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Father Brown, Series 8 (5/1)• The Indian Doctor (starts 5/15)
1:30pm							
2pm	Father Brown, Series 8 (5/16-5/30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rick Steves marathon (2-5pm, 5/3, 5/10)• 2pm: Escape to the Country, Series 2• 3pm: How the Victorians Built Britain, Series 2• 4pm: The Great Tours: England, Scotland, Wales• 4pm 5/30: The Queen's Garden	Pie in the Sky, Series 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foyle's War, Series 5 (2-4pm, 5/5)• Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 4 & 5 (90 min 5/12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lewis (5/6 to 4pm)• Midsomer Murders, Series 18 & 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agatha Christie's Poirot (2-4pm, 5/7)• The Indian Doctor (starts 5/14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lewis (2-4pm, 5/1)• Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 4 & 5 (except 5/1; 2 hrs 5/8)
2:30pm							
3pm	Midsomer Murders, Series 18 (5/16-5/30); Series 19 starts 5/30		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 3 & 4 (original series; two episodes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foyle's War, Series 5 & 6 (5/5, 5/26)• Victoria on Masterpiece (5/19)	Death in Paradise, Series 10 (4pm on 5/6)	Father Brown, Series 8 (except 5/7)	Pie in the Sky, Series 1 & 2 (5/15-5/29)
3:30pm							
4pm	Masterpiece: Miss Scarlet & the Duke (5/16); Atlantic Crossing starts 5/23			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Father Brown (5/5)• BBC Antiques (5/12)• Victoria on Masterpiece (starts 5/19)	Doc Martin, Series 3 (except 5/6)	EastEnders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North & South (4-9:30pm, 5/1)• Emma (4-9pm, 5/8)• Rick Steves (4-6pm, 5/15)• Escape to the Country, Series 2, 4pm (5/22, 5/29)• How the Victorians Built Britain 2, 5pm (5/22, 5/29)• McLeod's Daughters, 6pm (5/15-5/29)
4:30pm						EastEnders	
5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Marple: A Murder Is Announced (5/2, 5:30pm-9pm)• Doc Martin, Series 3 (5/30, 5pm)• Victoria on Masterpiece (5/16-5/23, 5-7pm; 5/30, 6pm)	BBC World News Outside Source	BBC World News Outside Source	BBC World News Outside Source	BBC World News Outside Source	BBC World News Today	
5:30pm		BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	
6pm		'Allo, 'Allo!	'Allo, 'Allo!	'Allo, 'Allo!	'Allo, 'Allo!	'Allo, 'Allo!	
6:30pm		Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	
7pm	All Creatures Great and Small (5/16-5/30) (next ep airs 7pm Sats, except 5/8)	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	All Creatures Great and Small (original series; next ep airs Sun, 7pm, except 5/2-5/9)
7:30pm		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	
8pm	Escape to the Country, Series 2 (5/16-5/30)	Pie in the Sky, Series 1 & 2	<u>Foreign Favourites</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor T, Series 2, 8pm (and 9pm on 5/4)• Thou Shalt Not Kill, 9pm (except 5/4) (Series 2 starts 5/25, 8pm)• No Second Chance, 10pm (5/4, 5/11)• Line of Separation, Series 2, 10pm (starts 5/18)	<u>Midsomer Murders</u> , Series 18; Series 19 starts 5/26	McLeod's Daughters, Series 1	<u>Masterworks Showcase</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foyle's War, Series 5 & 6, 8pm (8-10pm 5/7)• Miss Scarlet and the Duke on Masterpiece, 9pm 5/14 (10pm on 5/7)• Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece, 9pm (starts 5/21)• Victoria on Masterpiece, 10pm (except 5/7)	Father Brown, Series 8 (5/15-5/29)
8:30pm							
9pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foyle's War, Series 5 & 6 (5/2, 9pm-1am)• How the Victorians Built Britain, Series 2 (5/16-5/30)	All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 & 5 (original series; two episodes)		Death in Paradise, Series 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Marple: A Pocket Full of Rye (5/6, 9-11pm)• The Indian Doctor (starts 5/13)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maigret, Series 1 (9:30pm-1:30am, 5/1)• Vera, Series 10 (9pm-1am, 5/8)• Miss Fisher (5/15-5/29)
9:30pm							
10pm	The Great Tours: England, Scotland and Wales (5/16-5/30); The Queen's Garden (5/30)			Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 4 (10pm-12m, 5/5)	Silent Witness, Series 20 & 21 (except 5/6)		Frankie Drake Mysteries, Series 3 (5/15-5/29)
10:30pm							
11pm	Yes Minister (2 eps, 5/16-5/30)	BBC World News	BBC World News	BBC World News (12m on 5/5)	BBC World News	BBC World News (later on 5/14, 5/21)	Doc Martin, Series 3 (5/15-5/29)
11:30pm		Father Brown, Series 8 (Rick Steves 5/3)	Professor T, Series 2 (exc. 5/25)	Midsomer Murders 18 & 19 (12:30am, 5/5)	McLeod's Daughters, Series 1	Foyle's War, Series 5 & 6	
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WETA UK Highlights



North & South

Saturday, May 1, 4 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on WETA UK

Politics meets passion in Elizabeth Gaskell's classic tale of love across the social divide, set in the changing world of Victorian industrial society. Margaret Hale (portrayed by Daniela Denby-Ashe) is one of literature's most original heroines: a southerner from a country vicarage newly settled in the industrial northern town of Milton. In the shock of her move, she misjudges charismatic cotton-mill owner John Thornton, whose passion and strength of purpose are a match for her own pride and willfulness. When the workers of Milton go on strike, Margaret takes their side, and she and Thornton are brought into deeper conflict. As events spiral, Margaret — to her surprise — develops feelings for Thornton. Richard Armitage, Tim Piggott-Smith, Leslie Manville, Brendan Coyle and Anna Maxwell-Martin are among the stellar cast.

The Indian Doctor

Thursdays at 9 p.m. starting May 13 on WETA UK

A period comedy-drama set in the 1960s follows a high-flying Delhi graduate, Dr. Prem Sharma (Sanjeev Bhaskar, *Unforgotten* on *Masterpiece*), and Kamini, his wife (Ayesha Dharker) as they move to the U.K. After being wooed by dreams of riches, they instead find themselves starting a new life in a small Welsh coal mining town, where Prem takes up the local medical practice. Once in Wales, the couple experiences culture clashes but quickly becomes embroiled in the lives of the villagers. While Prem strikes up new friendships and settles into life, the regal Kamini is determined to leave the community as soon as possible. The drama follows undercurrents of life in the village, including secrets, prejudices, health crises and more. *The Indian Doctor* features three seasons totaling 15 episodes.



Midsomer Murders, Series 19 — New!

Wednesdays at 8 p.m. starting May 26 on WETA UK

On the heels of Series 18 episodes, WETA UK will feature another new season of the popular mysteries set in the village hamlets of the fictional English county of Midsomer. In Season 19, Neil Dudgeon returns as DCI John

Barnaby, investigating more murder and mystery, but now with a new partner: Nick Hendrix (who has appeared in *The Crown*, *Foyle's War* and *Call the Midwife*) joins the cast as DS Jamie Winter. Also new to the program is an addition to the Barnaby family, Paddy the dog. This season, Barnaby and Winter — along with forensic pathologist Dr. Kam Karimore, portrayed by Manjinder Virk — face a dastardly death among live pet rabbits, murder at a cricket tournament, deadly violence at a music festival, a killing at a Jane Austen weekend, the demise of a neighborhood patrol member, and more.



Also this month: Watch for crime series *Maigret*, Saturday, May 1 at 9:30 p.m.; *Miss Marple* mysteries, Sunday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 6 at 9 p.m.; Jane Austen adaptation *Emma*, Saturday, May 8 at 4 p.m.; *Atlantic Crossing* on *Masterpiece*, Fridays at 9 p.m. starting May 21; and Series 2 episodes of *Thou Shalt Not Kill*, starting Tuesday, May 25 with an 8 p.m. double feature.

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Maigret



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COURTESY NAITI GANZ

POV: Through the Night

Saturday, May 15 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro (May 10 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS); stream on the PBS Video App

An intimate verité documentary explores the personal cost of our modern economy through the stories of two working mothers and a childcare provider whose lives intersect at a 24-hour daycare center in New Rochelle, New York. One mother works the overnight shift as an essential worker at a pediatric hospital; another holds down multiple jobs to support her family, and the childcare worker is a woman who for more than two decades has cared for the children whose parents have nowhere else to turn. A portrait of resilience, love and the fundamental role of caregivers in society, *Through the Night* showcases the multiplicity of these women's work — paid, underpaid and unpaid; emotional and physical; domestic and career-oriented — as they negotiate the terms of a dignified existence under the challenges of racism, sexism and capitalism in America.

Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck

Saturday, May 15 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA Metro
(May 9 at 6:30 p.m. on WETA PBS)

A 90-minute film presents the tale of a *Mayflower* passenger and his influence on William Shakespeare. Producer Andrew Giles Buckley and his team follow the story of Stephen Hopkins, the only passenger who had previously been to North America before traveling on the *Mayflower*. A decade earlier, in 1609, Hopkins had been aboard a Jamestown-bound ship that wrecked on Bermuda. After nine months, he and other castaways sailed to the colony, and then Hopkins traveled back to England, where he may have inspired Shakespeare's final play, "The Tempest," and the character Stephano. Buckley, a descendant of Hopkins, grew up hearing stories of the voyager and retraces his ancestor's steps in the program.



the true story of Shakespeare's shipwreck



COURTESY RHODE ISLAND PBS

Under the Ground: The Story of Liberation News Service

Saturday, May 22 at 10 p.m. on WETA Metro
(May 16 at 7 p.m. on WETA PBS)

A documentary film chronicles the rise and fall of one of the most influential underground media organizations of its time, the

"AP of the underground press": Liberation News Service — which originated in Washington, D.C. — contributed to hundreds of newspapers, college publications, and radio stations between 1967 and 1981, when anti-war sentiment, civil rights empowerment and counter-cultural attitudes dominated American progressive media. Featuring interviews with former staffers, journalists and activists, the film incorporates footage from the turbulent times and culturally defining moments that were covered extensively by the LNS, which provided news to a generation of readers who felt ignored or misrepresented by the mainstream press.



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Real Stories from Around the World



COURTESY GBH

AfroPop: Bakosó: Afrobeats of Cuba

Monday, May 3 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

Bakosó, airing on the cultural series *AfroPop: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange*, explores the influence of contemporary African music in Cuba as not just a thing of the past, but a phenomenon happening now. Made in collaboration with DJ Jigite, who created Cuba's first independent Afro-Cuban music label and arts collective, called Guámpara Music, the film follows his journey back to his home of Santiago de Cuba. He explores *bakosó*, a new musical genre informed by the sounds of Africa. Through stunning visuals and a score created by the founders of the genre, the film offers entrée to this vibrant artistic fusion.

America ReFramed

Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on WETA World

WETA World documentary series *America ReFramed* this month features Heritage Month-themed programming and more. In the film *Far East Deep South* (May 4), Charles Chiu and his family's search for their roots takes them on an eye-opening journey through the Mississippi Delta, uncovering stories and the complex history of Chinese immigrants in the segregated South. This Chinese American family's story offers a poignant perspective on race relations, immigration and American identity. *Curtain Up!* (May 11) shares a kid's-eye view of the wonders of discovering art, culture and identity, following the theater club of PS 124 in New York City's Chinatown as 5th graders stage an adaptation of the film *Frozen*. *Hamtramck, USA* (May 25) spotlights a Michigan community once known as a Polish Catholic town and now America's first Muslim-majority city. As election season approaches, candidates set out to win hearts, minds and votes in this rapidly changing metropolis. Going behind the scenes of small-town politics, the film explores the beauty and challenges that come with multiculturalism.



COURTESY GBH

Hamtramck, USA

Korea: The Never-Ending War

WETA co-production airs Friday, May 28 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

AWETA documentary film, *Korea: The Never-Ending War*, traces the history of the Korean War and its continuing impact, shedding light on a longtime geopolitical hotspot. The program offers a new understanding of the war, illuminating its role as a watershed in world history: the place where the Cold War first turned hot and where a fragile peace led to a nuclear standoff that continues today. Ending in a stalemate and armistice without a formal peace treaty, the war from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953 was a global event: 24 nations took part in the struggle in which an estimated four million people died. The film provides a variety of perspectives of the conflict and explores historical turning points during and after the war. Korean-American actor John Cho narrates the film, a production of WETA, KBS and ZED, in association with Ark Media and the BBC.



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Funding for *Korea: The Never-Ending War* is provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, and PBS.

May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and WETA World features a collection of more than 30 films that spotlight these communities. Visit weta.org/asian-pacific for listings.

Classical WETA 90.9 FM



PostClassical Ensemble

TOM WOLFF

From Haydn to Gershwin on *Front Row Washington*

Mondays at 9 p.m. on Classical WETA

By John Banther, On-Air Host and Producer

This month on *Front Row Washington* we enjoy a variety of musical styles across a large range of ensembles, from solo piano to the full symphony orchestra. We start on **May 3** with a performance of National Philharmonic and conductor Piotr Gajewski at Strathmore of music by **Richard Wagner** — the overture to his opera *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*; and then **William Grant Still's Symphony No. 1 "Afro American."**

Pianist Stephen Kovachevich is featured on **May 10** with selections from his 2017 Phillips Collection concert. He plays two Romantic era works, the *Piano Sonata No. 20* by **Franz Schubert** and the *Piano Sonata No. 31* by **Ludwig van Beethoven**. Twentieth-century chamber music is performed on **May 17** by violinist Francisco Fullana and pianist Tomomi Sato from a 2019 Phillips Collection concert. They perform **Olivier Messiaen's Theme and Variations** and Swiss-American composer **Ernest Bloch's Violin Sonata No. 2 "Poeme Mystique."**

Another local ensemble is showcased on **May 24**: D.C.-based PostClassical Ensemble under conductor Angel Gil-Ordóñez from the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in 2010. They perform **Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue**, but presented in a way you haven't heard before. It starts with Gershwin himself introducing and playing his *Prelude No. 2* from a 1932 broadcast. But it eventually fades away and is seamlessly taken over by the pianist on stage, Genadi Zagor, for a Gershwin-inspired improvisation before diving into *Rhapsody in Blue*.

We end the month on **May 31** remembering Joseph Haydn, who died this day in 1809. From a 2020 Phillips Collection concert, the St. Lawrence String Quartet performs **Haydn's String Quartet's Op. 20 Nos. 2 and 4**. Join me for local live concert recordings on *Front Row Washington*.



MARCO D'AGOSTINI

St. Lawrence String Quartet

Heroes in Song on *Choral Showcase*

Sundays at 9 p.m. on Classical WETA

By Bill Bukowski, Midday On-Air Host

A hero's journey often involves great peril, enormous risk and genuine transformation, as we'll hear this month on Classical WETA's *Choral Showcase*. From ancient Mesopotamia, "The Epic of Gilgamesh" relates a hero's brave but ultimately vain quest for immortality. **Bohuslav Martinů's** oratorio *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, in its original English version, will be presented **May 9** on the program.

In 13th-century Russia, Prince Alexander of Novgorod earned the nickname "Nevsky" after defeating the Swedes at the Battle of the Neva River. But his later victory over German invaders at the Battle of the Ice created the legend, celebrated in celluloid and song in Sergei Eisenstein's 1938 film, *Alexander Nevsky*. **Sergei Prokofiev's** pioneering film score was also arranged for cantata, which we'll hear on **May 2**.

Oftentimes, a hero's journey can end in defeat: after leading French forces to victory, **Joan of Arc**, the maid of Orleans, was captured in battle and ultimately burned as a heretic. But her journey made her one of history's most revered figures. Inspired by the 1928 film *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, **Richard Einhorn** wrote *Voices of Light*, which we'll hear on **May 23**.

Despite feats of great strength, both on and off the battlefield, the Biblical hero **Samson** was undone by his love for Delilah. Betrayed, blinded and enslaved, he gains redemption by bringing down the pagan temple upon himself and his enemies. This tale is told in *Samson* by **George Frideric Handel** on the **May 30** program.

Few tales of heroism can top the story of **Judith**. This brave Jewish woman charmed her way into the enemy camp, slew the Assyrian general and returned with his severed head, thereby saving her people. We honor her legend in *Judith*, an oratorio by **Sir Charles Hubert H. Parry**, on **May 16**. Join me for Classical WETA's *Choral Showcase*, Sundays at 9 p.m.



Joan of Arc

by John Everett Millais

JOHN EVERETT MILLAIS, 1845; PUBLIC DOMAIN

Classical for Washington

Metropolitan Operas in May

Saturdays at 1 p.m. on Classical WETA

By Linda Carducci, Morning On-Air Host

You're sure to enjoy the line-up of spectacular performances on *Opera House* during the month of May as Classical WETA presents engaging recorded productions from the legendary stage of the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Donizetti's dramatic Tudor-based opera, *Roberto Devereux*, opens the month on May 1. Tenor Matthew Polenzani sings the role of Roberto Devereux, the historical figure who influenced the court of Queen Elizabeth I of England. This 2016 production also showcases Sondra Radvanovsky in a critically acclaimed performance as the Queen. Then, on May 8, spend an afternoon enveloped in the ravishing music of Puccini during the Met's 2019 Puccini Gala. Soprano Anna Netrebko joins other world-class singers in a collection of single Acts from beloved Puccini favorites: the heartbreaking *La Bohème*, dramatic *Tosca* and extravagant *Turandot*, all led by the Met's Music Director, Yannick Nézet-Séguin.

The May 15 broadcast offers Richard Wagner's sensuous and innovative masterpiece, *Tristan und Isolde*, a 12th-century legend of forbidden lovers strengthened by their belief that death will unite them. Sir Simon Rattle conducts this 2016 performance with noted Wagnerian singers Nina Stemme and Stuart Skelton. Next, the master of *bel canto* opera, Vincenzo Bellini, is featured May 22 in his final work, *I Puritani*. With soaring melodies, Bellini depicts the struggle between Puritans and the forces of Charles I during the 17th-century English civil war. We'll hear a 2017 production featuring soprano Diana Damrau.

The month's operas end dramatically on May 29 with Giuseppe Verdi's powerful *Otello*, based on the Shakespeare play. This is mature Verdi — his next-to-last opera — and his masterful score underpins a riveting tragedy of jealousy and murder. Yannick Nézet-Séguin leads this 2015 performance. Listen and enjoy with us!



Diana Damrau in Bellini's *I Puritani*

MARTY SCHULMAN/METROPOLITAN OPERA

Cathedrals of Sound: NSO Showcase Presents Works by Mozart and Bruckner

Wednesday, May 5 at 9 p.m. on Classical WETA

& streaming on classicalweta.org

By Nicole Lacroix, Afternoon On-Air Host

Austrian composer and pianist Ernst Pauer, a pupil of Mozart's son, Franz Xaver Wolfgang, wrote that the key of C minor represents "longing, sadness, solemnity and passionate intensity. It is the key of the supernatural." Both of the featured works in May's NSO *Showcase* are written in the key of C minor, and reflect a darker side of each composer's personality.

Austrian conductor Manfred Honeck, currently in his 13th season as Music Director of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, conducts the NSO in Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 24*. The soloist is Russian pianist Nikolai Lugansky, who claims he was "simply predestined to be a pianist." When he was 5 years old, Lugansky went to the dacha next door, and proceeded to play a Beethoven sonata by ear. Some years later, he went on to win the 1994 Tchaikovsky competition.

NSO Conductor Laureate Christoph Eschenbach is a great fan of Anton Bruckner, and returned to the Kennedy Center to conduct Bruckner's *Symphony No. 2 in C minor* in March 2019. The NSO hadn't played it in 25 years! When the Vienna Philharmonic premiered the work in 1872, they nicknamed it the "Symphony of Pauses," because of its many rests. Bruckner said that he took a breath before saying something new or important, so his music did the same. This symphony became the template for his future symphonies, a blueprint for his famous "cathedrals of sound."

NSO *Showcase* airs the first Wednesday of each month on Classical WETA.



Christoph Eschenbach

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