ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
PROGRAM GUIDE 2022
WETA celebrates the contributions, history and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with special programming across WETA channels. Many of the programs can be streamed on the PBS Video App. Visit weta.org/asian-pacific for complete heritage month offerings.

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1  Sunday – May 1

12 PM  WETA PBS
THE STORY OF CHINA — This series explores the history of China from the ancient past to present day. 
Episode 1. Ancestors. Wood examines ancient myths, archaeological sites, and records of Chinese writing.

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

2  Monday – May 2

10 PM  WETA PBS
INDEPENDENT LENS: TRY HARDER! — The documentary offers an up-close look at the competitive college admissions process for a group of San Francisco high schoolers, primarily Asian Americans.  
Repeats Wed 5/4, 7:30 p.m. on WETA World & Sat 5/14, 9:30 p.m. on WETA Metro

3  Tuesday – May 3

8 PM  WETA PBS
FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 5 — Episode 3. Reporting on the Reporters.  
Journalists Christiane Amanpour, Ann Curry and Lisa Ling learn that the stories within their own family trees are as compelling as the news stories they have been covering for the world.

9 PM  WETA World
INDEPENDENT LENS: EATING UP EASTER — See how climate change and a booming tourism trade threaten the fragile economy of Rapa Nui, also known as Easter Island, and meet the local artists, ecologists, and developers balancing their strong cultural heritage with modern-day challenges.

4  Friday – May 6

8 PM  WETA World
BETRAYED: SURVIVING AN AMERICAN CONCENTRATION CAMP — A story of a group of Japanese Americans and their incarceration by the U.S. government during World War II.  
Repeats Sat 5/28, 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

5  Saturday – May 7

8 PM  WETA Metro
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: HIGH TIDE, DON’T HIDE — Teenagers discover that activism, authority and awareness make for a steep learning curve.  
Repeats Sun 5/15, 4 p.m. on WETA PBS

9 PM  WETA Metro
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: JAMES & ISEY — This episode captures a Northland celebration of life and aroha (love) like no other.  
Repeats Sun 5/22, 2 p.m. on WETA PBS

10 PM  WETA Metro
Repeats Sun 5/22, 3 p.m. on WETA PBS

6  Wednesday – May 4

8 PM  WETA PBS
ASIAN AMERICANS — In this WETA co-production with the Center for Asian American Media (CAAM), explore the impact of Asian Americans, the fastest-growing racial/ethnic group in the United States.  
Episode 1. Breaking Ground. See how new immigrants from China, India, Japan, the Philippines, and beyond — despite anti-Asian laws — still managed to build railroads, dazzle on the silver screen, and take their fight for equality to the U.S. Supreme Court.  
Repeats Thur 5/12, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro
5 Saturday – May 7

9 PM WETA PBS
ASIAN AMERICANS — Episode 2. A Question of Loyalty. Meet an American-born generation tied both to the U.S. and to their parents’ homelands in Asia. Loyalties are tested during World War II, when families are imprisoned in detention camps and brothers find themselves on opposite sides of battle lines. Repeats Thur 5/12, 9 p.m. on WETA Metro

10 PM WETA PBS
MR. TORNADO: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE — Meet Ted Fujita, a pioneering meteorologist who transformed our understanding of tornados. His technological advancements saved lives and helped Americans prepare for and respond to dangerous weather phenomena. Repeats Thur 5/19, 10 p.m. on WETA Metro

6 Monday – May 9

9 PM WETA PBS
SIGNATURE DISH — Episode 2. Southeast Asian Specialties.

7 Tuesday – May 10

3 PM WETA PBS
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: PRISON SONGS — In Australia’s first-ever documentary musical, inmates of a Darwin jail share their feelings, faults, and experiences in song. Repeats Tue 5/17, 4 p.m. on WETA World

9 PM WETA PBS & WETA Metro

8 Wednesday – May 11

3 PM WETA PBS
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: LEITIS IN WAITING — Follow the most prominent leiti (transgender) people in the Tonga Kingdom. Repeats Wed 5/18, 1 p.m. on WETA World

7 PM WETA World
P.O.V.: ABOUT LOVE — In Mumbai, three generations of the Phadke family are interviewed by the family’s youngest daughter.

9 Thursday – May 12

3 PM WETA PBS
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: TE KUHANE O TE TUPUNA (The Spirit of the Ancestors) — The documentary explores the social and political landscape of the island of Rapanui as the people attempt to claim back their land and a statue of significant cultural importance.

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

4 PM WETA World
GANDHI’S AWAKENING & GANDHI’S GIFT, PT 2 — The second part of a two-part series on Gandhi’s life, this film continues telling the story of the activist’s life and accomplishments.
**Saturday – May 14**

8 PM  WETA PBS  
**ASIAN AMERICANS** — Episode 3. Good Americans. During the Cold War years, Asian Americans are simultaneously heralded as a model minority and targeted as the perpetual foreigner. The period is also a time of bold ambition, as Asian Americans aspire to national political office.  *Repeats Thur 5/12, 10 p.m. on WETA Metro*

9 PM  WETA PBS  
**ASIAN AMERICANS** — Episode 4. Generation Rising. The aftermath of the Vietnam War brings new immigrants and refugees who fight for equality in the fields, on campuses, and in the culture, claiming a new identity.  *Repeats Thur 5/19, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro*

10 PM  WETA PBS  
**ASIAN AMERICANS** — Episode 5. Breaking Through. Revisit the turn of the millennium, when Asian Americans are empowered by growing numbers and rising influence but face a reckoning of what it means to be an American in an increasingly polarized society.  *Repeats Thur 5/19, 9 p.m. on WETA Metro*

**Sunday – May 15**

12 PM  WETA PBS  
**THE STORY OF CHINA** — Episode 2. Silk Roads and China Ships. Michael Wood explores China’s first international age, the Tang Dynasty, uncovering the coming of Christianity and tracking the spread of Chinese culture across East Asia.

2 PM  WETA PBS  
**THE STORY OF CHINA** — Episode 3. The Golden Age. In Kaifeng, historian Michael Wood hears the story of the boys who became emperors, tries a 1,000-year-old recipe, and dances with the locals by Hangzhou’s West.

**Monday – May 16**

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

4 PM  WETA World  
**PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: ANOTE’S ARK** — Inhabitants of the Pacific Island nation of Kiribati find themselves threatened by sea level rise.  *Repeats Wed 5/18, 3 p.m. on WETA PBS*

4 PM  WETA PBS  
**LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 2** — LUCKYRICE culinary festival founder Danielle Chang travels across America to explore the Asian food landscape and discovers how deeply Asian culture is rooted in our everyday lives.  *Episode 1. Trending Japanese.* Danielle explores the new wave of Japanese culinary culture, including a visit to New York’s Kaneko Cat Café and a Brooklyn izakaya.

4:30 PM  WETA PBS  
**LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 2** — Episode 2. Asian Farm to Table. Farmers are the rock stars of the food world, and in this episode, visit agriculturists large and small.

9:30 PM  WETA PBS  
**SIGNATURE DISH** — Episode 4. Masters of Spice.

**Tuesday – May 17**

3 PM  WETA PBS  
**PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: NA KAMALEI: THE MEN OF HULA** — While Western concepts of gender and sexuality have interfered with the role of male hula dancers, this dance is often a source of pride for men.  *Repeat Mon 5/23, 7 p.m. on WETA World*
**Tuesday – May 17**

4 PM  
**WETA PBS**  
LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 2 — Episode 3. Food as the Gods. The relationship between faith and food is evident at three Asian houses of worship: an imposing Buddhist temple, a Sikh temple, and a Queens mosque’s annual food fair.

4:30 PM  
**WETA PBS**  

10 PM  
**WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
TYRUS WONG: AMERICAN MASTERS — A look into the life of renowned Chinese American painter Tyrus Wong and his impact on American art and popular culture. The Disney legend was the inspirational painter behind Bambi, April in Paris, and Sands of Iwo Jima, to name a few.

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**Wednesday – May 18**

4 PM  
**WETA PBS**  
LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — Episode 1. Food as a Cultural Collision. This episode explores how food can be a physical manifestation of the mixing of cultures.

4:30 PM  
**WETA PBS**  
LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — Episode 2. Food as Art. Learn how artists are using food as their preferred medium.

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**Thursday – May 19**

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

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

4:30 PM  
**WETA PBS**  
LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3 — Episode 4. Food as Wellness. While food provides us with our daily sustenance, it can also be a useful medicine.

8 PM  
**WETA World**  
AMERICA REFRAMED: GEOGRAPHIES OF KINSHIP — The documentary weaves together the complex personal histories of four adult adoptees born in South Korea with the rise of the country’s global adoption program.

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**Saturday – May 21**

8 PM  
**WETA PBS**  
AMY TAN: UNINTENDED MEMOIR: AMERICAN MASTERS — This documentary interweaves archival imagery, including home movies and personal photographs, animation, and original interviews, to tell the inspiring story of the groundbreaking author’s life and career.  
*Repeats Thur 5/26, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro*

9 PM  
**WETA Metro**  
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: THE HEALER STONES OF KAPAEMAHU — Discover the Hawaiian tradition of healing and gender diversity that is all but unknown to the millions of locals and tourists passing by.  
*Repeats Sat 5/28, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS*

10 PM  
**WETA Metro**  
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: AUSTRALIAN DREAM — A documentary that unravels the remarkable and inspirational story of indigenous AFL legend Adam Goodes to tell a deeper and more powerful story about race, identity and belonging.  
*Repeats Tue 5/24, 3 p.m. on WETA PBS*

10 PM  
**WETA PBS**  
THE REGISTRY — The film profiles Americans of Japanese descent who served in a secret U.S. Army unit that fought in the Pacific during World War II.
**Monday – May 23**

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

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

4:30 PM  
**WETA PBS**
**LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 3** — *Episode 6. Food as Beauty.* With the help of Sokoglam’s Charlotte Cho, Danielle Chang shows how Asian beauty secrets have manifested themselves in mainstream America today.

8 PM  
**WETA World**
**LOCAL, USA: A TALE OF THREE CHINATOWNS** — Explores the survival of urban ethnic neighborhoods in three American cities: Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Boston.

9:30 PM  
**WETA World**
**STORIES FROM THE STAGE: GROWING UP ASIAN AMERICAN** — Storytellers share stories that speak to the richness and variety of the Asian American experience.

10 PM  
**WETA PBS**
**INDEPENDENT LENS: ONE CHILD NATION** — Inspired by the birth of her first child, filmmaker Nanfu Wang returns to China to explore the ripple effects of China’s one-child policy social experiment.

**Tuesday – May 24**

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

4:30 PM  
**WETA PBS**
**LUCKY CHOW, SEASON 4** — *Episode 2. Healing.* Danielle Chang and William Li explore the concept of functional food and learn that consciousness and intent are two of the most powerful ingredients in life.

9 PM  
**WETA PBS & WETA Metro**
**PLAGUE AT THE GOLDEN GATE: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** — The film presents a complex and dramatic narrative of the desperate race to save San Francisco and the nation from an outbreak of the bubonic plague in the city’s Chinatown and the spate of violent anti-Asian settlement.

**Repeats Sat 5/28, 8 p.m. on WETA World & Sun 5/29, 2 p.m. on WETA PBS**

**Wednesday – May 25**

3 PM  
**WETA PBS**
**PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: FOR MY FATHER’S KINGDOM** — Tongan pensioner Saia Mafile’o and his family deal with the rigors of devout Christian tithing.

**Repeats Sat 5/28, 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro & WETA World**

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

4:30 PM  
**WETA PBS**
Thursday – May 26

3 PM
WETA PBS
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: STAN — At age 26, musician Stan Walker fights a rare cancer with humor and determination.
Repeats Sat 5/28, 10:30 p.m. on WETA Metro

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

4:30 PM
WETA PBS
The last episode of the season explores how food can be a comforting presence.

8 PM
WETA World
AMERICA REFRAMED: CHINATOWN RISING — The documentary reveals a deeply personal portrait of a San Francisco neighborhood in transition. Chinatown activists of the 1960s reflect on their years as young residents waging battles for bilingual education, tenants’ rights and ethnic studies curriculum that would shape their community and nation.

Friday – May 27

3 PM
WETA PBS
PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: TOKYO HULA — Examine how tourism, economics, and a love for all things Hawaiian have influenced the rise of hula dancing in Japan.
Repeats Mon 5/9, 7 p.m. on WETA World

Saturday – May 28

9 PM
WETA PBS
NORMAN MINETA AND HIS LEGACY: AN AMERICAN STORY — Meet the statesman who served as a cabinet secretary for two presidents, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Imprisoned by the U.S. during World War II for his Japanese ancestry, Norman Mineta rose to become the first Asian American to serve in a presidential cabinet.

Tuesday – May 31

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

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