Also new seasons of *Midsomer Murders*, *Guilt*, *Father Brown* & *Traces*; plus *On Broadway*, *Freedom Songs*, concerts and more.
In August, WETA features a wide array of engaging programming, including a variety of specials as part of our annual summer television membership campaign. Among our many diverting program offerings, we present entertaining mystery and drama marathons, absorbing history documentaries, and lively musical performances, illuminated in the pages that follow.

Beyond the month’s specials, also learn about new episodes of popular mystery series *Midsomer Murders* on WETA PBS Thriller Thursdays and *Father Brown* on WETA UK; additional documentaries and concerts on WETA Metro; and an impressive lineup of nature programming on WETA World. For your summer listening, the WETA Classical radio hosts share intriguing suggestions of favorite compositions to enjoy.

Looking ahead to fall programs, in September we premiere the powerful documentary *The U.S. and the Holocaust*, a WETA co-production with Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein of Florentine Films. In October, we roll out the fascinating new film *Making Black America: Through the Grapevine*, a WETA co-production with Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. In our vibrant local production portfolio, new episodes of our restaurant exploration series *Signature Dish* and arts and culture magazine program *WETA Arts* are on the way.

As complex events continue to unfold worldwide, and as U.S. midterm elections approach, watch acclaimed WETA news and public affairs productions *PBS NewsHour*, *PBS News Weekend* and *Washington Week* to follow developments and issues. Our staff works diligently to keep you — and viewers around the nation — well informed.

We are very proud to serve you with outstanding content. Enjoy our August programming and stay tuned for more stellar presentations this fall. Thank you for your ongoing support of WETA.

Sharon Percy Rockefeller, president and chief executive officer, WETA

**POV: He’s My Brother**

*Mon., Aug. 1, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; Aug. 6, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App*

POV offers a candid first-person look at a sister’s guardianship of her brother with disabilities in the moving documentary *He’s My Brother*. Christine, a young Danish woman, and her family face considerable challenges while caring for her older brother, Peter. In the film, she examines her roles as a loving sister and future guardian, and what it means to be responsible for another person’s life. Peter, now 31 years old, was born deaf, blind and with autism, and experiences the world primarily through touch, smell and taste, requiring a high level of oversight. When a dedicated facility that helped him was shuttered, his care fell entirely to his family. *He’s My Brother* explores how Peter’s family works to assure him a dignified life once his parents are gone, as well as Christine’s uncertainties about one day becoming his primary caregiver.

In other August *POV* films on WETA PBS and WETA Metro: *President* explores how a new leader takes on the corrupt ruling party in Zimbabwe’s 2018 presidential election; and *Faya Dayi* spotlights hypnotic immersion in Ethiopia where *khat*, a euphoria-inducing plant, holds sway. Stream *POV* films on the PBS App.

**WETA — ON THE AIR & ONLINE**
Guilt, Series 2 on Masterpiece – New episodes
Sunday, August 28 at 9:30 p.m.; then 9 p.m. in September on WETA PBS; stream on the PBS App

Following on Season 1 of the mystery-thriller, which won 2020 Best Drama at the Scottish BAFTA Awards, the contemporary comic drama set in Edinburgh continues with new plot twists and a strong vein of dark humor in the four-part Season 2. In an Edinburgh cellar, two gunshots ring out; while across town, disgraced lawyer Max McCall (Mark Bonnar) is released from prison. These events gradually come together as we watch Max try to rebuild his life. He finds himself entwined in a new imbroglio with characters old and new as they battle the consequences of their actions amidst new developments. Ewan Elliot returns as Kenny; James Sives (Annika) is Max’s brother Jake; and Phyllis Logan (Downton Abbey) and Sara Vickers (Endeavour) join the cast.

Midsomer Murders, Series 21 – New episodes
On Thriller Thursdays at 8 p.m. starting August 4 on WETA PBS

In a season of episodes new to WETA, police detective DCI John Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon), a lawman with a degree in psychology, probes more dastardly deeds in the seemingly bucolic rural countryside of England. Adapted from novels by Caroline Graham, the series spotlights the fictional county of Midsomer, which features lovely rolling hills, small charming villages, quaint habits — and bizarre murders. Joining Barnaby in his criminal investigations are junior partner DS Jamie Winter (Nick Hendrix) and medical examiner Dr. Fleur Perkins (Annette Badland). Series 21 features four new cases: August episodes The Point of Balance and The Miniature Murders follow slayings at an annual dance extravaganza and a new museum exhibit. September episodes The Sting of Death and With Baited Breath follow deaths associated with a honey-producing operation and a fishing competition.

The Hour
Thursdays, August 4 & 11 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; binge-watch with WETA Passport

Coming to the Thriller Thursday lineup is a drama spotlighting a team of reporters working on a new BBC current-affairs television program, “The Hour,” launching in 1956 at the time of the Suez Crisis and the Hungarian Revolution. Dominic West, Ben Whishaw and Romola Garai star alongside a stellar supporting cast that includes Tim Pigott-Smith, Anton Lesser and Anna Chancellor. In the drama-mystery, young television journalists Freddie Lyon and Bel Rowley yearn for bolder stories to spotlight, just as Freddie is drawn into a murky world of subterfuge, intimidation, political scheming, and conspiracy. Joining the team of “The Hour,” the two work with the show’s charismatic front man, and a love triangle emerges that drives their ambition and fuels the broadcast’s aspirations. Two episodes air in August; then the series picks up again on September 1. The drama is currently available for streaming with WETA Passport.
Filmed over two years by cinematographer Kim Wolhuter (Nature: The Cheetah Children), a Nature film takes viewers into the heart of an African wild dog family. When lions kill her mate, a wild dog mother suddenly must raise two generations of pups — 20 — all on her own without the help of a pack. Follow the journey of this close-knit family of wild dogs in Zimbabwe and witness the loyalty and selflessness that sets these animals apart from other large, social carnivores in this deeply intimate portrayal of motherhood. In this unforgiving wilderness, it turns out the top dogs are the big cats — lions are the wild dogs’ ultimate enemies. The young dogs provide some light-hearted moments while discovering the world around them, but as they grow up, they must face their eternal enemies on the journey to independence. Stream this film and other Nature episodes on the PBS App.

In 1931 the rains stopped and the “black blizzards” began. Powerful dust storms carrying millions of tons of stinging, blinding black dirt swept across the Southern Plains — the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma, western Kansas, and the eastern portions of Colorado and New Mexico. Topsoil that had taken 1,000 years per inch to build suddenly blew away in mere minutes. One journalist traveling through the devastated region dubbed it the “Dust Bowl.” The 1998 American Experience film Surviving the Dust Bowl relates the story of the determined people who clung to their homes and way of life, enduring drought, dust, disease and deaths for nearly a decade. Less well-known than those who sought refuge in California, typified by the Joad family in John Steinbeck’s The Grapes of Wrath, the Dust Bowlers who stayed overcame an almost unbelievable series of calamities and disasters.

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American History — All Day!
Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

WETA presents Saturday-night history programming all day on August 13, featuring an array of engaging documentary programming that includes:

**Ken Burns: The National Parks** • 9 a.m.-11 a.m. | Filmmakers Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan reveal behind-the-scenes stories about the making of their landmark series The National Parks: America’s Best Idea, a 2009 WETA co-production filmed at some of nature’s most spectacular locales.

**Reconstruction: America After the Civil War** • 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., repeating 11:30 p.m. | In the two-part 2019 WETA co-production, Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the transformative years following the American Civil War, when the nation struggled from 1865 to 1877 to rebuild itself in the face of profound loss, massive destruction and revolutionary social change.

**Benjamin Franklin** • 6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. | Ken Burns’s two-part 2022 film, a WETA co-production, explores the revolutionary life of one of the 18th century’s most consequential figures, whose work and words unlocked the mystery of electricity and helped create the United States.

WETA Mystery and Drama Weekends
Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 20-21 & 27-28 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

WETA presents entertaining mystery- and drama-series marathons and specials throughout the weekends of August 20-21 and August 27-28, including the following:

**Miss Scarlet & The Duke on Masterpiece, Series 1 Marathon** • Aug. 20, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. | Kate Phillips stars in a six-part series as the headstrong, first-ever female detective in Victorian London. Stuart Martin plays her childhood friend, professional colleague, and potential love interest, Scotland Yard Inspector William Wellington, a.k.a., The Duke.

**Agatha Specials** • Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m./8:30 p.m./10:30 p.m. | WETA presents three back-to-back made-for-television films spotlighting celebrated crime writer Agatha Christie as protagonist. The programs are, respectively: Agatha and the Curse of Ishtar, with Lyndsey Marshal; Agatha and the Truth of Murder, with Ruth Bradley; and Agatha and the Midnight Murders, with Helen Baxendale.

**Broadchurch, Series 1 Marathon** • Aug. 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. | In a Peabody Award-winning drama exploring the impact of a crime — and grief, loss and mutual suspicion — Olivia Colman and David Tennant star as detectives investigating the death of a young boy in a small coastal community in Dorset, England.

**Wallander, Series 4 Marathon** • Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. | Kenneth Branagh stars as the soul-searching Swedish detective created by novelist Henning Mankell. In Season 4, the sleuth tries to solve his final cases as his memory fails.

**Hotel Portofino Marathon** • Aug. 27, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., repeating Aug. 28, 10:30 p.m. | A drama follows guests and proprietors at a resort hotel on the Italian Riviera after World War I. Natascha McElhone, Oliver Dench, Mark Umbers, Olivia Morris and Anna Chancellor star.

**Endeavour on Masterpiece, Series 8 Marathon** • Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m-12:30 a.m. | Shaun Evans and Roger Allam return as young police detective Morse and his mentor DCI Fred Thursday in three cases set in 1971 Oxfordshire.

**All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece, Series 2 Marathon** • Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. | Return to the Yorkshire Dales to follow the adventures of veterinarian James Herriot in the 1930s. Nicholas Ralph stars among an ensemble cast.

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org.
Freedom Songs: The Music of the Civil Rights Movement
Tues., Aug. 16 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

This documentary film explores the role of music in the struggle for equality. Filled with many of the greatest artists and musicians from the Soul era and beyond, the film explores how music helped sustain the American Civil Rights Movement in the 20th century and was in turn inspired by the struggle. The story is told through performances, interviews, and archival footage, all tied together by the link between the movement and the music. Freedom Songs: The Music of the Civil Rights Movement presents interviews with musicians, civil rights activists, music industry executives, historians and others, including Chuck D, Louis Gossett Jr., Andrew Young, Ruby Dee, Pete Seeger, Gladys Knight, Jimmy Carter, the Blind Boys of Alabama, Ruth Brown, Jerry Butler and Isaac Hayes. One of the songs profiled in the documentary is Sam Cooke’s “A Change Is Gonna Come,” the words of which were paraphrased by President Barack Obama in his 2008 election-night victory speech.

Rise of the Bolsonaros
Tuesday, August 30 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

When in the headlines, the Amazon is on fire. The lungs of the planet are being suffocated and its indigenous people annihilated. The world is watching as Earth’s last great rainforest is felled and its rich resources plundered. If this environmental destruction continues for the next decade, experts believe the Amazon’s ecosystem will collapse. The clock has always been ticking with the Amazon, but someone has just pressed fast forward. This two-hour BBC Studios special explores how and why. The answer is that one family has led the public to believe it is the right thing for Brazil to do. Meet the Bolsonaros. They are the world’s newest political dynasty and to many — in and outside of Brazil — they are extremely controversial. The program spotlights the Bolsonaros’ meteoric rise to prominence and power.

The Story of Elizabeth Taylor
Saturday, August 6 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; Thursday, August 11, 10 p.m. on WETA Metro

Two-time Oscar winner Elizabeth Taylor was the unofficial Queen of Hollywood, a star from the age of 12 until the day she died. But behind the glitz she led a life of extremes — a rollercoaster of successes and tragedies. From first-hand accounts from friends, colleagues and family members, as well as rarely seen interviews with Taylor herself, learn about the unwavering self-belief that enabled her to survive the good and bad fortune that cemented her legacy. Taylor was married eight times to seven men (twice to actor Richard Burton), and her turbulent love life dominated headlines for much of the 1950s and 1960s. The love of her life, producer Mike Todd, died in a plane crash 13 months into their marriage, leaving her bereft. One of the most beautiful and desired women of the era, she battled alcoholism, overeating and prescription drug use. Her later humanitarian work would win her awards and global acclaim, and she was recognized in 2000 as a Dame Commander of the British Empire for services to acting and charity.
On Broadway
Friday, Aug. 19 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA PBS
For anyone who loves theater, this contemporary history of Broadway is pure joy. As audiences return to live theater, an all-star cast tells the inside story of the last time Broadway came back from the brink. On Broadway, from the producers of RBG, shows how this revival helped save New York City, thanks to innovative work, new attention to inclusion and the sometimes-uneasy balance between art and commerce. Interviews with legends of the stage and screen — including Hugh Jackman, Helen Mirren, Christine Baranski, August Wilson, James Corden, Alec Baldwin, John Lithgow, Viola Davis and Ian McKellen (right) — take viewers behind the scenes of Broadway’s most groundbreaking and beloved shows, from A Chorus Line to Hamilton. Archival clips of iconic performances by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Patti LuPone, Bernadette Peters, James Earl Jones and Mandy Patinkin punctuate this ride through the main street of American show business.

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons: A Life on Stage
Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS
In the 1960s and early 1970s, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons recorded hit after hit and ultimately have sold more than 175 million records, scoring unforgettable tunes such as “Walk Like a Man,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Rag Doll,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You” and “Grease.” The year 2022 is the 60th anniversary of the group’s first #1 hit, “Sherry,” and Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons are still touring throughout the U.S. and abroad to packed houses of thrilled fans. This concert special was taped in April 2022 in the 10,000-seat arena at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut. In addition to their long string of hits, the 2005 musical Jersey Boys, detailing the remarkable early years of the group’s career, ran on Broadway for 12 years and won four Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Jersey Boys has been produced worldwide, has just ended a long off-Broadway run in May 2022, and continues to tour.

Coldplay: Live in São Paulo
Monday, Aug. 22 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS
Join the Grammy Award-winning British group Coldplay — one of the most influential bands of the 21st century — on their 2016-2017 A Head Full of Dreams Tour in Brazil. Filmed over two nights at Allianz Parque in São Paulo, the stadium-filling, platinum-selling group is captured live, performing their trademark music that touches a wide variety of musical styles. Featuring extensive visuals, including a one-of-a-kind laser show, confetti cannons and awe-inspiring pyrotechnics, the tour saw the band perform to more than five million fans in stadiums and arenas across five continents. Performances include “A Head Full of Dreams,” “Adventure of a Lifetime,” “Hymn for the Weekend,” “Up & Up” and “Everglow,” as well as hits from their earlier discography Ghost Stories, Mylo Xyloto and A Rush of Blood to the Head, including “Yellow,” “The Scientist,” “Paradise,” “Clocks,” “Charlie Brown,” “In My Place,” “Fix You” and the mega-hit “Viva La Vida.”

Also this month: Tune in to a reprised airing of Great Performances: Michael Bublé: Tour Stop 148, August 14 at 7:30 p.m. and August 16 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS, following the popular musical artist’s 2015 To Be Loved Tour, performing his hits in concert. Among other music offerings, My Music: This Land Is Your Land, Monday, August 15 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS, presents a journey through the evolution of modern American folk music, hosted by the Smothers Brothers and Judy Collins.

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Thou Shalt Not Kill, Series 4
The Italian crime series, starring Miriam Leone as police detective Valeria Ferro, presents new episodes. Currently available for streaming with WETA Passport.

Landscape Artist of the Year • Filmed at picturesque locations around the United Kingdom, this multi-season series presents an annual nationwide search to find the best UK landscape artist. Contestants paint National Trust properties for a chance to win a £10,000 commission for a British institution’s permanent collection. In each episode the contestants have just four hours to complete their landscapes, which range from the classical grandeur of Britain’s historic houses to idyllic rural scenes and modern cityscapes. Through several rounds, winners are selected to advance to the semifinal, and then to the final in this British production. The series also airs weeknights on WETA UK. Stream with WETA Passport as of August 1.

What to Do When Someone Dies • In this three-part, three-hour 2011 drama, Anna Friel stars as schoolteacher Ellie Manning, a wife who is devastated to learn that her beloved husband Greg (Marc Warren) has died in a horrific car accident with a mystery woman in the passenger seat. Stricken with grief and refusing to believe her husband was having an affair, Ellie sets out to find the truth about the mystery woman, and why she was in the car. Stream the miniseries with WETA Passport as of August 14.

Draper’s Tours Mysteries • A murder-mystery-comedy series stars BAFTA winner Sian Gibson (Death in Paradise) and Johnny Vegas (Still Open All Hours) playing tour guides Gemma and Terry in three 90-minute television movies that are now available for streaming with WETA Passport:
- Murder on the Blackpool Express — Blackpool bus driver Terry and tour guide Gemma get caught up in a mystery when someone starts bumping off their tour participants — the elderly fans of a crime novelist who is showing them places that inspired his works.
- Death on the Tyne — There is a serial killer loose on the overnight ferry from Newcastle to Amsterdam. Trapped aboard, Draper’s Tours hostess Gemma Draper and her trusty bus driver Terry must help identify the killer before the sabotaged ship sinks.
- Dial ‘M’ for Middlesbrough — A storm forces Terry and Gemma to take refuge at a sinister and dilapidated caravan park, alongside an array of eccentric characters. Will any of them survive the horrors of the park?

The Making of a Lady
Frances Hodgson Burnett’s tale follows a woman who accepts a proposal to gain security but then is trapped in deception. Stream with WETA Passport starting Thursday, August 4.
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PBS Weekend airs Sat/Sun at 6 p.m.
Amanpour and Company airs late weeknights (check listings).
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6AM NHK NEWSLINE
6:30AM BBC WORLD NEWS
7AM (Mondays:) PBS NEWSWEEKEND
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7AM (Tuesdays-Saturdays:) PBS NEWSHOUR — R
8AM-3PM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING
5PM AMANPOUR AND COMPANY — Rpt of previous night
6PM BBC WORLD NEWS — BBC World News Outside Source
(6pm, Mon-Thur); BBC World News Today (6pm, Fri) — R
6:30 BBC WORLD NEWS AMERICA
7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR — Each weekday, 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. Rpts next day, 7am

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: HOTEL DEL CORONADO, HOUR 1 — Check in to San Diego’s Hotel del Coronado to see finds at a seaside setting, such as a 1962 Balsiessari oil “Sign for Rothko & Albers,” a Fortuny Delphos gown and a “Kitchen Debate” table with a signed Nixon photo. Which is $90,000?
9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 2 — Encore: Reston, VA. This episode of WETA’s local house-hunting series If You Lived Here, hosted by John Begeny and Christine Louise, explores homes and neighborhoods around the national capital area. Above: The series visits the Georgetown area with realtor Jamie Pova, left (August 8 episode).

2 Tuesday

8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. — In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. Encore: Italian Roots. Gates explores the roots of talk show host Jimmy Kimmel and actors Marisa Tomei and John Turturro, introducing them to ancestors who made immense sacrifices to bring their families from Italy to America. Repeats Sat 8/6, 7pm. 1pm

9:00 AMERICA OUTDOORS WITH BARATUNDE THURSTON — With the bestselling author and podcaster, explore America’s passion for outdoor spaces. Episode 5 of 6. Tidewater: Homecoming. Thurston treks along the coast of North Carolina and discovers surprising ways in which history has shaped these environments. He explores a daunting swamp, soars above the dunes on a Wright Brothers glider, and tracks wild horses on the beach.

10:00 FRONTLINE: UKRAINE: LIFE UNDER RUSSIA’S ATTACK — Frontline presents a dramatic and intimate look inside the Russian assault on Kharkiv, told by displaced families trying to survive underground, civilians caught in the fight, and first responders risking their lives amid the shelling of Ukraine’s second largest city.

3 Wednesday

8:00 GREEN PLANET — Sir David Attenborough travels the globe to reveal the secret world of plants. Episode 5 of 5. Human Worlds. Attenborough reveals how humans are helping plants, many of which face extinction. From projects in Africa to re-seeding the landscape to rebuilding a Brazilian rainforest tree by tree, everyone can work to make our world a little wilder. Repeats Sun 8/7, noon

9:00 NOVA: UNIVERSE REVEALED: BLACK HOLES — Take a seat on the ultimate thrill ride to explore nature’s strangest and most powerful objects. Discover new science showing how black holes reshape entire galaxies, warp the fabric of space and time, and might even be portals to another universe.

10:00 EXPEDITION WITH STEVE BACKSHALL, SERIES 2 — In a new season of adventures, head into the unknown with naturalist Steve Backshall as he journeys to more of the world’s unexplored places. Episode 5 of 6. Socorro: Expedition Shark Island. Dive with Backshall on an expedition to the remote volcanic island of Clarion

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**Thursday**

**8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 21** — In a new season of the popular mystery series, DCI John Barnaby, a lunatic with a degree in psychology, probes murders in the seemingly bucolic (fictional) county of Midsomer with his associate, DS Jamie Winter. *Episode 1 of 8. The Point of Balance, Pt 1.*

**9:00 TRADING SCHEMES SERIES 1** — In the mystery-drama, when a young boy is murdered, a small coastal town in Dorset suddenly becomes the focus of a major crime investigation. David Tennant and Olivia Colman star. *Part 4 of 8.*

**10:00 THE HOUR, SERIES 1** — A dramatic thriller set at the time of the Suez Crisis and the Hungarian Revolution follows two young journalists who join a new BBC TV current affairs program in hopes of spotlighting bigger, bolder stories — and are drawn into a murky world of subterfuge, intimidation, political scheming, and a shattering conspiracy. Ben Whishaw, Romola Garai and Dominic West star with a sterling supporting cast that includes Tim Pigott-Smith, Juliet Stevenson, Anton Lesser and Anna Chancellor. *Part 1 of 6. A New Kind of News.* In June 1956, BBC reporters and best friends Freddie and Bel strive to join a new current affairs program, “The Hour”. While Bel coaches Freddie to restrain himself for the interview, an old friend puts Freddie on a bigger story.

**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 RECUIT: DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, PT 1** — Phoenix finds abound in this half-hour Recap; one is worth $100,000. *Repeats Sun 8/7, 2:30pm*

**10AM THIS OLD HOUSE**

**10:30 ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**

**11AM JOANNE WEIR’S PLATES AND PLACES**

**11:30 KEVIN BELTON’S COOKIN’ LOUISIANA**

**12N LUCKY CHOW**

**12:30 CHRIS BROWN**

**1:00 NICK STELLINO: STELLINO’S SUNDAY DINNER**

**1:30 LIDIA’S ITALIAN DINING ROOM**

**2:00 IN JULIA’S KITCHEN WITH MASTER CHEFS**

**2:20 SARAH’S WEEKNIGHT MEALS — New season! Stream on the PBS App.**

**3:00 JOANNE WEIR’S PLATES AND PLACES**

**3:30 NEW SCANDINAVIAN COOKING**

**4:00 COUNTRY’S KITCHEN FROM AMERICA’S TEST KITCHEN — New season starts in August. Stream on the PBS App.**

**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 NEWS WEEKEND — Anchored by Geoff Bennett, the WETA production presents in-depth reporting of the day’s national and international news.**

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK — R**

**7:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** — Encore: *Italian Roots. R*

**8:00 HEMINGWAY** — The WETA co-production directed by Ken Burnss and Lynn Novick explores the visionary work and turbulent life of author Ernest Hemingway. *Part 3 of 3. The Blank Page (1944-1961).* Hemingway follows the U.S. Army as it advances through Europe. Afterwards, he tries to start a life with Mary Welsh, but is beset with tragedies. He publishes “The Old Man and the Sea” to acclaim but is overcome by his declining mental condition. *Repeats tonight, 12m; Sun 8/7, 3pm, 11pm*

**10:00 THE STORY OF ELIZABETH TAYLOR** — Two-time Oscar-winner Elizabeth Taylor was the unofficial Queen of Hollywood, a star from the age of 12 until the day she died. But behind the glitz she led a life of extremes — a rollercoaster of stellar successes and shocking tragedies. Through first-hand accounts from friends, colleagues and family members, and interviews with Taylor, we learn that unraveling self-help helped sustain her. *Repeats Sun 8/7, 1am*

**11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** — Encore: *Italian Roots. R*

Sunday, August 7 at 7 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

WETA reprises the episode Princess Diana on ongoing biography series In Their Own Words. See how the British royal defied expectations and evolved into one of the most impactful icons of our time.

Monday

7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR — Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. Repeats the next day, 7am

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: HOTEL DEL CORONADO, HOUR 3 — View more San Diego finds such as a Dr. Seuss-illustrated program and drawing, Seth Kramer’s Colt Model 1851 presentation pistol, and a 1920 John Fery oil. Which is appraised for $50,000?

9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 2 — Encore: Georgetown, DC. In WETA’s local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series, bicycles and bowties greet hosts John Begeny and Christine Louise when they meet realtor and Georgetown fixture Jamie Peva. This episode offers little-known history, new perspectives and lots of jazz.


Tuesday

8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. — In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. Encore: The Eye of the Beholder. Gates shares the family histories of director Alejandro G. Inarritu, iconic performance artist Marina Abramovic and painter Kehinde Wiley. These visionary artists find their identities challenged — and affirmed.

9:00 AMERICA OUTDOORS WITH BARATUNDE THURSTON Episode 6 of 6. Minnesota: A Better World. Thurston ventures to Minnesota’s Arrowhead Region, one of the last places where you can hike or paddle into the remote wilderness. He meets with passionate birders and harvesters of wild rice and hears from them why wilderness means so much.

10:00 FRONTLINE: AFGHANISTAN UNDERCOVER — Frontline presents an undercover investigation into the Taliban’s crackdown on women in Afghanistan. Correspondent Ramita Navai finds those being punished by the regime and confronts Taliban officials.

6 Sunday

6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING
10AM THIS IS AMERICA AND THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHOLEY
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11AM FACING LIFE WITH MARGARET HOOVER — Repeats Saturdays, 6:30am
11:30 TO DINE WITH KATE SULLIVAN
12N GREEN PLANET — Episode 5 of 5. Human Worlds. R
1:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE — Episode 7 of 8. Family.
2:00 ONE VOICE: THE SONGS WE SHARE — Encore: Country. R
2:30 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW RECUT: DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, PT 1 — R
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 NEWS WEEKEND — Geoff Bennett anchors.
6:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 3 — Aliko Dangote, Dangote Industries Limited. R
7:00 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORDRIGAN, SERIES 2 — In this WETA co-production, New York Times bestselling author Kelly Corrigan conducts interviews with influential people, exploring her guests’ humanity and passions. Encore: Episodes 1 & 2 of 10. Melinda Gates and W. Kamau Bell
8:00 IN THEIR OWN WORDS: PRINCESS DIANA — See how Diana defied expectations and evolved into one of the most influential icons of our time. Look back on her life through a contemporary lens that credits her choices, suffering and triumphs as the ultimate disruptor for a generation of women.
9:00 GRANTCHESTER, SERIES 7 ON MASTERPIECE — The drama series follows mysteries in Summer 1959 in the Cambridgeshire village of Grantchester. Robson Green and Tom Brittney star. Part 5 of 6. Will and Geordie investigate a murder and missing-persons case at a senior citizen’s care home. It is unclear if some of the victims may also be perpetrators of the crime.
10:00 EXPEDITION WITH STEVE BACKSHALL, SERIES 2 — Episode 6 of 6. Expedition Unseen. Embark with Backshall to the remotest parts of the planet in search of adventure.
1AM THE STORY OF ELIZABETH TAYLOR — R

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of precious natural wonders. From Saudi Arabia to Kamchatka, Steve and his team unearth the secrets of an ancient civilization and discover wildlife more at risk than ever before.

11 Thursday

8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 21 — Episode 2 of 8. The Panji of Palermo. Pt 2. The annual Paramount Dance Extravaganza arrives at Midsomer, bringing deep-running feuds, passions and deadly ambition behind the sequins and smiles.

9:00 BROADCHURCH, SERIES 1 — Part 5 of 8. As the investigation comes under fire, the people of Broadchurch start to turn against each other. Will a vital new piece of evidence lead Ellie and Hardy to the killer?

10:00 THE HOUR, SERIES 1 — Part 2 of 6. Failure at Launch. "The Hour" begins its first few weeks of broadcast, but Hector also continues to investigate the murder of Peter Darrall and the apparent suicide of Ruth Elms. Then Egypt’s President Nasser seizes the Suez Canal, sending the newsmen into a frenzy. Continues September 1; stream with WETA Passport.

12 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK — Repeats Sat 8/13, 6am; Mon 8/15, 7:30am

8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 3 — Jack Nicklaus, Golf Legend.

9:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPES — Episode 8 of 8. The Great American Recipe. It’s time for the season finale as the three remaining cooks go head-to-head to win “The Great American Recipe.” They’ll have some surprise helpers for their final chance to impress the judges with a very special dinner. Repeats Sat 8/13, 8am

10:30 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW RECUET: DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, PART 2 — See Phoenix treasures, including one appraisal up to $35,000, in this half-hour Recuet.

13 Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK — R

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9AM KEN BURNS: THE NATIONAL PARKS — Explore the beauty and grandeur of our nation’s magnificent parks, from Acadia to Yosemite, Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon. Filmmakers Burns and Dayton Duncan vividly reveal fascinating behind-the-scenes stories about the making of their series The National Parks: America’s Best Idea, a 2009 Florentine Films co-production with WETA. Repeats Tue 8/16, 3pm

11AM RECONSTRUCTION: AMERICA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR — In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. for an exploration of the transformative years following the Civil War, when the nation struggled to rebuild itself in the face of profound loss, massive destruction and revolutionary social change.

Part 1 of 2. Experience the aftermath of the Civil War — a bewildering, exhilarating and terrifying time. For African Americans, despite hard-won freedom, support for their social, economic and political gains did not last. Repeats tonight

1:30 RECONSTRUCTION: AMERICA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR — Part 2 of 2. Experience the rise of Jim Crow and the undermining of Reconstruction’s legal and political legacy, and see how African Americans fought back using artistic expression to put forward a “New Negro” for a new century. Repeats tonight

4:30 FREEDOM SONGS: THE MUSIC OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT — Learn how music helped sustain, and was in turn inspired by, the Civil Rights Movement. The special features archival interviews and performances from many of the greatest artists of the soul era and beyond. Repeats Sun 8/14, 11am; Tue 8/16, 9:30pm

6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND — Geoff Bennett anchors.

6:30 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN — In a WETA co-production directed by Ken Burns, follow the colorful and consequential life of the scientist, inventor, writer of enduring epigrams and homespun wisdom, and creator of America’s first subscription library and one of its most prestigious universities, who may have been the nation’s most complex and compelling Founding Father — and its wittiest. Part 1 of 2. Join or Die (1754-1774). After building a printing empire in Philadelphia with his wife Deborah, Benjamin Franklin gains worldwide fame from electricity experiments, then spends years in London trying to keep Britain and America together as his family comes apart.


11:30 RECONSTRUCTION: AMERICA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR — Part 1 of 2. R

2AM RECONSTRUCTION: AMERICA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR — Part 2 of 2. R

14 Sunday

6AM EASY YOGA: THE SECRET TO STRENGTH AND BALANCE WITH PEGGY CAPPY — Discover how yoga can aid anyone, of any age, who wants to increase strength and mobility. Peggy Cappy shows how yoga poses can improve range of motion, help prevent bone loss, and keep metabolism running efficiently. Repeats Mon 8/15, midnight; Fri 8/26, midnight; Sun 8/28, 6am

7AM EAT YOUR MEDICINE: THE PEGAN DIET WITH MARK HYMAN, MD — See the Monday, August 15, 10:30 p.m. listing. Repeats Mon 8/15, 3pm

7AM FREEDOM SONGS: THE MUSIC OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT — R

12:30 MY MUSIC: THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND — See tonight’s 11 p.m. listing.
American folk music. Among those featured are the Brothers Four, Glenn Yarborough, the Highwaysmen, Roger McGuinn and John Sebastian.

10:30 EAT YOUR MEDICINE: THE PEGAN DIET WITH MARK HYMAN, MD — Learn about the power of foods to heal what ails us, as Functional Medicine practitioner Mark Hyman shares how ultra-processed foods have created an epidemic of preventable, chronic diseases and how returning to real, whole food can treat, prevent and even reverse these diseases. The foundation of his protocol is the Pegan Diet, a riff on the Paleo and vegan diets, offering a nutrient-dense, healing way of eating.

12M EASY YOGA: THE SECRET TO STRENGTH AND BALANCE WITH PEGGY CAPPY — R

15 Monday

7:00 PBS NEWSOURH — Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. Repeats next day, 7am

8:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 2 — Encore: Fort Washington, MD. In WETA’s local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series, local resident and realtor Chili J. offers a tour of homes, historical sites and the contemporary community. Fort Washington offers an intriguing mix of history and outdoor space.

8:30 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 2 — Encore: Georgetown, DC. R

9:00 MY MUSIC THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND — The Smothers Brothers (Tom and Dick) and musical artist Judy Collins host a journey through the evolution of modern American folk music. Among those featured are the Brothers Four, Glenn Yarborough, the Highwaysmen, Roger McGuinn and John Sebastian.

Tuesday, August 16 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

Great Performances: Michael Bublé: Tour Stop 148 spotlights the record-breaking pop star in front of a sold-out audience at London’s O2 Arena. The tour, which concluded in 2015, was the first major pop concert series since the Beatles to be seen globally by more than two million fans. The film showcases the Grammy Award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter as he performs his biggest hits.

RICK STEVES: WHY WE TRAVEL — Longtime expert Rick Steves offers up a love note to travel, celebrating the joys and rewards of exploring our world, and the delights and revelations that await those who venture forth.

Sunday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

Great Performances: Michael Bublé: Tour Stop 148 — Singer Michael Bublé presents a front row seat to his “To Be Loved Tour,” which concluded in 2015 and was seen globally by more than two million fans. The film showcases the Grammy Award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter as he performs his biggest hits.

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Saturday, August 20 at 9pm; FRI 8/19, 10pm

THE SMOTHERS BROS. , SERIES 7 — Part 6 of 6. Another homeless man is found dead and killed in the same manner as the previous victims. George and Wil realize that they may have sent the wrong man to prison, and the real killer may still be at large.

10:00 COBRA, SERIES 2 — Part 6 of 6. As the crisis reaches a boiling point, Fraser and his team reach the endgame, while the Prime Minister and Anna are forced to fight for their political lives with Archie firing his first shots.

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12:30AM RECONSTRUCTION: AMERICA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR — Parts 1 & 2 of 2. R

16 Tuesday

8:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: MICHAEL BUBLÉ: TOUR STOP 148 — Singer Michael Bublé presents a front row seat to his “To Be Loved Tour,” which concluded in 2015 and was seen globally by more than two million fans. The film showcases the Grammy Award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter as he performs his biggest hits.

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11:00 SUZE ORMAN’S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE — Join the acclaimed personal finance expert for essential advice on planning for and thriving in retirement. With empathy, straight talk and humor, Orman provides information on key actions. Topics include saving, spending, retirement income, Social Security, long-term care insurance and much more.

Repeats Monday, 7am; Tue 8/23, 8pm; Thu 8/25, 3pm; Sun 9/2, 8:30am

17 Wednesday

8:00 LES MISÉRABLES 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT AT THE O2 — Join the stellar cast for an anniversary celebration of the beloved musical that became a worldwide phenomenon. The magnificent score includes the songs “I Dreamed a Dream,” “On My Own,” “Bring Him Home,” “Empty Chairs at Empty Tables” and many more. Performers include Alfie Boe, Nick Jonas, Lea Salonga, Norm Lewis and Ramin Karimloo.

Repeats Wednesday, 7pm; Fri 8/19, 10pm

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18 Thursday

8:00 MIDSOMMER MURDERS, SERIES 21 — DCI John Barnaby probes murders with his associate, DS Jamie Winter. Episode 3 of 8. The Miniature Murders, Pt 1. The
worlds of miniature doll houses and real houses collide when prolific real estate agent Alexander Beauvoisien is murdered in front of a crowd at a museum exhibit launch.

9:00 BROADCHURCH, SERIES 1 — Part 6 of 8. The town of Broadchurch comes together to mourn. In doing so, a new suspect in the murder of Danny Latimer comes to light. Meanwhile, Beth and Mark turn to local vicar Paul — can he help them move on?

10:00 YOU, HAPPIER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD — Americans are the unhappiest they've been since the Great Depression, and it's causing problems: being unhappy is associated with health issues and a harder (and shorter) life. Learn to cultivate happiness with brain-based methods, psychiatrist Daniel Amen shares how. Repeats Tue 8/23, 3pm; Sun 8/28, 7am

11:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: MICHAEL BUBLÉ: TOUR STOP 148 — R

19 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK — Repeats Sat 8/20, 6am; Mon 8/22, 6am

8:30 ON BROADWAY — Join an all-star cast of Broadway legends, including Hugh Jackman, Helen Mirren, Christine Baranski, August Wilson, James Corden, Alec Baldwin, John Lithgow, Viola Davis and Ian McKellen, as they recount how Broadway came back from the brink. Repeats Mon 8/22, 11:30pm

10:00 MY MUSIC: THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND — The Smothers Brothers (Tom and Dick) and musical artist Judy Collins host a journey through the evolution of modern American folk music. Among those featured are the Smothers Brothers Four, Glenn Yarbrough, the Highwaymen, Roger McGuinn and John Sebastian. R

11:30 CHRIS BOTTI & THE DALLAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — Join the master trumpeter and special guests for an evening of jazz, pop and favorite standards, featuring violinist Caroline Campbell, guitarist Leo Amuedo, saxophonist Chad Lefkowitz-Brown and vocalists Sy Smith and Veronica Swift.

20 Saturday

6:40 WASHINGTON WEEK — R

6:50 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER — R

7AM PBS NEWSHOUR — R

8AM 20 THINGS TO DO IN MIDSOMER...BEFORE YOU DIE — Presented by John Nettles (DCI Tom Barnaby in Seasons 1-13), a Midsomer Murders 20th anniversary special features the series' stars past and present discussing the peculiar quirks of the delightful yet deadly Midsomer county. The program shares stories from the set and revisits the show's most memorable moments.

9:30 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 21 — Episode 3 of 8. The Troubled (6:30 p.m.); The White Lioness (7:00 p.m.); A Lesson in Love — Ameri- can folk music. Among those featured are the Smothers Brothers Four, Glenn Yarbrough, the Highwaymen, Roger McGuinn and John Sebastian. R

10:00 MISS SCARLET & THE DUKE ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 1 MARATHON — In the popular drama, go on a journey through the evolution of modern American folk music. Among those featured are the Smothers Brothers Four, Glenn Yarbrough, the Highwaymen, Roger McGuinn and John Sebastian. R

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11:30 GATHA AND THE MIDNIGHT MURDERS — Agatha Christie and the Truth of Murder (6:30 p.m.); Agatha and the Truth of Murder (8:00 p.m.); Agatha and the Midnight Murders (10:30 p.m.)

21 Sunday

6AM AGATHA AND THE CURSE OF ISTHAR — R

6:30 WALLANDER, SEASON 4 MARATHON — WETA reprises the final season of the mystery-thriller, featuring Kenneth Branagh in his Emmy-nominated role as the soul-searching Swedish detective created by bestselling novelist Henning Mankell. The season’s three episodes, The White Lioness, A Lesson in Love, and The Troubled Man, airing 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., follow Wallander as he tries to crack his final cases with his memory failing.

12:30AM MISS SCARLET & THE DUKE ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 1 MARATHON — Encore presentations of two episodes. Full series airs Saturday, August 20.

22 Monday

7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR — Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour.

7:30 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: PHILBROOK MUSEUM, HOURS 3 — Tulsa treasures abound when Roadshow visits the Philbrook Museum of Art, including a Dalí: “The Art Institute” etching, a 1964 Frank Sinatra letter, and a Mississippian culture effigy pot, 900-1500 AD. One is valued at $20,000—$30,000. One is valued at $20,000—$30,000.

9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 2 — Encore: Bloomingdale/LeDroit Park, D.C. The influences of Howard University run deep in D.C.’s LeDroit Park. With the help of real-estate Suzanne DesMarais, series hosts John Begeny and Christine Louise guess listing prices of three homes in Bloomingdale and LeDroit Park and gain a new appreciation of exposed brick and turrets. Local residents share their history and perspective on these two fascinating adjacent neighborhoods.

9:30 COLDPLAY: LIVE IN SAO PAULO — Enjoy a front-row seat at the legendary band's “A Head Full of Dreams Tour,” which played to more than five million fans across five continents and featured spectacular staging of its greatest hits, including “Fix You,” “Yellow” and “In My Place.”

11:30 ON BROADWAY — R
23 Tuesday

8:00 SUZE ORMAN’S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE — Join the acclaimed personal finance expert for essential advice on planning for and thriving in retirement. With empathy, straight talk and humor, Suze Orman provides information about key actions. Topics include when to retire, how to save and invest for retirement, Social Security strategy, long-term care insurance and much more.

10:00 FRONTLINE: SUPREME REVENGE: BATTLE FOR THE COURT — Frontline spotlights the conservative take-over of the Supreme Court that paved the way to overturn Roe v. Wade, exploring how a partisan political effort, led by Mitch McConnell and Donald Trump, transformed the highest court with far-reaching consequences for the country.

11:00 YOU, HAPPIER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD — R

24 Wednesday

8:00 NATURE: THE BAT MAN OF MEXICO — An ecologist tracks the Lesser Long-nosed bat’s epic migration across Mexico, braving hurricanes, snakes, Mayan tombs and seas of cockroaches in order to save the species and the tequila plants they pollinate.

9:00 FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS: A LIFE ON STAGE — Take a trip down memory lane with the “Jersey Boys” on the 60th anniversary of the release of their first #1 hit, “Sherry.” The group that sold more than 175 million records is captured live at the 10,000-seat Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut. Repeats Fri 8/26, 10:30pm.


25 Thursday

8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 21 — Episode 4 of 8. The Miniature Murders, Pt. 2. In Midsomer County, the worlds of miniature doll houses and real houses collide when prolific real estate agent Alexander Beauvoisin is murdered in front of a crowd at a museum exhibit.

9:00 BROADCHURCH, SERIES 1 — Part 7 of 8. Time is running out to solve Danny’s murder — will the discovery of a vital clue finally unlock the case? Meanwhile, Beth and Mark take an important step in moving on with their lives.

10:00 AGATHA AND THE MIDNIGHT MURDERS — R

12M RICK STEVENS: WHY WE TRAVEL — R

26 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK — Repeats Sat 8/27, 6am; Mon 8/29, 7:30a.

8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 3 — Renée Fleming, National Medal of Arts Recipient.

9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: VIENNA PHILHARMONIC SUMMER NIGHT CONCERT 2022 — Enjoy the Vienna Philharmonic’s annual summer night concert with cellist Gautier Capuçon under the direction of guest conductor Andris Nelsons at Austria’s Schönbrunn Palace in Austria’s capital.

10:30 FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS: A LIFE ON STAGE — R

12M EASY YOGA: THE SECRET TO STRENGTH AND BALANCE WITH PEGGY CAPPY — R

27 Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK — R

6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER — R

7AM PBS NEWSHOUR — R

8AM MY MUSIC: DOO WOP, POP AND SOUL GENERATIONS — R

10:30AM HOTEL PORTOFINO MARATHON — WETA reprises the entertaining drama, based on the novel by J.P. O’Connell, in its entirety, airing the series’ six episodes from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Set in the beautiful resort town of Portofino, Italy, in the aftermath of World War I, the drama spotlights personal awakening at a time of global upheaval. Following visitors and the proprietors at a local hotel, the drama stars Natasha McElhone, Oliver Dench, Mark Umbers and Olivia Morris alongside Anna Chancellor. The marathon repeats Sunday night at 10:30 p.m.

6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND — Geoff Bennett anchors.

6:30 ENDEAVOUR ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 8 MARATHON — WETA presents Endeavour, Series 8 in its entirety. Shaun Evans and Roger Allam star. In the three episodes, it is 1971, and Morse and Thursday investigate suspected IRA retaliations, the murder of a local cab driver, and the peculiar killing of a college fellow which results in putting one of their own in imminent danger.

Part 1 of 3, Striker; Part 2 of 3, Scherzo; and Part 3 of 3, Terminus, air from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

12:30AM MY MUSIC: DOO WOP, POP AND SOUL GENERATIONS — R

28 Sunday

6AM EASY YOGA: THE SECRET TO STRENGTH AND BALANCE WITH PEGGY CAPPY — R

7AM YOU, HAPPIER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD — R

8:30AM SUZE ORMAN’S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE — R

10:30 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 2 MARATHON — Return to the Yorkshire Dales to follow the adventures of Scottish veterinarian James Herriot in the 1930s as he makes his way in the farming town of Darrowby. WETA reprises Season 2 of the drama in its entirety, presenting seven episodes. Parts 1-6 of 7 air 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Part 7 airs at 6:30 p.m. Nicholas Ralph stars, opposite Samuel West as James’ boss Siegfried Farnon; Callum Woodhouse as Siegfried’s younger brother, Tristan; Anna Madeley as housekeeper Mrs. Hall; and Rachel Shenton as farmer Helen Alderson, who becomes the focus of James’ attention.

6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND — Geoff Bennett anchors. Repeats Monday, 7am.

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Friday, August 26 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Great Performances: Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert 2022 presents the annual summer concert — with cellist Gautier Capuçon and conductor Andris Nelsons at Austria’s Schönbrunn Palace.
6:30 | **ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 2 MARATHON** — The reprised series concludes with Part 7.

8:00 | **ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL: THE NEXT CHAPTER** — Go behind the scenes of the hit Masterpiece series about veterinarian James Herriot and his menagerie of animal patients. Interviews with cast members, creators and those who work with the animals provide fascinating background.

9:30 | **GUilt, SERIES 2 ON MASTERPIECE** — The acclaimed drama continues in a new season as disgraced lawyer Max McCall is released from prison into a world where nothing is what it seems, and everyone has a hidden agenda. Mark Bonnar, Jamie Sives and Emun Elliott reprise their roles in this second series. Part 1 of 4. In an Edinburgh cellar, two gunshot rings out. Across town, Max McCall is released from prison. Those two events gradually come together as we watch Max try to rebuild his life.

10:30 | **HOTEL PORTOFINO MARATHON** — Episodes 1-6 of 6. [10:30 p.m.-6 a.m.] R

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**Monday**

7:00 | **PBS NEWSHOUR** — Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour.

Repeat next day, 7am.

8:00 | **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CHURCHILL DOWNS RACE-TRACK, HOUR 2** — Discover first-place finds at Churchill Downs Racetrack, including a 1966 MGM Grinch figure, a Georgian & Victorian mourning jewelry collection, and a Larson Bros. symphonic harp mando-lin. Which appraisal is $70,000-$90,000?

9:00 | **IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 2** — Encore: Chevy Chase, DC. In WETA’s local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series, realtor Julie Roberts guides series viewers through the parks, markets and the Avalon Theatre that give Chevy Chase’s “D.C. side” its small-town feel. Also: learn the story of how Lafayette-Pointer Park was renamed to honor Captain George Pointer and his family.

9:30 | **POV: FAYA DAYI** — Enter the world of Harar, Ethiopia, where the euphoria-inducing plant khat holds sway over everyday life. See moments from the harvesters of the crop, people lost in its narcotic haze, and the younger generation searching for an escape from political strife. [2 hrs.]

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**Tuesday**

8:00 | **FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** — In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. Encore: Criminal Kind. Gates explores the roots of actor Laura Linney and journalists Lisa Ling and Soledad O’Brien, telling them stories of tricksters, scoundrels and outright criminals who laid the groundwork for their success.

9:00 | **RISE OF THE BOLSONAROS** — Follow the controversial rise to prominence of Brazil’s President Jair Bolsonaro. Explore this story of power, politics and family like no other — in which the consequences are felt not just in Brazil but around the world.

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**Wednesday**

8:00 | **NATURE: CUBA’S WILD GENERATION** — In the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean, Cuba is an island teeming with exotic biodiversity: from coral reefs pulsating with life to five-foot-long Cuban rock iguanas. As international relations evolve, what will become of this wildlife sanctuary?

9:00 | **NOVA: A TO Z: THE FIRST ALPHABET** — Writing shaped our world and the rise of human knowledge, from the trading of goods to tales of ancient goddesses and kings. Follow the evolution of the written word, from 4,000-year-old carvings in an Egyptian turquoise mine to modern-day alphabets.

10:00 | **SURVIVING THE DUST BOWL: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** — Learn the remarkable story of the determined people who survived drought, dust, disease and more across the Southern Plains in the 1930s. For nearly a decade, Dust Bowlers endured until an innovative farming technique offered hope.
## AUGUST P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

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### British Television at Its Best

The WETA UK channel is devoted to the best in British television programming, presenting beloved classics and contemporary series around the clock, seven days a week. WETA UK offers a full schedule of fine entertainment programming — featuring drama, mystery and comedy — in addition to documentary series and news reports.
Traces, Series 2 — New!

Thursdays at 10 p.m. starting Aug. 4 on WETA UK

A new season of the acclaimed Scotland-set crime drama, based on an idea by bestselling novelist Val McDermid, spotlights forensic science once more, following lab assistant Emma Hedges, now training to be a forensic chemist. She is close to seeing her mother’s murder case finally resolved. Daniel is to give evidence; but will Emma and Daniel’s relationship withstand the pressure — and will justice be served? Meanwhile, professors Sarah Gordon and Kathy Torrance are investigating a deadly bombing campaign. Homemade devices are going off around Dundee, with critical clues hidden inside the bombs. Can the team track down the bomber? Molly Windsor, Martin Compston, Laura Fraser and Jennifer Spence star.

Father Brown, Series 9 — New!

Wednesdays at 8 p.m. starting Aug. 17 on WETA UK

In a new season of the series, the beautiful English countryside is the setting for more rustic mysteries featuring the charismatic clergyman sleuth Father Brown — based on the classic character created by GK Chesterton. Mark Williams (Harry Potter) stars. The year is 1953, and the sleepy Cotswold village of Kembleford is stirred by dastardly deeds, such as murder at the local holiday camp and at Lady Felicia’s illustrious New Year Masked Ball. Father Brown also faces a race against time to unmask a mystery attacker before pernicious newcomer Lord Hawthorne has him hounded out of the parish. And his friends Sid and Sergeant Goodfellow need his ingenuity to solve a fiendish kidnapping.

Seaside Hotel, Series 4 — New!

Tuesdays at 8 p.m. starting Aug. 30 on WETA UK; stream with WETA Passport

Danish-language drama series Badehotellet (Seaside Hotel) returns with a new season of seven episodes. The English-subtitled series, part of the curated international drama collection Walter Presents, follows staff and guests and their joys and sorrows at a small seaside beach establishment by the North Sea. In Season 4, it is summer 1931, and chambermaid Fie is now in charge of daily management. The newspapers are full of articles about the world crisis, but the regulars still flood in. Fie’s sister Ane joins the staff, but things don’t go as planned; and in other events, some of the staff fall ill in a suspected food poisoning that they fear could spread to the guests. Binge-watch with WETA Passport.

Hotel Portofino

Fridays at 9 p.m. starting Aug. 12 on WETA UK; stream with WETA Passport

Set in a beautiful Italian Riviera resort town, a six-part drama spotlights personal awakening, glamour and mystery at a time of global upheaval in the traumatic aftermath of World War I. Based on the novel by J.P. O’Connell, Hotel Portofino follows the life of the Ainsworth family, which has relocated from Britain to open an upscale hotel on the Italian coast. As elite guests such as the imperious Lady Latchmere visit the hotel, matriarch Bella Ainsworth (Natascha McElhone, left) tries to keep up with their constant demands. Mingling commences among guests, leading to drama and intrigue. Oliver Dench, Mark Umbers, Olivia Morris and Anna Chancellor co-star. Binge-watch with WETA Passport.

Also this month: Popular mystery drama Foyle’s War restarts with Series 1, Friday, August 19 at 8 p.m. Also watch My Grandparents’ War, featuring Helena Bonham Carter, Mark Rylance, Kristin Scott Thomas and Carey Mulligan, Sundays at 10 p.m. starting August 7. Each weeknight at 7 p.m., enjoy the British painting competition series Landscape Artist of the Year, which joins the schedule August 1 (and streams with WETA Passport).
WETA Metro is the streaming and broadcast television channel that features popular PBS programming and engaging content curated for our local audience, including offerings spotlighting the Metro D.C. community. The channel is simulcast with WETA PBS most evenings. Each day on WETA Metro, enjoy local programs, news and public affairs offerings (such as PBS NewsHour, weekdays at 6 p.m./11 p.m.), and lifestyle and cultural shows.

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POV: American Promise
Saturday, August 6 at 9 p.m. on WETA Metro; stream POV docs on the PBS App

A documentary film — winner of a Special Jury Award at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival — spans 13 years as Joe Brewster and Michèle Stephenson, middle-class African American parents in Brooklyn, turn their cameras on their son, Idris, and his best friend, Seun, who make their way through Manhattan’s Dalton School, one of the most prestigious private schools in the country. Chronicling the boys’ divergent paths from kindergarten through high school graduation, this provocative, intimate documentary presents complicated truths about America’s struggle to come of age on issues of race, class and opportunity.

When Disaster Strikes
Tuesday, Aug. 16, 8-11 p.m. on WETA Metro; stream with WETA Passport

See the mechanics of disaster relief from the people responding on the ground. Today, natural disasters threaten the planet with increasing ferocity. They strike without warning, tearing apart infrastructure and destroying lives. How should the world respond, and how can vulnerable populations be better prepared? This three-part documentary explores what happens after natural disasters occur in three countries: a cyclone that brings floods to Mozambique, a deadly drought in Somalia, and an historic hurricane that ravages the Bahamas (right). Episodes chart the response as frontline workers race to save lives, restore order and turn despair into hope.

Thursday Concerts:
Rolling Stones, Bowie, Prince & More
Aug. 18 & 25 on WETA Metro; stream with WETA Passport

WETA Metro presents concert specials on two Thursdays this month. On August 18, tune in for Heart: Live at the Royal Albert Hall (8 p.m.) featuring the band’s first live performance in London’s famous venue in 2016; a cappella magic in Straight No Chaser: The 25th Anniversary Celebration (9 p.m.); and Prince and the Revolution: The Purple Rain Tour (10 p.m.), featuring a classic 1985 performance in Syracuse, New York’s Carrier Dome. Then, on August 25, watch The Rolling Stones: A Bigger Bang – Live on Copacabana Beach (8 p.m.), featuring the band in concert in Rio de Janeiro in 2006 before 1.5 million fans; followed by David Bowie: Serious Moonlight (9:30 p.m.), spotlighting a classic 1983 concert in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Also this month on WETA Metro: WETA presents American history programming all day, Saturday, August 13, including two WETA co-productions: Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.’s Reconstruction: America After the Civil War and Ken Burns’s Benjamin Franklin; a weekend of mystery series marathons on August 20-21, including Miss Scarlet & The Duke, Broadchurch and Wallander; and a weekend of other drama marathons on August 27-28, featuring Hotel Portofino, and Masterpiece productions Endeavour, Series 8 and All Creatures Great and Small, Series 2.
The WETA World channel is a 24/7 news and public affairs service devoted to fact-based nonfiction programming, sharing broad perspectives, stories and ideas. WETA World informs and educates, presenting award-winning documentaries and domestic and international news broadcasts. The channel features a slate of original programs that examine issues with a diversity of voices and illuminate conflicts, movements and cultures around the globe.

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Real Stories from Around the World

WETA World’s August offerings are focused on nature and the environment — the channel presents more than 100 programs on these themes. Among the shows are:

- Changing Planet Mon 8/1, 7pm (2eps)
- Kingdoms of the Sky Thur 8/4-8/18, 7pm
- Magical Land of Oz Fri 8/5, 7pm (3 eps)
- Wonders of Mexico Sat 8/6-8/20, 7pm
- Wild Metropolis Mon 8/8, 2pm (3 eps)
- Islands of Wonder Tue 8/9, 2pm (3 eps)
- Life From Above Wed 8/10-Thu 8/11, 2pm (4 eps)
- Animal Babies Mon 8/15, 2pm (3eps)
- Animals with Cameras Mon 8/15, 7pm (2 eps)
- Life at the Waterhole Tue 8/16, 2pm (3 eps)
- Big Pacific Wed 8/17-Thu 8/18, 2pm (4 eps)
- Plants Behaving Badly Mon 8/22, 7pm (2 eps)
- Rivers of Life Tue 8/23, 2pm (3 eps)
- Supernature – Wild Flyers Wed 8/24, 2pm (3 eps)
- The Burren: Heart of Stone Mon 8/29, 7pm (2 eps)
- Super Cats Tue 8/30, 2pm (3 eps)

Europe’s New Wild
Sundays, 7 p.m., Aug. 7-28 on WETA World • Beyond Europe’s bustling cities lies a vast wildland spanning millions of miles, where species that were threatened by extinction are being reintroduced to nature. From the Arctic Circle to rich river wetlands, from deep forests to rugged mountain peaks, follow the inspiring story of an epic transformation and explore the rebirth of the continent. The four-part series examines how ecosystems are being restored, providing a new chance for Europe’s iconic wildlife to thrive.

America ReFramed: The Falconer
Thursday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. on WETA World • One of only a handful of African American falconers in the country, Rodney Stotts — a licensed raptor specialist from Southeast, Washington D.C., and mentor and youth community leader — is on a mission to build a bird sanctuary and provide access to nature for his community. This is a story of second chances: for injured birds of prey, for an abandoned plot of land, for a group of teenagers who have dropped out of high school, and for Stotts himself. Stream with WETA Passport.

Great Yellowstone Thaw
Friday, Aug. 19, 7-10 p.m. on WETA World • A three-part 2017 nature series follows the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History’s director Kirk Johnson to Yellowstone National Park, where wolves, buffalo, grizzlies, beavers, great gray owls and other animals survive one of the greatest seasonal changes on the planet. As the temperature swings 140 degrees, cameras capture how these creatures cope, and the programs follow the stories of different animal families as they attempt to survive. Episodes spotlight the changing seasons.

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org.
Opera Matinee: From Boston to Vienna in August
Saturdays at 1 p.m. on WETA Classical
By Linda Carducci, on-air host

A quartet of French Baroque operas opens WETA Classical’s weekly opera showcase Opera Matinee this month. The August 6 broadcast showcases two operas by Charpentier — Les Plaisirs de Versailles and Les Arts Florissants — along with Lalande’s Les Fontaines de Versailles and Le Concert d’Escalope, each performed by the Boston Early Music Festival. Baroque opera continues August 13 with Handel’s Almira, another production by the Boston Early Music Festival. The Vienna State Opera presents Mussorgsky’s epic Boris Godunov on August 20 with Alexander Tsymbalyuk in the title role. And Puccini’s sensuous Manon Lescaut from Vienna State Opera closes the month’s performances on August 27. Tune in for Opera Matinee each Saturday at 1 p.m. on WETA Classical.

Choral Showcase Marks Ukrainian Independence Day
Sunday, August 21 at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical
By Bill Bukowski, on-air host

August 24 is Ukrainian Independence Day; on Sunday, August 21, WETA Classical’s production Choral Showcase presents “Music for Ukraine.” Following the Russian invasion in February, composer Valentin Silvestrov was forced to flee his home in Kyiv. His Diptych, based on a poem by Taras Shevchenko, is an ode to Ukrainian independence. We’ll hear music composed under occupation: in 1943, Francis Poulenc’s Figure Humaine, “The Human Face”, honored France’s struggle against Nazism; and in 1981, Henryk Górecki composed Miserere following the Communist government’s crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement in Poland. Join me on August 21 — and each Sunday — at 9 p.m. for Choral Showcase.

Take Note! Marks One Year Online
Visit takenoteclassical.org

WETA Classical’s educational initiative Take Note!, a gateway through which anyone can delve into classical music, marks its one year anniversary online this August. The site takenoteclassical.org draws on many of the episodes of the WETA Classical podcast Classical Breakdown — hosted by WETA Classical’s John Banther — categorizing them to encourage exploration of classical music through several overarching themes: Classical 101, Let’s Go to the Symphony, and Meet the Composer! These categories are paired with learning activities designed to encourage critical listening and to inspire students of any level to take part in the creative process. Since the site launched, the resources have attracted more than 8,000 page views. Visit takenoteclassical.org to learn about the engaging resources on offer.
August Listening…
from the WETA Classical Hosts

WETA Magazine asked the WETA Classical on-air hosts what they are listening to this summer. We hope their reflections give you some ideas for your own listening in August.

Nicole Lacroix, weekday afternoon host
Remember carefree summer evenings when you were a kid? Samuel Barber’s Knoxville: Summer of 1915 evokes that long-ago magic. Gottschalk’s Symphony No.1 “A Night in the Tropics,” reminds me of midnight swims in Guadeloupe’s crystalline waters. Vaughan Williams’ pastoral Third Symphony is the perfect accompaniment to a road trip, and Vincent d’Indy’s Symphony on a French Mountain Air is like an invigorating hike through breathtaking scenery.

Linda Carducci, weekday morning host
My summer must-listen-to list includes three recordings. First, Maria Lettberg’s critically-acclaimed performance of solo piano music of Alexander Scriabin. Scriabin’s unique style captures moods with color and interesting harmony. I also look forward to Handel’s oratorio/opera Semele, written later in his career, a showcase for his talent of writing beautifully for the voice. Semele features the famous aria “Where’er you Walk.” Not least is Versailles, a 2020 release by French pianist Alexandre Tharaud, in which he explores solo keyboard music from the French Baroque era.

James Jacobs, evening host
I’m planning to catch up on the most recent recordings of the Bach Cello Suites, Beethoven Symphonies and major Mozart operas, revisit some older recordings of them, and make new determinations of my favorites. For a theater project I’m working on, I’m taking a deep dive into music of the Tudor era: John Taverner, Thomas Tallis and William Cornysh. I’m also feeling the need to explore American music, from Ives, Barber and Florence Price to younger living composers, to see if there’s anything that unifies us.

Bill Bukowski, weekday midday host
Summertime music for me means keeping it light, easy and breezy, with works such as Frederick Delius’s Summer Night on the River or the Florida Suite … or, from Jacques Ibert, Escales, “Ports of Call,” a musical tour of the Mediterranean. My recent time spent editing the music of Dmitri Shostakovich as part of WETA Classical’s Digitization Project left me with a taste for some of his lighter works, too, like the Jazz Suites, the film scores, and both Piano Concertos.

John Banther, Monday evening & Classical Breakdown podcast host
If you aren’t familiar with the music of Jessie Montgomery, this is the summer to make that change. As I myself hit the road, I’ll be enjoying the first album dedicated to her music, Strum: Music for Strings. She starts with Starburst, which she says is “a play on imagery of rapidly changing musical colors.” You get various sides of her music across several different works, and she ends it with Strum, which draws on “American folk idioms and the spirit of dance and movement.”

Sample something new, or enjoy old favorites — happy listening!

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