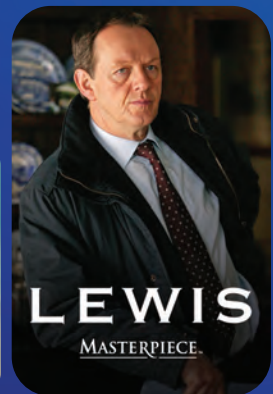
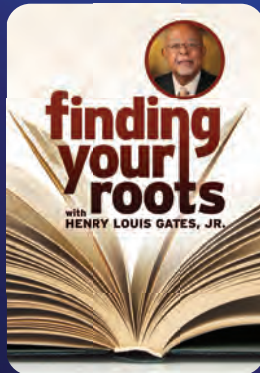


# WETA

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**WATCH LIVE. STREAM ANYTIME.**

**In February:**

Black History Month programming and more new episodes  
of WETA series *Finding Your Roots* and *If You Lived Here*

# WETA Focus



**A**s a devoted viewer and fan of WETA television programming across many genres, I relish both watching new offerings and returning to old favorites. I also find it very convenient to stream programs at times of my choosing. That is why I encourage you to take advantage of our most popular member benefit, WETA Passport, which features an amazing archive of superb programming that you can stream anytime — and special opportunities to view select series ahead of broadcast. Learn more about WETA Passport on the page opposite this column.

This month in WETA broadcasts, sample the wide slate of programs celebrating Black History Month across our channels WETA PBS, WETA Metro and WETA World. We have assembled an array of fascinating programming for you, including several of the historical and cultural series that WETA has co-produced with our longtime production partner and friend, Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Watch as well for more new episodes of his riveting genealogy series *Finding Your Roots*, a co-production with WETA that presents deep explorations of celebrities' family histories.

February also brings more new explorations of local homes and neighborhoods around the Washington area on our engaging and entertaining local production *If You Lived Here*, which illuminates our wonderful community, its history and its people.

Enjoy all that WETA has to offer; and thank you for your support.

*Sharon Percy Rockefeller*

Sharon Percy Rockefeller, president  
and chief executive officer, WETA

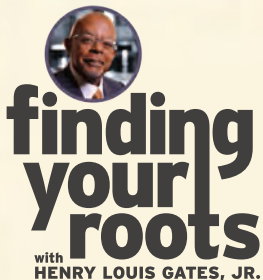


PLAYGROUND ENTERTAINMENT/MASTERPIECE

## Attend WETA Virtual Events in February!

***All Creatures Great and Small* Virtual Event • Sunday, February 12 at 3 p.m.** Register to attend this free national Zoom event that offers a sneak peek of Episode 6 of the beloved *Masterpiece* drama's new season — followed by a Q&A panel with cast members Nicholas Ralph (James Herriot), Samuel West (Siegfried Farnon), Rachel Shenton (Helen Alderson) and Callum Woodhouse (Tristan Farnon), along with producers from the show. Visit [weta.org/acgsevent](https://weta.org/acgsevent) after February 1 to sign up.

***Finding Your Roots* Virtual Event • Wednesday, February 8 at 8 p.m.** As WETA co-production *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* premieres new Season Nine episodes spotlighting family history and ancestry, WETA is presenting a series of *free* online National Virtual Conversation events surrounding the show and its content. The February 8 event, **"Genealogy & The Next Generation,"** presents an intergenerational conversation about family trees. To register, visit [weta.org/FYRFebConversation](https://weta.org/FYRFebConversation). At the same link, register to attend additional upcoming *Finding Your Roots* virtual events, also free! — **March 8: "Solving Mysteries: The Science of Genealogy,"** exploring how advancements in science have impacted genealogy research, and **April 12: "Finding Your Roots Family Album: Series Highlights,"** featuring behind-the-scenes stories from the production. The *Finding Your Roots* virtual events can also be viewed via the WETA Facebook page.



## WETA – ON THE AIR & ONLINE

### WETA PBS

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Comcast 26, 219, 800, 1026  
Cox 26, 1003, 1026  
DirecTV 26, 26-1, Stream  
Dish 8076 Fios 26, 526  
RCN 26, 613

### WETA Metro

26.5 via antenna  
[weta.org/livestream](https://weta.org/livestream)  
PBS App  
YouTube TV  
Fios 470  
RCN 599

### WETA UK

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Comcast 265, 1146  
Cox 800  
Fios 474  
RCN 39, 602

### WETA World

26.4 via antenna  
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Cox 802  
Fios 475  
RCN 37



# WETA Passport

## A WETA Passport Primer

Activate and enjoy this WETA member benefit!

**W**ith WETA Passport, the popular WETA member benefit, you can access a vast library of streaming video content available on demand. Stream thousands of hours of your favorite programs — including WETA Passport early binges and exclusives. With WETA Passport, you can stream the programs *wherever, whenever* you want!

**What can I stream?** The extensive WETA Passport on-demand streaming library includes wide selections across many program genres — informative news and public affairs; superb dramas; fascinating history series and documentaries; dazzling arts and culture offerings; intriguing biographies; riveting science and nature programming; cooking, travel and lifestyle shows; and much more.

**What streaming devices can I use?** WETA Passport is available on your TV with Roku, Apple TV, Chromecast, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Vizio and Android TV devices as well as on your computer, tablet and smartphone.

**How does it work?** Make a one-time gift of \$60 or more to WETA or become a monthly sustainer at [weta.org/passport](http://weta.org/passport), and start watching your favorite programs on any screen, online or through the free PBS Video App ([pbs.org/pbs-video-app](http://pbs.org/pbs-video-app)). Be sure to select WETA as your local station. For complete information and help, visit [weta.org/passporthelp](http://weta.org/passporthelp).

**What's notable on WETA Passport this month?** In February dramas, for example, catch up on popular shows *Call the Midwife* and *Sanditon on Masterpiece* — new seasons of those programs make their broadcast premiere in March! New Season 12 episodes of *Call the Midwife* can be streamed with WETA Passport starting February 19 (30 days before broadcast), rolling out weekly.

Watch other new and recent additions, such as detective series *DI Ray* (available February 20) and *River* — and old favorites, including all seasons of *Downton Abbey* and eight seasons of *Inspector Morse* spin-off *Lewis*. Activate and explore WETA Passport, and happy streaming!

All Creatures Great and Small



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Many WETA members already contribute at the level that offers access to WETA Passport, but they have not activated this extraordinary member benefit. Not sure if you're eligible? Look at the mailing label space on the back cover of this magazine; if you see a four-word code above your name, you can activate your benefit and start streaming with WETA Passport now by going to [pbs.org/passport](http://pbs.org/passport). For help with all essential PBS Video App and WETA Passport questions, visit [weta.org/passporthelp](http://weta.org/passporthelp). You can also contact WETA Audience Services at 703-998-2724 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



### WETA PBS Kids

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Fios 472  
RCN 38

### WETA Online

[weta.org](http://weta.org)  
[weta.org/passport](http://weta.org/passport)  
[weta.org/pbsapp](http://weta.org/pbsapp)  
[weta.org/learningmedia](http://weta.org/learningmedia)

### WETA Classical

WETA 90.9 FM Washington, D.C.  
WGMS 89.1 FM Hagerstown  
[wetaclassical.org](http://wetaclassical.org)  
[vivalavoce.org](http://vivalavoce.org)  
WETA Classical App

# Celebrating Black History Month



Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Angela Davis  
in WETA co-production *Finding Your Roots*

## Special Slate of Offerings Includes Films By Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

**W**ETA celebrates Black History Month, presenting special programming in February that includes a wide array of biographies, documentaries, independent films, cultural appreciations and more. Among the themed content is WETA production *WETA Arts*, which spotlights Washington, D.C. artist and educator Alma Thomas (see page 4); and WETA co-production *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*, which as part of its ongoing ninth season features a February 21 episode spotlighting the family histories of activist Angela Y. Davis (left, with Gates) and statesman Jeh Johnson. The slate is especially rich in history content, reprising Prof. Gates's major history series *Making Black America: Through the Grapevine*, *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*, and *Reconstruction: America After the Civil War*, each produced in partnership with WETA, and his Peabody Award-winning film *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*. Among other presentations are Civil Rights Era history series *Eyes on the Prize* and the films *Freedom Riders* and *Freedom Summer*. Additional highlights are on page 3. Visit [weta.org/blackhistory](http://weta.org/blackhistory) for more programs.

## Black History Programs on WETA PBS

*WETA Arts* Mon 2/6, 9:30pm; Rpts Mon 2/20, 9:30pm

*Eyes on the Prize*:

Series 1 Pts 1-6: 2/1-2/3, 2/7-2/9, 3pm

Series 2 Pts 1-8: 2/10, 2/14-2/17, 2/21-2/23, 3pm

*The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*

Pts 1-6, 2/1-2/3, 2/7-2/9, 4pm

*Making Black America: Through the Grapevine*

Pts 1 & 2: Fri 2/3, 9pm; Pts 3 & 4: Fri 2/10, 9pm

*Freedom Riders: American Experience*

Sat 2/4, 8pm; Rpts Sun 2/5, 11pm

*Freedom Summer: American Experience* Sat 2/4, 10pm

*Charley Pride: American Masters* Sun 2/5, noon

*How It Feels to Be Free: American Masters* Sun 2/5, 1pm

*Jesse Owens: American Experience* Sun 2/5, 3pm

*Independent Lens: Outta the Muck* Mon 2/6, 10pm

*Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World*

Tues 1/31, 2/14, 2/21, 9pm

*Secrets of the Dead: Woman in the Iron Coffin* Wed 2/8, 10pm

*John Lewis: Get in the Way* Fri 2/10, 4pm

*The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*

Pt 1: Sat 2/11, 8pm, rpts 12m; Rpts Sun 2/12, 11pm

Pt 2: Sat 2/18, 8pm, rpts 12m; Rpts Sun 2/19, 11:30pm

*The American Diplomat: American Experience* Sat 2/11, 10pm

*Reconstruction: America After the Civil War* Sun 2/12, 12n-4pm

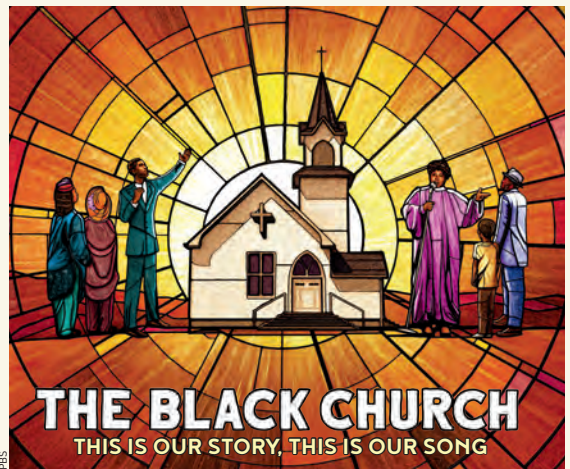
*Underground Railroad: The William Still Story* Sat 2/18, 10pm

*Fannie Lou Hamer's America* Sun 2/19, noon

*In Their Own Words: Chuck Berry* Sun 2/19, 1:30pm

*Tulsa: The Fire and the Forgotten* Sun 2/19, 2:30pm

*Slavery By Another Name* Sun 2/19, 10pm; Rpts Sun 2/26, 6:30pm



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JAMES KARALES:  
SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCH

*Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.:*

And Still I Rise, Tue 2/21, 8pm

*The 87th Annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards* Fri 2/24, 3pm

*Great Performances: The Magic of Spirituals* Fri 2/24, 9pm

*Black Broadway: A Proud History, A Limitless Future* Tue 2/28, 8pm

*The Chavis Chronicles* Sundays, 5pm

*A Seat at the Table* Sundays, 5:30pm

See [weta.org/blackhistory](http://weta.org/blackhistory) for more Black History Month programs on WETA television channels.





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## Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World

**Tuesdays at 9 p.m., Jan. 31 + Feb. 14 & 21 on WETA PBS  
& WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App**

**A** four-part miniseries presents a narrative of struggle, triumph and resistance brought to life through the lens of Hip Hop, an art form that has chronicled the emotions, experiences and expressions of Black and Brown communities. In the aftermath of America's racial and political reckoning in 2020, the perspectives and stories shared in Hip Hop are key to understanding injustice in the U.S. over the last half-century. Authored by Public Enemy's Chuck D (left), who famously labeled

Hip Hop as "the Black CNN" for bringing the stories of the street to the mainstream, the story includes personal testimonies of the MCs, DJs, graffiti artists, filmmakers, politicians, and opinion formers who created and shaped Hip Hop's direction as it grew from an underground movement in the Bronx to the most popular music genre in the U.S. and the fastest growing genre in the world today. Featuring interviews with top artists, the series paints a portrait of the unique relationship between Hip Hop and the political history of the United States.

## Great Performances: The Magic of Spirituals

**Friday, Feb. 24 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
stream on the PBS App**

**I**n this *Great Performances* presentation, discover the behind-the-scenes story of a famed concert at Carnegie Hall on March 18, 1990, by celebrated singers Jessye Norman and Kathleen Battle (right). The two divas, known for their interpretations of spirituals, had legendary African American contralto Marian Anderson in attendance. Showcasing extended excerpts of Norman and Battle in performance, the documentary examines the preparation required and the historic concert's enduring impact. New interviews and reminiscences are featured from the event's producer (now Met Opera General Manager) Peter Gelb, soprano Angel Blue and others.

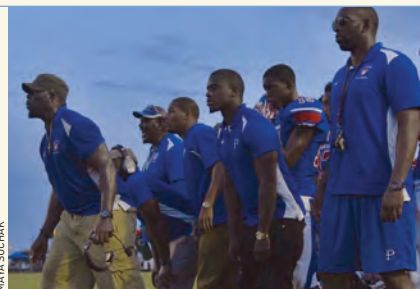


COURTESY STEVE J. SHERMAN FROM EVERETT COLLECTION

## Independent Lens: Outta the Muck

**Monday, Feb. 6 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS;  
stream on the PBS App**

**A** filmmaker turns the camera lens on his hometown of Pahokee, offering an intimate portrait of the small rural community of 6,000 people and its fiercely self-determined African American community, located in the Everglades region of Florida and perhaps best known for its rich football legacy. The program, which tells stories of Black achievement and community in the Deep South, captures the director's journey home to reconnect with his niece and nephew, and explores their shared family history spanning seven generations. The film wades into the rich soil — the "muck" — of the rural area on the banks of Lake Okeechobee: beyond sending more than a dozen players to the NFL, the people of Pahokee foster a legacy of resilience and achievement in the face of great storms and personal trauma.



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## Black Broadway: A Proud History, A Limitless Future

**Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS**

**A** new concert special celebrates iconic stage performances and roles made famous by Black artists — as well as the current generation of Black Broadway stars. The program was filmed last October at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium. An acclaimed cast performs classics from *The Wiz*, *The Color Purple*, *Company*, *Porgy & Bess*, *Ain't Misbehavin'* and more, joined by the American Pops Orchestra and a choir of students from Howard and Morgan State University. Performers include Corbin Bleu, Nikki Renée Daniels, Sydney James Harcourt, Amber Iman, Norm Lewis, Tiffany Mann, John Manzari, Stephanie Mills, Nova Payton and Peppermint.



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Nikki Renée Daniels



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## D.C. Artist Alma Thomas on *WETA Arts*

**Mon., Feb. 6, 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App**

In February's special edition of *WETA Arts*, marking Black History Month, host Felicia Curry presents the story of an extraordinary Washington, D.C. artist, Alma Thomas (1891-1978). It's a uniquely Washington story: Thomas used art and education to open doors across gender lines and racial boundaries during a time when the national capital area — and the arts — were deeply segregated.

Born in Columbus, Georgia, Thomas moved to Washington in 1907 with her family to escape violence and in search of better educational opportunities. In D.C., while cultivating her own artistic interests and development, she spent a lifetime introducing the visual arts to generations of Black students, transgressing racial barriers in the

city's cultural and educational institutions, and creating racially integrated art spaces. Her art from her Washington Color School period became nationally recognized when she was 77 years old; her achievements include becoming the first Black woman to have a solo show at the prestigious Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. After her death, her work fell into relative obscurity until the White House added a painting of hers ("Resurrection") to its art collection in 2014. Since then, Thomas has again received recognition on a national level, both for her artistic output and for breaking barriers as a Black woman artist.

While her national and international recognition has ebbed and flowed, Thomas' story, work and legacy continue to be amplified both on the streets of D.C. and in its biggest museums. This month, *WETA Arts* is honored to illuminate the extraordinary life of Alma Thomas and present her remarkable Washington art story. The program premieres February 6 and repeats Monday, February 20 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS and 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro.

## Boundary Stones DC History Shorts

**Stream local history videos at  
[youtube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs)**

**W**ETA's local history blog *Boundary Stones* now features a new video series that spotlights strange-but-true stories and larger-than-life-characters from throughout the colorful history of the D.C. Metro area. Featuring historic photos, archival footage, and animation, the engaging video shorts bring the past to life. The series includes stories about infamous criminals such as the 1915 Capitol Bomber; historic events like the raucous 1913 women's suffrage march; D.C. civil rights activist Julius Hobson and his rat relocation rallies; Washington's official song and why you've never heard it; and the time the National Mall was home to a disastrous fish-farming experiment. Stream the videos on the WETA PBS YouTube channel. Videos premiering this month explore the story of a 1979 protest that brought thousands of tractors to D.C. — and one of the most creative advertising stunts in D.C. history, which took place atop Anacostia's Big Chair.

WETA's *Boundary Stones* blog — [weta.org/BoundaryStones](https://weta.org/BoundaryStones) — spotlights local history in the national capital area. The site features more than 600 engaging articles about intriguing history topics, including politics, history, music, art, sports, people, places and much more. Through the blog, WETA seeks to uncover and share some of the stories that have helped to shape our community. Visit the website to find new articles and video posts, and explore Washington-area lore through *Boundary Stones*!



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New  
Season!

**If  
You  
LIVED  
HERE  
DC**

Logan Circle, DC

**WETA production debuts 4 more episodes, Mondays  
at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro;  
stream via the PBS App and [weta.org](http://weta.org)**

In February, WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood series *If You Lived Here* spotlights four more communities in *new* Season 3 episodes. Join hosts Christine Louise and John Begeny as they visit homes around the D.C. area, talk with realtors, historians and residents about local neighborhoods; and discover what makes each community special. Visit the series' Neighborhood Guide at [ifyoulivedhere.org](http://ifyoulivedhere.org) to learn more.

### **Deanwood, DC**

**Monday, February 6**

In this episode, John and Christine and realtor Keith James visit the Northeast neighborhood to tour several century-old homes, including a Cape Cod and a stone house renovation. See them guess listing prices, and learn about gardens within Marvin Gaye Park, named for the famous former local resident; the history of Deanwood's churches; and the former Nannie Helen Burroughs' National Training School for girls.

### **Vienna, VA**

**Monday, February 13**

Led by realtor Lex Lianos, John and Christine tour 3 unique Northern Virginia homes. From a Stonewall Manor fixer-upper, to a renovation on an acre lot, to a modern home, this episode explores Vienna's wide variety of properties. Discover how the community evolved with the arrival of the railroad and visit its former station, now a museum; hear from Mayor Linda Colbert; and explore music venue Jammin Java.

### **Bethesda, MD**

**Monday, February 20**

Tour Bethesda to learn about the importance of "restoration over renovation" in homes. Guided by realtor Dana Rice, the hosts visit a 1930s bungalow-style starter home in Huntington Terrace, a center-hall colonial in Westgate, and a vast home in English Village. Hear about the Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market; meet local historians who discuss the city's reckoning with slavery; and tour the Josiah Henson Museum.

### **Logan Circle, DC**

**Monday, February 27**

With realtor Daryl Judy (above right), the hosts tour a two-bedroom condo with a loft and rooftop terrace; a chic modern condo with beautiful updates; and a four-bedroom townhome with architectural arches throughout. Learn about Logan Circle from locals who have experienced the area's transformation, and hear about the community's history of inclusivity.

Support for *If You Lived Here* is provided by The Yuen Foundation.

**More neighborhoods featured in March:**

**Annandale, VA • Adams Morgan, DC • Mount Rainier, MD • Leesburg, VA**

## Ruthless: Monopoly's Secret History on American Experience

Monday, Feb. 20 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream on the PBS App

For generations, Monopoly has been America's favorite board game, a love letter to unbridled capitalism and — for better or worse — the impulses that make a free-market society tick. But behind the myth of the game's creation is an untold tale of theft, obsession and corporate double-dealing. Part detective story, part sharp social commentary and part pop-culture celebration, *Ruthless: Monopoly's Secret History*, from writer-director Stephen Ives (who

partnered with WETA on the productions *The West* and *Reporting America at War*), presents the true story of the game and those who created it.

Contrary to the folksy legend spread by Parker Brothers, Monopoly's secret history is a surprising saga that features a radical feminist, a community of Quakers in Atlantic City, America's greatest game company, an unemployed Depression-era engineer, and a determined economics professor. According to the official story, amateur inventor Charles Darrow created the best-selling game. But that is not true. The film spotlights how the game's true origins came to light when an impassioned anti-monopolist provoked the ire of the game's corporate owners, kicking off a 1970s legal battle that went all the way to the Supreme Court. The film credits Lizzie Magie as the game's creator: she developed The Landlord's Game in 1903 to illustrate the evils of landlords and monopolistic practices. The story of how it came to be appropriated and patented, and its origins kept secret as millions in profits were reaped, is fascinating.



The Landlord's Game

COURTESY TOM FORSYTH

## Dogs in the Wild, a Nature Miniseries

Wednesdays, Feb. 8, 15 & 22 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App

A three-part *Nature* series travels the globe to explore the secrets of the most successful carnivore on the planet — the canid. From the recognizable and familiar, like foxes, wolves, African wild dogs, and coyotes, to the lesser-known such as the Japanese raccoon dog, fennec fox, dholes and dingoes, canids have conquered every continent except Antarctica. Learn about their social side, their complex communication skills, their tight family units, their sensitive natures, and some of their astonishing abilities. Advances in wildlife filmmaking technology allowed crews to capture extraordinary examples of wild-dog behavior. Episodes are *Meet the Family* (Feb. 8), surveying the many species of canids; *Secrets of Success* (Feb. 15), illuminating how wild dogs survive and thrive in the wild; and *Defending Wild Dogs* (Feb. 22), following scientists and researchers as they seek to understand these creatures.

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## Astronomy in the Spotlight on NOVA

Wednesdays, Feb. 8 & 22 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Two *NOVA* films this month spotlight humankind's interest in the stars. *Star Chasers of Senegal* (Feb. 8) follows visionary astronomer Maram Kaire in West Africa, who with his team attempts a high-stakes observation of an asteroid vital to a NASA mission. From prehistoric ruins to Islamic skywatchers, the program explores the heritage and future of African astronomy. Then, *New Eye on the Universe* (Feb. 22) explores some of astronomy's biggest questions. With new data and spectacular images flooding in from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, follows scientists as they peer deep in time. How did the first stars and galaxies form? What role did supermassive black holes and dark matter play? And can we see the fingerprints of life in the atmospheres of distant exoplanets?

WEBB'S SOUTHERN RING NEBULA; NASA/ESA/CASSINI/IRCAM





Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://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 Wed	Nature: The Elephant and the Termite		NOVA: London Super Tunnel		Secrets of the Dead: King Arthur's Lost Kingdom	
2 Thu	Draper's Tours Mysteries: Dial "M" for Middlesbrough			The Chaperone on Masterpiece (to 11:30pm)		
3 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4 (H.W. Brands)	Making Black America: Through the Grapevine (Pt 1 of 4. Building Black America)		Making Black America: Through the Grapevine (Pt 2 of 4. The Work of the Imagination)	
4 Sat	Freedom Riders: American Experience				Freedom Summer: American Experience (to 12m)	
5 Sun	Miss Scarlet and The Duke, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 6)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 7)		Vienna Blood, Series 3 (Pt 5 of 6)	
6 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Santa Fe's Museum Hill, Hour 3		If You Lived Here, Series 3: Deanwood, DC	WETA Arts	Independent Lens: Outta the Muck (to 11:30pm)	
7 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 (Family: Lost and Found)		PBS NewsHour Special Report: State of the Union Address			
8 Wed	Dogs in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries (Pt 1 of 3. Meet the Family)		NOVA: Star Chasers of Senegal		Secrets of the Dead: The Woman in the Iron Coffin	
9 Thu	Agatha Christie's Marple: The Body in the Library			Agatha Christie's Marple: The Murder at the Vicarage		
10 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4 (Manisha Sinha)	Making Black America: Through the Grapevine (Pt 3 of 4. A Growing Resistance)		Making Black America: Through the Grapevine (Pt 4 of 4. Life Beyond the Veil)	
11 Sat	The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song (Pt 1 of 2)				The American Diplomat: American Experience	
12 Sun	Miss Scarlet and The Duke, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 6)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 7)		Vienna Blood, Series 3 (Pt 6 of 6)	
13 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Cheekwood Estate & Gardens, Hour 1		If You Lived Here, Series 3: Vienna, VA	Finding Common Ground on the State of Our Democracy		Independent Lens: Love in the Time of Fentanyl (to 12m)
14 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 (Chosen)		Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World (Pt 2 of 4. Under Siege)		Frontline: Ukraine: Life Under Russia's Attack	
15 Wed	Dogs in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries (Pt 2 of 3. Secrets of Success)		NOVA: Ancient Builders of the Amazon		Secrets of the Dead: Hannibal in the Alps	
16 Thu	Agatha Christie's Marple: 4:50 From Paddington			Agatha Christie's Marple: A Murder Is Announced		
17 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4 (George F. Will)	Great Performances: Movies for Grownups Awards with AARP the Magazine			
18 Sat	The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song (Pt 2 of 2)				Underground Railroad: The William Still Story	
19 Sun	All Creatures Great and Small, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Encore: Pt 6 of 7)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 7 of 7)		Slavery By Another Name (to 11:30pm)	
20 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Cheekwood Estate & Gardens, Hour 2		If You Lived Here, Series 3: Bethesda, MD	WETA Arts	Ruthless: Monopoly's Secret History: American Experience	
21 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 (And Still I Rise)		Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World (Pt 3 of 4. Culture Wars)		Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World (Pt 4 of 4. Still Fighting)	
22 Wed	Dogs in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries (Pt 3 of 3. Defending Wild Dogs)		NOVA: New Eye on the Universe		Secrets of the Dead: Viking Warrior Queen	
23 Thu	Agatha Christie's Marple: Sleeping Murder			Agatha Christie's Marple: The Moving Finger		
24 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4 (Stacy Schiff)	Great Performances: The Magic of Spirituals			WETA Arts
25 Sat	The U.S. and the Holocaust: Insight and Understanding				Celine Dion: Taking Chances World Tour--The Concert (to 11:30pm)	
26 Sun	Les Misérables: The Staged Concert (to 11:30pm)					
27 Mon	Aging Backwards 4: The Miracle of Flexibility		If You Lived Here, Series 3: Logan Circle, DC	Les Misérables: The Staged Concert (to 1am)		
28 Tue	Black Broadway: A Proud History, A Limitless Future				Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide (to 12m)	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30

PBS NewsHour airs weeknights at 7 p.m.  
PBS News Weekend airs Sat./Sun. at 6 p.m.

Amanpour and Company airs late weeknights (check listings).

# TV Listings

WETA PBS in February



Listings are accurate as of press time. For latest schedules, visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) 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 information.

## Program Key

**Blue type**—WETA productions, co-productions and presentations.

**R**—Repeat of recent programming.



### MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

**Fridays, February 3 & 10 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**

WETA celebrates Black History Month with special programming that includes Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s film *Making Black America: Through the Grapevine*, spotlighting Black cultural and social institutions.

## 1 Wednesday

### WEEKDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

**6AM NHK NEWSLINE**

**6:30AM BBC WORLD NEWS**

**7AM (Mondays:) PBS NEWS WEEKEND**

**7:30 (Mondays:) WASHINGTON WEEK – R**

**7AM (Tuesdays-Saturdays:) PBS NEWS HOUR – R**

**8AM-3PM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING**

**3PM IT'S ACADEMIC**

**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)

**6:30 BBC WORLD NEWS AMERICA**

**7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR**—Each weeknight, the WETA production provides in-depth analysis of current events with a news summary, live studio interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues.

Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett anchor. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Rpts next day, 7am**

**8:00 NATURE: THE ELEPHANT AND THE TERMITE**—Witness the dramas of Africa's great wildlife meeting place: the waterhole. From mighty elephants to tiny termites, a large community of creatures makes the waterhole home.

**9:00 NOVA: LONDON SUPER TUNNEL**—Learn about how thousands of engineers, technicians and workers are racing to build Europe's biggest construction project: London's new railroad, the Elizabeth Line.

**10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: KING ARTHUR'S LOST KINGDOM**—Uncover new archaeological evidence at Tintagel that suggests the legend of King Arthur started in a prosperous and sophisticated trading village in 5th-century Britain following the departure of the Romans.

**11:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY**—Capping primetime programming each weeknight, Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with global thought leaders on contemporary issues. **Repeats next weekday, 5pm**

## 2 Thursday

**8:00 DRAPER'S TOURS MYSTERIES: DIAL "M" FOR MIDDLESBROUGH**—Sian Gibson (*Death in Paradise*) and Johnny Vegas (*Still Open All Hours*) reprise their roles as tour guide Gemma Draper and bus driver Terry in this comic

murder-mystery. A storm forces the pair to take refuge at a dilapidated RV park alongside an array of eccentric characters. Will any of them survive?

**9:30 THE CHAPERONE ON MASTERPIECE**—Journey from Kansas to New York City with the diffident chaperone to uninhibited dancer Louise Brooks in this Jazz Age drama that reunites *Downton Abbey* screenwriter Julian Fellowes and actress Elizabeth McGovern. The cast includes Blythe Danner, Robert Fairchild, Victoria Hill, Elizabeth McGovern, Matt McGrath, Miranda Otto and Haley Lu Richardson. (2 hrs.)

## 3 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK**—WETA's weekly production, moderated by Yamiche Alcindor, 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](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek).

**Repeats Sat 2/4, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 2/6, 7:30am**

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4**—In this WETA presentation, Washington, D.C.-based author/interviewer, financier and philanthropist David Rubenstein talks with America's top scholars and writers, illuminating how history is made. *Episode 5 of 10. H.W. Brands*. Pulitzer Prize finalist H.W. Brands examines the deep-seated divisions that made up the American Revolution before the war—between Loyalists and Patriots, families, friends and neighbors. **Repeats Sun 2/5, 6:30pm**

**9:00 MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE**—In this WETA co-production, scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., explores Black people's ability to collectively prosper, defy white supremacy and define Blackness in ways that transformed America itself. *Part 1 of 4. Building Black America*. Hour One explores how free Black people in the North and South built towns, established schools, and held conventions—creating robust networks to address the political, economic and social needs of the entire Black community.

**10:00 MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE**—*Part 2 of 4. The Work of the Imagination*. Hour Two explores how African Americans turned within, creating a community that not only sustained but empowered. From HBCUs to Black businesses to the Harlem Renaissance to political organizations, Black life flourished.

## 4 Saturday

**6AM WASHINGTON WEEK – R**

**6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER – R**

**7AM PBS NEWS HOUR – R**

**8AM JOSEPH ROSENDO'S TRAVELSCOPE**

**8:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPE**

**9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**

**10AM IT'S ACADEMIC**—See tonight's 7 p.m. listing.

**10:30 MOTOR WEEK**

**11AM HOW SHE ROLLS**

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

**12N A CHEF'S LIFE**

**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**  
— **New season!**





Sunday nights through mid-February on WETA PBS & WETA Metro Masterpiece dramas *Miss Scarlet and The Duke* (above), at 8 p.m., and *All Creatures Great and Small*, at 9 p.m., continue on Sunday nights, followed by the mystery series *Vienna Blood* at 10 p.m.

#### 5:00 PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE

**5:30 SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE** – **New season!**

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** – R

**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The TV quiz show showcases the academic achievements of local D.C.-area high school students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. **Competing this week are students from Gonzaga, Jefferson and Washington Latin PCS high schools.** **Repeats Mondays, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**

**7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** – Author/interviewer David Rubenstein uncovers the evolution of the American story. *Episode 7 of 10. Yale University Professor Joanne Freeman.*

**8:00 FREEDOM RIDERS: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** – Film-maker Stanley Nelson's documentary explores how, from May through November 1961, more than 400 Americans, Black and white, risked their lives – and many endured savage beatings and imprisonment – traveling together on buses and trains through the Deep South in a challenge to segregation during the Civil Rights Era. **Repeats 1am; Sun 2/5, 11pm**

**10:00 FREEDOM SUMMER: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** – In this Stanley Nelson film, learn why during the summer of 1964 the nation's eyes were riveted on Mississippi. Over 10 weeks known as Freedom Summer, more than 700 student volunteers joined organizers and local African Americans in an historic effort to shatter the foundations of white supremacy in the nation's most segregated state. **Repeats tonight, 3am**

**12M FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** – *Episode 5 of 10. Rising from the Ashes.* **R**

## 5 Sunday

### 6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

**9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**

**9:30 TO THE CONTRARY WITH BONNIE ERBE**

**10AM THIS IS AMERICA & THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHOLEY**

**10:30 THE OPEN MIND**

**11:00 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** – **Repeats Saturdays, 6:30am**

**11:30 TO DINE FOR WITH KATE SULLIVAN**

**12N CHARLEY PRIDE: I'M JUST ME: AMERICAN MASTERS** – Explore the complicated history of the American South and its music through the life of the country star. The Black artist's journey from segregated Mississippi illustrates the ways that artistic expression can triumph over prejudice and injustice.

**1:00 HOW IT FEELS TO BE FREE: AMERICAN MASTERS** – Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic Black entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

**3:00 JESSE OWENS: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** – Trace the story of Black athlete Jesse Owens' remarkable victories in the face of Nazi racism during the 1936 Olympics, where Owens won four gold medals. Despite his success in Germany, on his return to America, Owens struggled to find a place for himself in a nation still wrestling to overcome its own entrenched racism.

**4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** – *Episode 5 of 10. Rising from the Ashes.* **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's diverse experiences, perspectives and challenges.

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**

**6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – *Episode 5 of 10. H.W. Brands.* **R**

**7:00 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 4** – In this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. *Episode 3 of 10, Omar Tate, Chef;* plus a Series 3 encore.

**8:00 MISS SCARLET AND THE DUKE, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 5 of 6. The Heir.* Eliza is on the verge of earning life-changing revenues when she offers to help the heir to an unclaimed fortune. It's a race against time and Eliza will need the Duke's help, but a revelation about his personal life makes working together impossible. **Repeats Sun 2/5, 1am**

**9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 5 of 7. Edward. Mrs. Hall* conquers demons from her past. While she is away, Tristan discovers the challenge of housekeeping. Meanwhile, Helen is at loose ends. **Repeats Sun 2/5, 2am**

**10:00 VIENNA BLOOD, SERIES 3** – *Part 5 of 6. Death Is Now a Welcome Guest (Part 1).* It's 1908 and the magical new world of cinema has captured the imagination of the Viennese public. When tragedy strikes at a film premiere, Max and Oskar investigate the murder of a famous actress, a former patient at Max's hospital. **Repeats Sun 2/5, 3am**

**11:00 FREEDOM RIDERS: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** – R

## 6 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: SANTA FE'S MUSEUM HILL, HOUR 3** – It's antique treasures galore at Santa Fe's Museum Hill with finds including Barbie dolls & wardrobe, ca. 1960 and a 1977 Keith Haring *Bean Salad* lithograph. Which is up to \$200,000?

**9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3** – WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood series features more new episodes. Longtime Washingtonians Christine Louise and John Begeny host, touring area homes and communities with local realtors. *Episode 5 of 12. Deanwood, DC.* Once home to Motown singer Marvin Gaye, D.C.'s Deanwood neighborhood instills a deep sense of community among its residents. Join the hosts and realtor Keith James as they tour three homes built between



### IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3 A WETA PRODUCTION

**Mondays at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8 p.m. on WETA Metro**  
WETA series *If You Lived Here* presents more new Season 3 episodes, exploring homes and neighborhoods around the national capital area. Above: Hosts John Begeny and Christine Louise join realtor Dana Rice on a visit to Bethesda, Maryland on the February 20 episode.



## FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – SEASON 9 A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

**Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**

Genealogy series *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. presents three new episodes in February, illuminating the family trees of guests such as actor Joe Manganiello (above, with Gates).

the 1910s and 1920s and learn about the area's many churches, the Lederer Community Garden in Marvin Gaye Park, and Nannie Helen Burroughs' National Training School.

**9:30 WETA ARTS** – The WETA production celebrates Black History Month with a special episode about Alma Thomas, the remarkable Black artist and educator who helped shape the Washington, D.C. arts scene in the 20th century. While Thomas' art brought her nationwide acclaim, it is in her hometown that her impact as an educator, pioneer, advocate and role model was most greatly felt. **Repeats Mon 2/20, 9:30pm**

**10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: OUTTA THE MUCK** – The people of Pahokee, a rural town on the banks of Florida's Lake Okeechobee, rise "outta the muck" to celebrate family history and big-time football. Beyond sending over a dozen players to the NFL, the community upholds a legacy of resilience. The film presents a narrative of Black achievement. (90 min.)

## 7 Tuesday

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** – In a new season of this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 6 of 10. Family: Lost and Found.* Gates uses DNA detective work to solve family mysteries for actor Joe Manganiello and football star Tony Gonzalez – uncovering close relatives whose names they've never heard and compelling each man to rethink his own identity. **Repeats Sat 2/11, 11pm; Sun 2/12, 4pm**

**9:00 PBS NEWSHOUR SPECIAL REPORT: STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS** – *PBS NewsHour* provides live coverage of President Biden's State of the Union Address, including the president's speech, the Republican response, and analysis from the *NewsHour* team.

## 8 Wednesday

**8:00 DOGS IN THE WILD, A NATURE MINISERIES** – Uncover the secret lives of the most successful carnivores on the planet: the wild dogs. *Part 1 of 3. Meet the Family.* Meet the many species of the wild dog family, from the formidable Arctic wolf to the talkative Dhole, from the tiny Fennec fox to the long-legged Maned wolf.

**9:00 NOVA: STAR CHASERS OF SENEGAL** – A visionary astronomer in West Africa attempts a high-stakes observation of a distant asteroid vital to a NASA mission. From prehistoric ruins to Islamic skywatchers, explore the heritage and future of African astronomy.

**10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: THE WOMAN IN THE IRON COFFIN** – Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th-century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free Black communities.

## 9 Thursday

**8:00 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE: THE BODY IN THE LIBRARY** – Geraldine McEwan stars as Agatha Christie's shrewd English spinster sleuth. When the body of a beautiful dancer and heiress named Ruby is found, Miss Marple predicts that greed, lust or both may be at the root of the crime. Just when it appears that all the likely suspects have alibis, Marple unravels the truth.

**9:30 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE: THE MURDER AT THE VICARAGE** – Geraldine McEwan stars. Cantankerous Colonel Protheroe (Derek Jacobi) takes a fatal bullet in the vicar's study and a local artist confesses, but so does the Colonel's wife, and Miss Marple investigates. She discovers a tangle of suspects and motives.

## 10 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** – Repeats Sat 2/11, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 2/13, 7:30am

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – *Episode 6 of 10. Manisha Sinha.* Historian Manisha Sinha discusses the historical significance of America's evolution during the period of Reconstruction following the Civil War, which saw a transformation of the American nation from a slaveholding republic into an interracial democracy, all alongside the rise of industrial capitalism and the violent and ambitious conquest of the West. **Repeats Sun 2/12, 6:30pm**

**9:00 MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE** – In this WETA co-production, scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. introduces a vibrant world at the heart of the Black experience. *Part 3 of 4. A Growing Resistance.* Hour Three shows how, to survive economic disaster, African Americans relied on informal economies, grassroots organizations and cultural innovations behind the color line to dismantle the oppressive realities of Jim Crow.

**10:00 MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE** – *Part 4 of 4. Life Beyond the Veil.* Hour Four reveals how, beyond the gains of legal desegregation, Black political and cultural movements from Black Power to Black Twitter provide a safe space to debate, organize and celebrate.

## 11 Saturday

**6AM WASHINGTON WEEK** – R

**6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** – R

**7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** – R

**8AM-6PM** See the Saturday, February 4 listings.

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** – R

**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The TV quiz show showcases the academic achievements of local D.C.-area high school students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. **Competing this week are Richard Montgomery, Osbourn and Elizabeth Seton high schools. Repeats Mondays, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**

**7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** – *Episode 8 of 10. Historian, filmmaker and Harvard University professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*



**Thursdays at 8 p.m. starting February 9 on WETA PBS**

WETA Thriller Thursdays present double features of the series *Agatha Christie's Marple*, starring Geraldine McEwan as sleuth Miss Marple. Derek Jacobi co-stars in *The Murder at the Vicarage*.





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**Monday, February 13 at 10:30 p.m. on WETA PBS**

*The Independent Lens* documentary *Love in the Time of Fentanyl* spotlights an overdose-prevention group working to save lives in Vancouver, Canada. Above: An alleyway mural memorial.

**8:00 THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG**—A WETA co-production retraces the 400-year-old-story of the Black church in America with Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., exploring its role as the site of African American organizing, resilience, autonomy, freedom and solidarity. *Part 1 of 2.* Gates explores the roots of African American religion beginning with the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the extraordinary ways enslaved Africans preserved and adapted faith practices—from the brutality of slavery through emancipation. **Repeats tonight, midnight; Sun 2/12, 11pm**

**10:00 THE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE**—Learn about the lives and legacies of three African American ambassadors—Edward R. Dudley, Terence Todman and Carl Rowan—who pushed past racial barriers to reach high-ranking appointments in the Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations and had a lasting impact on the Foreign Service.

**11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9**—*Episode 6 of 10. Family: Lost and Found.* **R**

**12M THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG**—*Part 1 of 2.* **R**

## 12 Sunday

**6AM-12N See the Sunday, February 5 listings.**

**12N 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 their hard-won freedom, support for their social, economic and political gains did not last.

**2:00 RECONSTRUCTION: AMERICA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR**—*Part 2 of 2.* Explore 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.

**4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9**—*Episode 6 of 10. Family: Lost and Found.* **R**

**5:00 THE CHAVIS CHRONICLES**

**5:30 A SEAT AT THE TABLE**

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND**—John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**

**6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4**—*Episode 6 of 10. Manisha Sinha.* **R**

**7:00 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 4**—In this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. *Episode 4 of 10, Katie Couric, Journalist;* plus a Series 3 encore.

**8:00 MISS SCARLET AND THE DUKE, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE**—*Part 6 of 6. The Jewel of the North.* The season comes to an explosive climax when Eliza receives a bomb in the mail. Who sent it and why? Eliza teams up with the Duke, Moses and Patrick Nash to find out who is behind the deadly delivery. **Repeats tonight, 1am**

**9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE**—*Part 6 of 7. For Whom the Bell Tolls.* As war comes in September 1939, everyone faces

decisions small and large. Romance beckons for Tristan, and for Mrs. Hall as well. TB plagues Helen's farm.

**Repeats tonight, 2am; Sun 2/19, 8pm**

**10:00 VIENNA BLOOD, SERIES 3**—*Part 6 of 6. Death Is Now a Welcome Guest (Part 2).* The search for the killer of a screen star confounds Max and Oskar. Was it an obsessive fan, a rival actress, or an American politician pushing a pro-German, anti-immigrant, nationalist agenda in Austria? **Repeats tonight, 3am**

**11:00 THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG**—*Part 1 of 2.* **R**

## 13 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**—Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CHEEKWOOD ESTATE & GARDENS, HOUR 1**—Watch charming appraisals in Nashville's Cheekwood Estate & Gardens including an 1880 Celia Thaxter hand-painted vase, a 1964 Presidential Rolex with the box and papers, and a Mary Elizabeth Price painted screen, ca. 1925. Guess the top find.

**9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3**—WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood series features new episodes. **Episode 6 of 12. Vienna, VA.** Nestled along the Washington & Old Dominion railroad line, Vienna is home to local favorites such as the Vienna Town Green and Jammin Java music venue. With help from realtor Lex Lianos, hosts Christine and John tour three homes, from 1960s split-levels to 2020s bungalow styles, and guess listing prices. Also, hear from Vienna mayor Linda Colbert.

**9:30 FINDING COMMON GROUND ON THE STATE OF OUR DEMOCRACY**—Can Democrats and Republicans agree on how to strengthen America's model of governance? Watch political veterans James Carville (President Bill Clinton's lead political strategist) and Reince Priebus (former Republican National Committee Chairman and former White House Chief of Staff) explore common ground with moderator Bob Shrum. Hosted by the non-profit Common Ground Committee, the discussion was filmed at the Dornsife Center for the Political Future at the University of Southern California in November 2022.

**10:30 INDEPENDENT LENS: LOVE IN THE TIME OF FENTANYL**—As deaths in Vancouver, Canada reach an all-time high, the Overdose Prevention Society opens its doors, giving hope to a community ravaged by the drug crisis. (90 min.)

## 14 Tuesday

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9**—In a new season of this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 7 of 10. Chosen.* Gates helps actors David Duchovny and Richard Kind trace their roots from Jewish communities in Eastern Europe to the United States—telling stories of triumph and tragedy that laid the groundwork for his guests' success. **Repeats Sat 2/18, 11pm; Sun 2/19, 4pm**

**9:00 FIGHT THE POWER: HOW HIP HOP CHANGED THE WORLD**—This four-part social history series examines the story of Black America, exploring a narrative of struggle, triumph and resistance brought to life through Hip Hop music. *Part 2 of 4. Under Siege.* Explore the 1980s and the birth of Hip Hop as social commentary in the Reagan Era with the emergence of artists such as Public Enemy, KRS-One, Ice-T and NWA.

**10:00 FRONTLINE: UKRAINE: LIFE UNDER RUSSIA'S ATTACK**—Marking the one-year anniversary of Russian's invasion of Ukraine, which began on February 24, 2022, *Frontline* updates its report on the Russian assault on Kharkiv, presenting an account through a year of war, told by civilians surviving underground and first responders risking their lives in Ukraine's second largest city.

## 15 Wednesday

**8:00 DOGS IN THE WILD, A NATURE MINISERIES**—*Part 2 of 3. Secrets of Success.* Discover the secrets to the canids' success, which enables them to survive and raise families in the most extreme locations. Black-backed jackals leap skywards to catch prey, Swift foxes hide in dens and African wild dogs vote on a hunt by sneezing.



**Wednesday, February 15 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
Science series *NOVA* presents *Ancient Builders of the Amazon*, which examines how archaeological discoveries are exploding the myth of the Amazon as a primeval wilderness, revealing traces of flourishing ancient civilizations with populations numbering in the millions.

- 9:00 NOVA: ANCIENT BUILDERS OF THE AMAZON** – Learn about how recent discoveries in archaeology are revealing traces of ancient civilizations that thrived for centuries, with populations in the millions.
- 10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: HANNIBAL IN THE ALPS** – Follow a team of experts as they solve the enduring mystery of exactly where Hannibal and his troops crossed the Alps to launch a surprise attack on Rome in the Second Punic War (218–204 BCE).

## 16 Thursday

- 8:00 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE: 4:50 FROM PADDINGTON** – Geraldine McEwan stars as Agatha Christie's shrewd English sleuth, Miss Marple. In this case, also known as *What Mrs. McGillicuddy Saw*, while on a rail trip, a passenger witnesses a murder on a passing train, but the police find no body. Marple takes the case.
- 9:30 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE: A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED** – Geraldine McEwan stars. A "pretend" murder at the home of Letitia Blacklock goes awry when she is killed and her assailant commits suicide. As Miss Marple searches for answers, a gathering of all the principals reveals that false identities abound.

## 17 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** – Repeats Sat 2/18, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 2/20, 7:30am
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – Episode 7 of 10. *George F. Will*. In an expansive conversation, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and journalist George F. Will shares his perspective on the political, social, and cultural trends that have shaped the national experience since 2008. Repeats Sun 2/19, 6:30pm
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: MOVIES FOR GROWNUPS AWARDS WITH AARP THE MAGAZINE** – Honor the best films and performances of 2022 that resonate with mature viewers with these Awards that encourage filmmaking with a grownup state of mind.

## 18 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK** – R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** – R
- 7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** – R
- 8AM–6PM** See the Saturday, February 4 listings.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** – R
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The TV quiz show showcases the academic achievements of local D.C.-area high school students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing are Holton-Arms, Dakton and Poolesville high schools. Repeats Mondays, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro
- 7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** – Episode 9 of 10. *Entrepreneur Bhu Srinivasan*.
- 8:00 THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG** – A WETA co-production retraces the 400-year-old story of the Black church in America with Harvard

scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., exploring its role as the site of African American organizing, resilience, autonomy, freedom and solidarity. *Part 2 of 2*. Discover how the Black church expanded its reach to address social inequality and minister to those in need – from the Jim Crow South to the heroic phase of the Civil Rights Movement – and the Black church's role in the present.

Repeats tonight, midnight; Sun 2/19, 11:30pm

- 10:00 UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: THE WILLIAM STILL STORY** – Learn how extraordinary people risked their lives to help fugitive slaves escape via the 19th-century clandestine Underground Railroad. Among them was William Still of Philadelphia, a free Black man who accepted delivery of transported crates containing "human cargo." This documentary reveals stories behind this humanitarian enterprise. Repeats tonight, 2am
- 11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** – Episode 7 of 10. Chosen. R
- 12M THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG** – Part 2 of 2. R

## 19 Sunday

**6AM–12N** See the Sunday, February 5 listings.

- 12N FANNIE LOU HAMER'S AMERICA: AN AMERICA REFRAMED SPECIAL** – Celebrate the life of Fannie Lou Hamer, a fearless Mississippi sharecropper-turned-trailblazing-human-rights-activist, and learn about the inequities in America that made her work essential. Hamer's harrowing encounters with injustice propelled her into leadership in the fight for voting rights.
- 1:30 IN THEIR OWN WORDS: CHUCK BERRY** – Explore the life of the artist behind the iconic music. By blending "hillbilly" music with R&B and writing impactful lyrics, Berry birthed a renaissance in popular music we now call Rock and Roll.
- 2:30 TULSA: THE FIRE AND THE FORGOTTEN** – A film presented on the 100th anniversary of the crime spotlights the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre and how the community is coming to terms with its past, present and future.
- 4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** – Episode 7 of 10. Chosen. R
- 5:00 THE CHAVIS CHRONICLES**
- 5:30 A SEAT AT THE TABLE**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. Repeats Monday, 7am
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – Episode 7 of 10. *George F. Will*. R
- 7:00 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 4** – In this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. Episode 5 of 10, *Neal Katyal, Lawyer*; plus a Series 3 encore.
- 8:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 6 of 7. *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. (Encore airing)
- 9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 7 of 7. *Merry Bloody Christmas*. It's Christmas at Skeldale and Siegfried has to decide whether to protect Tristan at the cost of River's welfare. Mrs. Hall decides she must face her feelings for Gerald.



**Sunday, February 19 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
WETA reprises the powerful documentary *Slavery By Another Name*, which explores the story of the labor practices and laws that effectively created a new form of slavery in the American South and persisted into the 20th century. Above: A man oversees convicts.



**10:00 SLAVERY BY ANOTHER NAME** – Learn the story of the post-Emancipation-era labor practices and laws that effectively created a new form of slavery in the South and persisted into the 20th century. Laurence Fishburne narrates the documentary, which is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas A. Blackmon. **Repeats Sun 2/26, 6:30pm**

**11:30 THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG** – Part 2 of 2. **R**

## 20 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CHEEKWOOD ESTATE & GARDENS, HOUR 2** – Visit Nashville for finds that include a Civil War Union soldier archive; Disneyland railroad hat badges, ca. 1957; and an art deco diamond, sapphire & pearl necklace, ca. 1925. One find is \$75,000 to \$85,000.

**9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3** – WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood series features new episodes. **Episode 7 of 12. Bethesda, MD.** Hosts Christine and John tour three distinctive Bethesda houses with realtor Dana Rice. First, see a bungalow-style starter home, then a colonial-inspired home, and finally, a 2000-built renovated home situated on a country lane. Hear from historians, meet a horticulturist from the local co-op, and visit the Josiah Henson Museum and Park.

**9:30 WETA ARTS** – See the February 6, 9:30 p.m. listing. **R**

**10:00 RUTHLESS: MONOPOLY'S SECRET HISTORY: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** – Discover the fascinating and unexpected history behind America's favorite board game. Part detective story and part pop culture commentary, the film explores what makes this game – a celebration of unbridled capitalism – such an enduring favorite.

## 21 Tuesday

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** – In a new season of this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. **Episode 8 of 10. And Still I Rise.** Gates reveals the unexpected family trees of activist Angela Y. Davis and statesman Jeh Johnson, using DNA and long-lost records to redefine notions of the Black experience – and challenge preconceptions of America's past.

**9:00 FIGHT THE POWER: HOW HIP HOP CHANGED THE WORLD** – This four-part social history series examines the story of Black America, exploring a narrative of struggle, triumph and resistance brought to life through the lens of Hip Hop music. **Part 3 of 4. Culture Wars.** Experience the 1990s during the Clinton years and the unstoppable rise in popularity of Hip Hop, which becomes a force that is attacked by all sides of the political establishment.

**10:00 FIGHT THE POWER: HOW HIP HOP CHANGED THE WORLD** – Part 4 of 4. **Still Fighting.** Follow the evolution of Hip Hop as its artists turn into multimillionaires and successful entrepreneurs. As a cultural phenomenon, Hip Hop continues to change history and is adopted as the voice of protest around the world.

## 22 Wednesday

**8:00 DOGS IN THE WILD, A NATURE MINISERIES** – Part 3 of 3. **Defending Wild Dogs.** Join the researchers making groundbreaking discoveries and going to extraordinary lengths to save wild canids around the world, from endangered wolves to injured African wild dogs.

**9:00 NOVA: NEW EYE ON THE UNIVERSE** – In July 2022, NASA's James Webb Space Telescope released its first images, looking further back in time than ever before to show our universe in stunning detail. **NOVA episode Ultimate Space Telescope** told the story of the development, launch and deployment of this most ambitious telescope ever made. This sequel program follows scientists as they peer deep in time to answer some of astronomy's biggest complex questions. How did the first stars and galaxies form? What role did supermassive black holes and dark matter play? And can we see the fingerprints of life in the atmospheres of distant exoplanets?



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

**Saturday, February 25 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS**

*The U.S. and the Holocaust: Insight and Understanding* illuminates themes in the 2022 WETA and Florentine Films co-production – directed by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein – that explores America's role before, during and after the catastrophe.

**10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: VIKING WARRIOR QUEEN** – Join a team of archaeologists as they examine one of the most significant Viking graves ever found and test the DNA of the remains of the female warrior buried inside, rewriting our understanding of Viking society.

## 23 Thursday

**8:00 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE: SLEEPING MURDER** – Geraldine McEwan stars as Agatha Christie's shrewd English sleuth, Miss Marple. A young woman visiting England is instinctively drawn to a particular house in a seaside village, where she confronts disturbing flashbacks to an unsolved murder there. She and Marple try to make sense of the mystery.

**9:30 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE: THE MOVING FINGER** – Geraldine McEwan stars. A brother and sister settling into a sleepy village become embroiled in a scandal surrounding poison-pen letters. When a local woman commits suicide as a result of one of the letters, Miss Marple believes that there is more to the case than meets the eye. Was it murder?

## 24 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** – **Repeats Sat 2/25, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 2/27, 7:30am**

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – **Episode 8 of 10. Stacy Schiff.** Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stacy Schiff uncovers the truths behind the mythology of the infamous Salem Witch Trials, connecting the influences that this dark chapter in Colonial America had on the future republic.

**9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: THE MAGIC OF SPIRITUALS** – Glimpse behind the curtain at opera legends Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman's famed concert at Carnegie Hall on March 18, 1990. The program features performance clips and interviews with opera star Angel Blue, Met Opera General Manager Peter Gelb, and others.

**10:30 WETA ARTS** – See the February 6, 9:30 p.m. listing. **R**

## 25 Saturday

**6AM WASHINGTON WEEK** – **R**

**6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** – **R**

**7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** – **R**

**8AM THE AGING BREAKTHROUGH WITH DR. KELLYANN** – Nutrition expert and naturopath Dr. Kellyann Petrucci explores how to slow down the aging process. She reveals her blueprint, introducing a powerful ingredient that helps replenish skin and draws on the science of the gut-skin axis – a healthy gut may be one of the most powerful secrets to weight loss and anti-aging. **Repeats Sun 2/26, 11:30pm**

**10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – See tonight's 7 p.m. listing.

**10:30 MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** – In this program, award-winning psychiatrist, neuroscientist and 10-time *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen explains how to supercharge memory and remember what matters most to you. The process of strengthening your memory is based on treating and



**Sunday, February 26 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS**

*Les Misérables: The Staged Concert* presents a 2019 concert version of the blockbuster musical – filmed in London's Gielgud Theatre.

overcoming major risk factors that destroy the brain's capacities. **Repeats Sun 2/26, 4pm**

**12:30 LES MISÉRABLES: THE STAGED CONCERT** – See the Sunday, February 26, 8 p.m. listing.

**4:00 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 about key actions. Topics include when to retire, how to save and invest for retirement, Social Security strategy, long-term care insurance, and more.

**Repeats Sun 2/26, 6am; Tue 2/28, 10pm**

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK – R**

**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The TV quiz show showcases the academic achievements of local D.C.-area high school students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. **Competing this week are DeMatha, Langley and Loudoun County high schools. Repeats Mondays, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**

**7:30 RICK STEVES: WHY WE TRAVEL** – Travel expert Rick Steves offers up a love note to travel, celebrating the value of exploring our world – whether as a tourist, a traveler or a pilgrim. Featuring vivid footage from around the globe, the special also illustrates why travel is important as we emerge from the pandemic.

**8:00 THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST: INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING** – Gain a deeper understanding of the three-part WETA and Florentine Films documentary that explores America's response to one of the greatest atrocities of the 20th century. Featuring insights from filmmakers Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, we learn how the creative team made decisions about who to interview and what to include to shape this landmark film. Exploring a range of questions relevant to society today, the program reveals how the film can be used as a tool to bring critical conversations about the Holocaust into American homes and classrooms.

**Repeats Sun 2/26, 1pm**

**10:00 CELINE DION: TAKING CHANCES WORLD TOUR-THE CONCERT** – Relive the magical moments of the iconic singer's 2008-2009 Taking Chances World Tour, which opened in February 2008 in South Africa and then rolled through Asia, Australia, Europe, Canada and the U.S. – five continents, 25 countries, 93 cities, and more than three million spectators. Dion performs her greatest hits on stage, from the energetic opening track "I Drove All Night" to the moving finale ballad "My Heart Will Go On."

**11:30 YOUNG FOREVER WITH MARK HYMAN, MD** – Learn dozens of science-based strategies and tips from functional medicine practitioner Dr. Mark Hyman, who offers a revolutionary, practical guide to creating and sustaining health – for life. **Repeats Sun 2/26, 8am; Tue 2/28, 3pm**

## 26 Sunday

**6AM SUZE ORMAN'S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE – R**

**8AM YOUNG FOREVER WITH DR. MARK HYMAN – R**

**10AM MY MUSIC: JOHN SEBASTIAN PRESENTS: FOLK REWIND** – A music special spotlights the singers and songwriters of the classic 1950s and 1960s folk era. Presented by John Sebastian of The Lovin' Spoonful, the program features a trove of performances by artists such as Pete Seeger, Judy Collins, Harry Belafonte, Trini Lopez, Rod McKuen, Bobby Darin, The Kingston Trio and others.

**12N AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY** – See the Monday, February 27, 8 p.m. listing.

**1:00 THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST: INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING – R**

**3:00 EASY YOGA FOR ARTHRITIS WITH PEGGY CAPPY** – The yoga expert demonstrates safe and effective yoga exercises designed to address arthritis problems. **Repeats Mon 2/27, 4pm**

**4:00 MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD – R**

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**

**6:30 SLAVERY BY ANOTHER NAME – R**

**8:00 LES MISÉRABLES: THE STAGED CONCERT** – Coinciding with the world-famous musical's 35th year in London's West End, Cameron Mackintosh produced this spectacular staged concert version filmed live in 2019 at the Gielgud Theatre. The production features Michael Ball as Javert, Alfie Boe as Jean Valjean, Carrie Hope Fletcher as Fantine, and Matt Lucas as Thénardier. Based on Victor Hugo's 1862 novel, *Les Misérables* features the stories of individuals struggling for redemption and revolution. The score includes the songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "Bring Him Home," "One Day More" and "On My Own." **Repeats Mon 2/27, 9:30pm**

**11:30 THE AGING BREAKTHROUGH WITH DR. KELLYANN – R**

## 27 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

**8:00 AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY**

– Join Miranda Esmonde-White to learn how simply incorporating gentle flexibility and range of motion exercises can improve posture and help reverse the signs of aging, improve organ health, and increase energy. This program examines how sitting less and moving more is vital to good posture and every aspect of life. **Repeats Tue 2/28, midnight**

**9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3** – WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood series features new episodes. **Episode 8 of 12. Logan Circle, DC.** Accompanied by realtor Daryl Judy, hosts Christine and John tour homes in Logan Circle. First, visit a lovely light-filled two-bedroom condo with a loft and rooftop terrace. Next, see a chic modern condo with beautiful updates. And finally, tour a four-bedroom townhome with architectural arches throughout. Learn about the evolution of the Logan Circle neighborhood from local business owners and residents who have experienced the transformation of the area.

**9:30 LES MISÉRABLES: THE STAGED CONCERT – R**

## 28 Tuesday

**8:00 BLACK BROADWAY: A PROUD HISTORY, A LIMITLESS FUTURE** – Celebrate legendary performances and roles made famous by Black artists as well as the new generation of Black Broadway stars. An acclaimed cast performs classic songs from *The Wiz*, *The Color Purple*, *Company*, *Porgy & Bess*, *Ain't Misbehavin'* and more at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium.

**10:00 SUZE ORMAN'S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE – R**

**12M AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY**

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#### WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS KIDS

- Clifford the Big Red Dog, 6am
- Elinor Wonders Why, 6:30am
- Dinosaur Train, 7am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 7:30am, 8am
- Sesame Street, 8:30am, 9am
- **Work It Out Wombats!**, 9:30am
- Rosie's Rules, 10am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 10:30am, 11am
- Curious George, 11:30am, 12n
- Donkey Hodie, 12:30pm, 1pm
- **Work It Out Wombats!**, 1:30pm
- Rosie's Rules, 2pm
- Alma's Way, 2:30pm, 3pm
- Nature Cat, 3:30pm, 4pm
- Arthur, 4:30pm, 5pm
- Odd Squad, 5:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 6pm, 6:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 7pm, 7:30pm
- Cyberchase, 8pm
- Hero Elementary, 8:30pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 9pm
- Let's Go Luna! 9:30pm

#### On Fridays:

- **Not Too Late Show with Elmo + Shorts**, 6:30pm
- **WETA PBS Kids Family Night**, 7-10pm

Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) for complete WETA PBS Kids listings.

#### WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS, 8 AM - 3 PM

- Wild Kratts, 8am
- Curious George, 8:30am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 9am
- Rosie's Rules, 9:30am
- Sesame Street, 10am
- **Work It Out Wombats!**, 10:30am
- Donkey Hodie, 11am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 11:30am
- Elinor Wonders Why, 12n
- Nature Cat, 12:30pm
- Hero Elementary, 1pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 1:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 2pm
- Alma's Way, 2:30pm

#### SUNDAYS ON WETA PBS, 6 AM - 9 AM

- Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, 6am
- Arthur, 6:30am
- Molly of Denali, 7am
- Wild Kratts, 7:30am
- Hero Elementary, 8am
- Alma's Way, 8:30am



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## Work It Out Wombats!

New series premieres February 6

9:30 a.m./1:30 p.m. weekdays on WETA PBS Kids;  
10:30 a.m. weekdays on WETA PBS

The new WETA PBS Kids animated preschool series *Work It Out Wombats!* follows an energetic trio of marsupial siblings — Malik, Zadie and Zeke — who live with their grandmother (named Super) in a fantastical treehouse apartment complex called the Treeborhood (below). The residents of the complex — wombats, snakes, moose, kangaroos, iguanas, fish, tarsiers and eagles — bring varied skills, abilities, traditions, assorted ways of thinking, and different family structures to this diverse and vibrant community of neighbors. The playful trio demonstrates computational thinking (CT) for preschoolers, a way of thinking that enables them to solve problems, express themselves, and accomplish tasks using the practices, processes and ideas at the core of computer science. In each story, the characters learn while discovering an exciting new challenge that puts their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test. Their aspirations will sometimes exceed their proficiency, but they stop, take a breath, put their heads together and figure out a fix — using the design process, sequencing, debugging and other key elements of computational thinking.



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## British Television at Its Best

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## FEBRUARY P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

Feb. 12: "I Love WETA UK Weekend" spotlights favorite heroines in drama & mystery!

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>12pm</b>	Landscape Artist of the Year (2/5); Queen's Garden (2/19); Location, Location, ... (2/26)	McLeod's Daughters	McLeod's Daughters	McLeod's Daughters	McLeod's Daughters	McLeod's Daughters	• Inside the Mind of Agatha Christie (2/4) • The Queen's Garden (2/18) • Escape to the Chateau, Series 4 (2/25)
<b>12:30pm</b>							
<b>1pm</b>	Inside the Mind of A. Christie (2/5); Blitz Spirit (2/19, 2 hrs.); Escape to the Chateau (2/26)	A Place to Call Home	A Place to Call Home	A Place to Call Home	A Place to Call Home	A Place to Call Home	Hamish Macbeth, Series 3 & 1 (except 2/11)
<b>1:30pm</b>							
<b>2pm</b>	• The Story of Queen Victoria (2/5) • Ancient Sites (2/26)	The Story of Queen Victoria (2/6); Blitz Spirit (2/13, 2 hrs.); Ancient Sites (2/20, 2/27)	Hamish Macbeth, Series 3 & 1	Foyle's War, Series 3	Midsomer Murders, Series 20	McLeod's Daughters, Series 2	• Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime (2/4, 2/18) • 20 Things to Do in Midsomer... (2/25)
<b>2:30pm</b>							
<b>3pm</b>	Hamish Macbeth, Series 3 & 1 (except 2/12)	• The Queen's Garden (2/6) • Escape to the Chateau (as of 2/20)	Doc Martin, Series 2	Midsomer Murders, Series 20	• Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime • 20 Things to Do in Midsomer... (2/23)	Death in Paradise, Series 9	McLeod's Daughters, Series 2 (except 2/11)
<b>3:30pm</b>							
<b>4pm</b>	Death in Paradise, Series 9 (except 2/12)	• Landscape Artist of the Year • Location, Location, Location (starts 2/20)	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1	• Sanditon, Series 1 on Masterpiece • Death in Paradise, Series 9 (as of 2/8)	Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 5	The Coroner, Series 1 & 2	Death in Paradise, Series 9 (except 2/11)
<b>4:30pm</b>							
<b>5pm</b>	Foyle's War, Series 3 & 4 (except 2/12)	BBC World News Outside Source	BBC World News Outside Source	BBC World News Outside Source	BBC World News Outside Source	BBC World News Today	Foyle's War, Series 3 & 4 (except 2/11)
<b>5:30pm</b>		BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	
<b>6pm</b>	Les Misérables on Masterpiece (2/5, 2/19, 90 min. on 2/26)	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Les Misérables on Masterpiece (except 2/11; 90 min. on 2/25)
<b>6:30pm</b>		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By (restarts 2/7)	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	
<b>7pm</b>	Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece (2/5, 2/19)	• Landscape Artist of the Year • Location, Location, Location (as of 2/13)	• Landscape Artist of the Year • Location, Location, Location (as of 2/7)	• Landscape Artist of the Year • Location, Location, Location (as of 2/8)	• Landscape Artist of the Year • Location, Location, Location (as of 2/9)	• Landscape Artist of the Year • Location, Location, Location (as of 2/10)	Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece (2/4, 2/18)
<b>7:30pm</b>							
<b>8pm</b>	• The Story of Queen Victoria (2/5) • Ancient Sites of the World (as of 2/19)	Hamish Macbeth, Series 3 (Series 1 starts 2/20)	<b>Foreign Favourites</b>  • 8pm: Hotel Portofino	Midsomer Murders, Series 20	McLeod's Daughters, Series 2	<b>Masterworks Showcase</b> • 8pm: Foyle's War, Series 3 (Series 4 starts 2/24)	Yorkshire Vet (except 2/11; repeats 11pm)
<b>8:30pm</b>							
<b>9pm</b>	• The Queen's Garden 2/5) • Escape to the Chateau, Series 4 (as of 2/19)	Doc Martin, Series 2	• 9pm: Love, Inevitably	• Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime • 20 Things to Do in Midsomer... (2/22)	Death in Paradise, Series 9	• 9pm: Les Misérables on Masterpiece (90 min. on 2/24)	
<b>9:30pm</b>							
<b>10pm</b>	• Landscape Artist of the Year (2/5) • Location, Location, Location (as of 2/19)	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1	• 10pm: Before We Die, Series 2 (2/7)  • 10pm: La Otra Mirada, Series 1 (starts 2/14)	Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 5	The Coroner, Series 1 (Series 2 starts 2/16)	• 10pm: Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece (through 2/17)	
<b>10:30pm</b>							
<b>11pm</b>	Still Open All Hours (two episodes)	BBC World News		BBC World News	BBC World News	BBC World News	
<b>11:30pm</b>		Hamish Macbeth, Ser. 3 (Series 1 starts 2/20)	BBC World News (11pm on 2/7)	Midsomer Murders, Series 20	McLeod's Daughters, Series 2	Foyle's War, Series 3 & 4	
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Sat, Feb. 11 • 6am: **Frankie Drake**; 8:30am: **Miss Fisher**; 11am: **Emma**; 3:30pm: **Miss Marple**; 7pm: **Miss Scarlet, Season 1**  
Sun, Feb. 12 • 6am: **Sister Boniface** (repeats 12:30am); 10am: **Pride and Prejudice**; 4:30pm: **Downton Abbey, Season 1**



# WETA UK Highlights



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## "I Love WETA UK Weekend" Features Iconic Heroines

**All Day February 11 & 12 on WETA UK**

**A**s fans of WETA UK, you know how much there is to love about this channel, including the lavish dramas, the intriguing mysteries and the superb *characters*. Join us on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12 for our annual "I Love WETA UK Weekend" as we celebrate your favorite small-screen heroines. Tune in for a great line-up of programs featuring iconic female characters such as Miss Scarlet, Miss Fisher, Miss Marple, Frankie Drake and Sister Boniface. And what would a weekend spotlighting female characters be without Jane Austen adaptations (*Emma* and *Pride and Prejudice*) or *Masterpiece's Downton Abbey*? Tune in as the women we love on WETA UK take center stage. See page 16 for timings.

## Location, Location, Location

**Weeknights at 7 p.m. starting Feb. 7, and Sundays at 10 p.m.  
as of Feb. 19 on WETA UK; stream with WETA Passport**

**W**orldwide hit reality series *Location, Location, Location* features British property experts Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer helping struggling house-hunters find their dream home. The realty duo knows all the secrets of successful house-hunting: being clear about what you want, aiming high, and being prepared to compromise. From auction houses and estate agencies, to websites and word-of-mouth, they leave no stone unturned in their quest for the best on behalf of buyers in each show. First premiering in 2000, the series is one of the U.K.'s most enduring programs and won a BAFTA for Best Factual Program in 2005. Fifty episodes are available for binge-viewing with WETA Passport.



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## Death in Paradise, Series 9

**Thursdays at 9 p.m. starting February 2 on WETA UK**

**W**ETA UK reprises a recent season of the popular mystery drama *Death in Paradise* in which Detective Inspector Jack Mooney (Ardal O'Hanlon) passes the baton. Mooney, after settling into life on the fictional Caribbean island of Saint Marie, is unsettled by a romantic encounter that prompts soul-searching and departure for him. With the team in need of a new DI, enter Neville Parker (Ralf Little, left), a brilliant investigator with an incomparable intellect. The only problem is that Neville is allergic to everything and reluctant to leave his comfort zone. This makes the Caribbean a nightmare for him, and making sense of Neville is a nightmare for his team as it probes baffling cases of murder.

## Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1

**Mondays at 10 p.m. on WETA UK**

**R**estarting on February 6 is *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*, the popular Australian mystery-drama series adapted from Kerry Greenwood's novels and starring Essie Davis as protagonist Miss Phryne Fisher. A thoroughly modern woman of the late 1920s, the highly independent, glamorous private detective probes cases that take her through the back alleys, jazz clubs and shady markets of Melbourne, to the dismay of her reluctant police collaborator DI Jack Robinson (Nathan Page). Fisher ignores danger, but beneath her devil-may-care attitude, she hides ghosts from the past. Series 1 features 13 episodes.

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**Also in February:** WETA UK reprises reality series *Escape to the Chateau, Season 4*, Sundays at 9 p.m. starting Feb. 19, and presents more Saturday, 8-11 p.m. episodes of *The Yorkshire Vet*, which spotlights the original veterinary practice featured in *All Creatures Great and Small*.



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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*Stream at [weta.org/livestream](https://weta.org/livestream) or via the PBS Video App*



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## Independent Lens: Chasing Trane

**Thursday, Feb. 9 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA Metro**

Made with the support of the Coltrane family, the film *Chasing Trane* spotlights music legend John Coltrane, an outside-the-box thinker whose boundary-shattering music continues to influence people around the world. This portrait of a remarkable jazz artist reveals the critical events, passions, experiences and challenges that shaped the life of the saxophonist and his revolutionary sounds. It is a story of demons and darkness, of persistence and redemption — and the journey of a spiritual warrior who found himself, found God and, in the process, created an extraordinary body of work. Coltrane's words are spoken in the film by Denzel Washington.



Toni Morrison

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## Black Icons on *American Masters*

**In February on WETA Metro; some films stream**

Biography series *American Masters* presents profiles of Black cultural icons in February. *Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me* (Feb. 2, 8 p.m./Feb. 4, 9:30 p.m.) spotlights the famed entertainer's vast talent and his journey for identity in 20th-century America. The film *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am* (Feb. 11, 8 p.m.) explores the powerful themes the author confronted in her literary career. *Marian Anderson: The Whole World in Her Hands* (Feb. 18, 8 p.m.) chronicles the life of the singer who became an icon for the Civil Rights Movement. In the film *James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket* (Feb. 18, 10 p.m.) the writer and civil rights activist recounts his life, works and beliefs, relating what it was like to be born Black, impoverished, gifted and gay in his era.



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## Independent Lens: The Picture Taker

**Sat., Feb. 4 on WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App**

The vibrant life of Ernest Withers was anything but black and white. He had an unlikely résumé for an African American photographer in the 1960s — soldier, police officer, civil rights activist, and paid FBI informant — but complex times spawn complicated stories. From his Memphis studio, Withers developed nearly 2 million images that came to illustrate America's civil rights stories. But perhaps the push and pull of history is best illuminated by Withers' lesser-known work, decades of secret FBI service uncovered only after his death. From the flashpoint of an American saga, *The Picture Taker* presents a tale from in front of, and behind, the camera.

WETA Metro features a wide slate of programming presented in celebration of Black History Month. Visit [weta.org/blackhistory](https://weta.org/blackhistory) to find descriptions and airtimes for programs across WETA's channels.



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*

## America ReFramed

**Thursdays at 8 p.m. on WETA World**

WETA World presents nearly 100 programs marking Black History Month; visit [weta.org/blackhistory](http://weta.org/blackhistory) to learn more. Among the offerings, Thursday-night documentary series *America ReFramed* premieres two new programs.

***Big Chief, Black Hawk*** (Feb. 16) follows a high school senior and the youngest Mardi Gras Indian Big Chief in New Orleans. During COVID-19, he and the Black Hawk Hunters navigate the impacts of gentrification and systemic racism on their annual masking tradition. Then, ***The Death of My Two Fathers*** (Feb. 23) follows a man who after 20 years finally watches his late Black father's videotapes, a final testimony, and embarks on a personal journey of healing and reconciliation. The program reveals the complexities of identity, the persistence of racial trauma, and more.



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## Ida B. Wells: American Stories

**Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. on WETA World**

There are few historical figures whose life and work speak to the current moment more than Ida B. Wells, the 19th-century crusading investigative journalist, civil rights leader and passionate suffragist. In the wake of her recent posthumous Pulitzer Prize citation, a Chicago street naming, and the release of her biography by her great-granddaughter Michelle Duster, this hour-long documentary tells Wells' story as never before. The film paints a deeply humanizing portrait of a woman who was uncompromising in her quest for justice. The program tells her story through interviews with her descendants and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones.



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## Bonnie Boswell Presents: A Conversation with Pastor James Lawson and Attorney Bryan Stevenson

**Monday, Feb. 20 at 9 p.m. on WETA World**

This program presents a special conversation between two of the most transformative figures in America and Bonnie Boswell, an award-winning producer/reporter and talk show host. One guest, Pastor James Lawson, was called the "leading non-violent theorist in the world" by Martin Luther King, Jr. The other, attorney Bryan Stevenson, was named "America's Mandela," by South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Though several generations apart, both share an unyielding passion for peace and justice.




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Bonnie Boswell

## First and Last Masterworks on NSO Showcase

Wednesday, February 1 at 9 p.m.

**F**ebruary's *NSO Showcase* features two massive symphonic masterworks: Mahler's first and Brahms' last. As the music director of the National Symphony Orchestra, Gianandrea Noseda has said, "Mahler's First Symphony is a 'fantastic journey,' ending with blazing horns playing 'bells in the air.'" Host Nicole Lacroix notes, "principal bass Robert Oppelt shines in Gustav Mahler's famous and difficult 3rd movement solo; an ironic, minor key take on the children's tune 'Frère Jacques.'" "Ironic too," she says, "because the episode describes a funeral procession for a hunter, attended by forest animals, inspired by Moritz Ludwig von Schwind's 1850 woodcut



'The Hunter's Funeral Procession' (above). Johannes Brahms' last symphony, his 4th, is a masterpiece of such staggering power that Leonard Bernstein once devoted a 38-minute lecture to the first movement alone, stating that Brahms succeeded in creating a miracle of musical alchemy: 'something out of nothing.'" *NSO Showcase* airs the first Wednesday of the month at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.

## Choral Showcase Presents Spiritual Songs

Sunday, February 12 at 9 p.m.

**"M**y highlight of the month is the February 12 show, 'Spiritual Songs,' which will include music composed by, or inspired by, two Christian mystics," says *Choral Showcase* host Bill Bukowski. First, from the 12th century: St. Hildegard of Bingen (left, receiving divine inspiration), an abbess, polymath, and composer, whose powerful visions were recorded in a series of pieces she called *Symphoniae*, or "Spiritual Songs," which are some of the oldest surviving musical texts in Western music — making her one of history's first composers. The other great mystic, from the 16th century, is St. Teresa of Avila. Her meditations on human and divine love are woven into a 2013 cantata by Robert Kyr called *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Also included in the program are performances by Sequentia; and Craig Hella Johnson conducts the ensemble Conspirare. *Choral Showcase* airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.



Hildegard of Bingen

## Haydn and Mendelssohn on Front Row Washington

Monday, February 13 at 9 p.m.

**H**ost and producer John Bather says: "This month, don't miss a stellar trio of sisters with the McDermott Trio, in a performance from the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Hailed for their 'dazzling virtuosity and beautifully integrated ensemble,' the McDermott Trio has been recognized as one of the most exciting trios of their generation." The performance will feature Franz Joseph Haydn's *Sonata for Piano in G Major* and Felix Mendelssohn's *Trio for Piano and Strings in C Minor*. *Front Row Washington* airs each Monday at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.



Pianist  
Anne-Marie McDermott

**Also this month:** *Opera Matinee* presents a special celebration of Franco Zeffirelli, Saturday, February 11 at 1 p.m. on WETA Classical. The broadcast marks the film, stage and opera director's contributions to Metropolitan Opera productions through many decades. The following Saturday, February 18 at 9 p.m., the weekly broadcast *Center Stage from Wolf Trap* features the Miró String Quartet performing *Home* by celebrated American composer Kevin Puts, and Ravel's *Quartet in F Major*, influenced by Claude Debussy.



# Classical for Washington

## (R)omantic and (r)omantic Music

By James Jacobs, Evening On-Air Host

Once saw the great Hungarian singer Márta Sebestyén perform on Valentine's Day. She began the concert by saying “the reason so many love songs are sad is because when one is happy one is too busy making love to sing.”

This points to a real dilemma facing those of us tasked with presenting music themed for February 14. What is romantic music? Does one offer music to accompany a romantic dinner? Music with which to ponder the nature of love and passion? Music that tells a specific story about love?

**This month all the WETA Classical hosts will be sharing their thoughts and their favorite romantic pieces on WETA Classical's “Classical Score” blog — at [classicalscore.org](http://classicalscore.org). We will publish their music selections and suggestions on February 13 with an embedded playlist in time for the holiday.**

It should be noted that when I use the word “romantic” I am not referring specifically to the Romantic period of music in the 19th century. The word “Romantic” in that sense refers to the idea of romance as *adventure*, in which one's amorous trysts have to wait until one has slain the dragon or performed some other action of derring-do.

But of course love can be its own adventure. One of the earliest pieces of Western music to explore this concept is composer and poet Guillaume de Machaut's *Le remède de fortune*, an illuminated manuscript from 1350 that tells the story, in poetry, notated music and illustrations, of a young man struggling to overcome his shyness to present the song he has written to the lady of his affections. Its psychological insight and use of mixed media was extraordinarily forward-looking and still holds up (a new excellent recording of it was just released by the group Blue Heron). Two other composers who wrote vocal music that combines sensuality with the depth of emotional wisdom are Monteverdi, particularly in his solo madrigals, and Mozart, especially in his arias for the women characters from his operas that he himself seems to be in love with, such as Susanna from *Le nozze di Figaro* and Zerlina from *Don Giovanni*.

As for the actual Romantic era, I find *its* vocal music compelling but often too depressing to be a celebration of love, since it generally describes unrequited passions. For me as a listener, the era's musical engagement is best found in intimate compositions for chamber ensemble. One critic summed up this style when he said of Brahms' *Trio for Clarinet, Cello and Piano* that “the instruments sound as if they are in love with one another.” It's as if only on the abstract plane of instrumental music that these composers could fully unleash the depth of their yearnings.

We would love to hear about your favorite music for Valentine's Day! Share your thoughts on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter via @WETAClassical.



Machaut's *Le remède de fortune*

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