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TOM JONES

Sundays, April 30-May 21 at 9 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

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Plus more new episodes of WETA history series *Iconic America*
and WETA local travel series *Get Out of Town* in May

WETA Focus



In May, the exciting WETA co-production *Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein* and our new local travel series *Get Out of Town* both continue, presenting more new episodes. We are delighted that viewers nationwide are riveted by our friend and production partner David Rubenstein's fascinating history series, and that WETA audiences in Greater Washington are enjoying our vibrant local show's illuminating regional road trips.

We have many other engaging programs lined up for you as well. In the early morning hours of May 6, we feature special live BBC coverage of the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla — and at 8 p.m. that evening, we bring you a coronation highlights program that condenses the morning coverage. We also proudly bring you the traditional broadcast *National Memorial Day Concert*, live from the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. In history and culture presentations, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with

a slate of superb programs across our channels WETA PBS, WETA Metro and WETA World — the latter alone featuring more than 75 themed films.

In arts, science and drama strands, a wide array of educational and entertaining offerings await you — from Shakespeare on stage and celebrations of Broadway on *Great Performances*, to nature programs that include Scandinavian explorations and a new film with Sir David Attenborough, from a classic work of literature adapted on *Masterpiece* to many gripping mysteries.

Enjoy our May programming, and thank you for your support.

Sharon Percy Rockefeller

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President and Chief Executive Officer, WETA

National Memorial Day Concert 2023

**WETA co-production airs Sunday, May 28 at 8 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App**

N*ational Memorial Day Concert*, the national night of remembrance that WETA helps present to the nation via PBS, returns live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise host the program. A decades-long tradition, the 90-minute broadcast — a co-production of WETA and Capital Concerts — features personal stories and tributes interwoven with musical performances, honoring the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, military families, and all those who have given their lives for our country. As of press time, the 34th annual broadcast is slated to feature actors Mary McCormack, S. Epatha Merkerson and Dulé Hill; Broadway star Megan Hilty; gospel music star Yolanda Adams; recording artist Jimmie Allen; country music star Jo Dee Messina; the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of top pops conductor Jack Everly; and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Special segments include “Paying Tribute to Gold Star Families”; “Vietnam War POWs 50th Anniversary”; and “70th Anniversary Korean War Armistice.”

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



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WETA TV Highlights

Tom Jones on Masterpiece

Sundays at 9 p.m., April 30-May 21 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
binge-watch with WETA Passport

Two lovers follow their hearts in a joyful new *Masterpiece* adaptation of author Henry Fielding's classic story of a young man and his infatuation with a beautiful young woman from a wealthy family. Full of laughter and romance, the sparkling four-part drama — written by BAFTA nominee Gwyneth Hughes (*Vanity Fair*) — brings mid-18th-century England to life in all its passion and prejudice, luxury and loose morals. Humor is a hallmark of Fielding's novel, which has been a bestseller for nearly three centuries.

Solly McLeod (*House of the Dragon*) stars as the resourceful title character, with Sophie Wilde (*You Don't Know Me*) portraying the beautiful, seemingly unattainable love of his life, Sophia Western. Tom is a foundling of uncertain parentage, while Sophia is an heiress; in their era, their class differences complicate their journey to find each other. Emmy winner Hannah Waddingham (*Ted Lasso*), at lower right, portrays iconic seductress Lady Bellaston.

The cast also includes James Fleet as Tom's adoptive father, Squire Allworthy; and Alun Armstrong as Squire Western, who is Sophia's grandfather. Felicity Montagu plays Allworthy's sister, Bridget, with James Wilbraham as her odious son, William Blifil, Tom's antagonist. Playing Sophia's aunts are Shirley Henderson and Tamzin Merchant. When banished, Tom leaves for London. Not far behind him, Sophia heads there to escape a forced marriage to Blifil and to seek the protection of her aunts.



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Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Visit weta.org/asian-pacific to learn more.

WETA marks Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a special slate of programs that include the Peabody Award-winning five-part WETA co-production *Asian Americans*, which explores the impact of Asian Americans on the country's past, present and future, told through individual lives and personal histories. **Below are programs on WETA PBS only; on both WETA PBS and WETA Metro (in red); and on WETA Metro only (in blue):**

Asian Americans Saturdays, 5/13, 5/20 & 5/27, 8 p.m.;

repeating midnight + Sundays 5/14, 5/21 & 5/28, 11pm

American Masters: Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir Sat 5/27, 9 pm,

repeating 1am + Sun 5/28, midnight

Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March Tue 5/2, 10pm

American Masters: Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV

Tue 5/16, 9pm

Fanny: The Right to Rock Mon 5/22, 10pm; Sat 5/27, 8pm

The Story of China Thur 5/4, 11 & 18, 8pm; Rpts Sundays, 11pm

American Experience: Mr. Tornado Sat 5/6, 10pm



Ito Sisters: An American Story Thur 5/11, 10pm

Independent Lens: Free Chol Soo Lee Sat 5/13, 9:30pm

Independent Lens: Hidden Letters Sat 5/20, 9:30pm

American Masters: Waterman - Duke: Ambassador of Aloha

Thur 5/25, 8pm; Rpts Sun 5/28, 11pm

Unsettled History: America, China and the Doolittle Tokyo Raid

Thur 5/25, 10pm

POV: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs Sat 5/27, 9:30pm

Also find more than 75 Heritage Month programs on WETA World this month.

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ICONIC AMERICA

OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES

WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN



**New WETA co-production airs Wednesdays,
May 3, 10 & 17 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS &
WETA Metro; streams on the PBS App**

The fascinating American history series *Iconic America*, a WETA co-production, continues with three additional episodes in May that illuminate the stories behind more of the nation's icons, symbols, and places, tracing the arc of their resonance. Airing this month are programs spotlighting the Hollywood Sign, the Gadsden Flag, and the Cowboy, exploring how those archetypes came to be associated with particular ideas, took on significance, and became widely known in public consciousness.

- In *The Hollywood Sign* (May 3), learn how a Los Angeles real estate advertisement erected in 1923 became an international symbol of fame, fortune, and the American dream.
- In *The Gadsden Flag* (May 10), discover how the "Don't Tread on Me" flag, such a potent symbol of independence, has been co-opted by a wide variety of Americans over its long history.
- In *The Cowboy* (May 17), examine the myths and realities of this archetype of the quintessential American, which remains as potent a symbol as ever in the 21st century.

Guiding the series is David Rubenstein — co-founder of The Carlyle Group, patriotic philanthropist, lifelong student of history, and the series' host and executive producer. A proponent of civics and history education in the United States, Rubenstein — on right above, speaking with Christopher Hawthorne, chief design officer for the City of Los Angeles, in the May 3 episode — visits special places around the country in each program to meet and engage with historical thinkers, community members, and subject matter experts. Together, they explore each symbol and its story, how its meaning has changed over time, and how Americans identify with it, using these icons as a gateway to understanding America's past and present.

Stay tuned this summer for four additional episodes slated to premiere in July and August, spotlighting the Statue of Liberty, the American Bald Eagle, Stone Mountain, and the Golden Gate Bridge. *Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein* is a production of Show of Force, DMR Productions, and WETA. Visit the project's website at pbs.org/iconicamerica; and engage with the series on social media using the hashtag #IconicAmericaPBS.

Funding for *Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein* is provided by The Zohar and Lisa Ben-Dov Family through the Luminescence Foundation.

Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets

**Sundays, May 14 & 21 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App**

In a reprised series from BBC and PBS, popular historian and presenter Lucy Worsley travels across Britain and Europe visiting palaces, castles and battlefields where royal history was made. *Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets* this month focuses on the stories of three notable women and their roles in historical events. On **May 14 at 8 p.m.**, join Worsley for an exploration of how **Elizabeth I's** image as a warrior queen, created by a series of myths and secrets about her victory over the Spanish Armada, shaped British national identity for centuries. On **May 14 at 10 p.m.**, find out why **Marie Antoinette** is often blamed for causing the French Revolution; Worsley uncovers what led the doomed queen to the guillotine. On **May 21 at 8 p.m.**, learn about **Queen Anne** and the formation of Great Britain; why has her important role faded from history?



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**WETA local travel series airs Mondays
in May at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS,
8 p.m. on WETA Metro; stream
on the PBS App and weta.org**

In May, WETA's new local travel and adventure series *Get Out of Town* presents the final four episodes of Season One. Join D.C.-area mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee as they go on fun road trips to amazing destinations within a half-day's drive from the nation's capital. Learn about where to go, where to stay, where to eat, and what adventures await on a diverting getaway! Stream the May episodes (and catch up on April's) at weta.org or via the PBS App.

Harpers Ferry, WV • Monday, May 1

From white-water rafting down the Shenandoah with River Riders to touring Harpers Ferry history sites, this destination is full of surprises. Hosts Laurita and Lauren stay at the Clarion Inn and the Rockhaven B&B; get a bread-making lesson at Bolivar Bread Bakery; and dine at Snallygasters Café and Wine Bar, and the White Horse Tavern.

Charlottesville, VA • Monday, May 8

The hosts explore Laurita's college town. The two dine at Bodo's Bagels and Angelo's Kitchen and stay at The Clifton and The Draftsman hotels. They also go horseback riding with Indian Summer Guide Service through Veritas Vineyards and Winery, enjoy a wine and food tasting, and take a tour of Monticello.

Philadelphia, PA • Monday, May 15

Spectacular food and a visit steeped in history, plus a run up the famous *Rocky* steps, are on the itinerary as hosts Laurita and Lauren visit Philadelphia. Among their adventures are making cheesesteaks at Campo's, taking a Founding Footsteps Tour, and stopping in at Shane Confectionery, plus stays at Center City's Guild House Hotel and The Notary Hotel.

Shenandoah Valley, VA • Monday, May 22

Laurita and Lauren head to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and enjoy beautiful views of the countryside. They visit Skyland Restaurant at Shenandoah National Park, and Luray Caverns; go ATV-riding with Appalachian Adventures; eat at Hank's Grille & Catering; and stay at The Mimslyn Inn and the Massanutten Resort.

Tune in Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at 8 p.m. for a *Get Out of Town* Marathon!

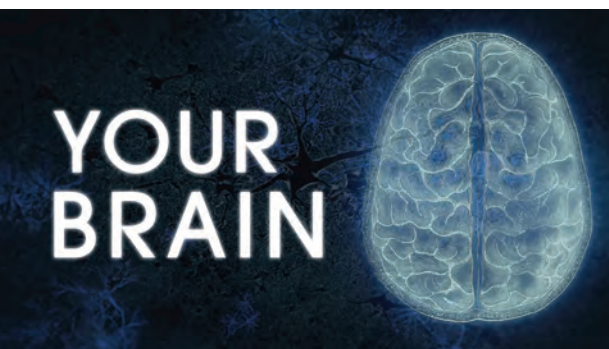
**Women in Jazz, Capitol Tap
and More on *WETA Arts***

**Monday, May 1 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS;
8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro; stream on the
PBS App and at weta.org**

In the final episode of the *WETA Arts* spring season, host Felicia Curry introduces viewers to Duke Ellington School of the Arts and Howard University graduate Amy K. Bormet, who has travelled the world as a jazz pianist, vocalist and composer. She's also the founder of the **Washington Women in Jazz Festival**, whose goal is to create an audience for women jazz instrumentalists in a field dominated by men. Next, Knock On Wood Tap Studio in Takoma Park is the artistic home to a company called **Capitol Tap**, whose leadership is dedicated to preserving tap dance history and heritage. Then, Curry heads to the **Atlas Performing Arts Center** for a chat with Douglas Yeuell, one of the arts leaders who helped transform the historic Atlas Theater in Northeast D.C. into the performing arts hub that it is today. *WETA Arts* repeats on WETA PBS and WETA Metro, May 12 at 10:30 p.m., and May 15, 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS, 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro.



**The Celestial Spang-a-Lang, March 17, 2023
Washington Women in Jazz Festival**



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Your Brain, a *NOVA* Miniseries

Wednesdays, May 17 & 24 at 9 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App

How does your brain create your reality? Are you in control, or is your brain controlling you? A new two-part *NOVA* presentation explores the surprising answers, based on the latest research, in an eye-opening journey into the

human brain with neuroscientist Heather Berlin. Your brain — for centuries a black box — is slowly giving up its secrets to modern neuroscience, shedding light on big questions that go to the very heart of who you are. Episode 1, *Perception Deception* (May 17), examines whether or not what you see is real, undertaking a quest to understand how your brain shapes your reality, and why you can't always trust what you perceive. Learn the surprising tricks and shortcuts the brain takes to help us survive. Episode 2, *Who's in Control?* (May 24), examines the question of whether or not you are in control of your own brain. The program dives into the latest research on the subconscious to see what's really driving the decisions you make.



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The Articulate Hour

Friday, May 5 at 9 & 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App

A new miniseries brings together artists, scholars and other creative thinkers to explore big ideas. Each episode examines a new topic through a lens of arts, culture and science. In the programs, Emmy Award-winning host Jim Cotter talks

with poets, musicians, neuroscientists, dancers, historians, playwrights and others about how we live our lives and navigate our complex world. Through these conversations, unexpected insights emerge about our common humanity, from evolutionary adaptations in our brains, to the way we make music, to how we think about our past. The discussions reveal the broad ties that unite people in an often-fractious world. Episode 1, *Partial Recall* (9 p.m.) spotlights memory, examining the amazing ability of our brains to store and access skills, information and emotions. Artists and scholars discuss the reliability of our recall and the surprising ways our memories fuel creativity. Episode 2, *Together/Alone* (10 p.m.) examines how, as modern humans, we crave both connection to others and our own solitude. Artists, scholars and other creative thinkers explore these contrasting impulses.



DAVID ALVARADO

Independent Lens: Matter of Mind: My ALS

Monday, May 1 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS;
stream on the PBS App

A documentary film follows three people living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease), a neuromuscular disease with an average survival time of 2-5 years from diagnosis. As ALS progresses, the brain loses the ability to control muscles, resulting in

the inability to move, speak, eat and, ultimately, breathe. In North Carolina, renowned architect Phil Freelon (left, with his son) is dealt the diagnosis of ALS on the eve of completing his architectural masterpiece, The National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. In California, former mechanic Charlie Wren is living on a ventilator, paralyzed except for his eyes and cared for full-time by his spouse. And in New Jersey, Michele Stellato is diagnosed with ALS at the age of 32 and becomes the second person in the world to receive a new experimental treatment at Columbia University. From the nexus of these three stories comes an exploration of the choices people face and the paths they take as they live with this debilitating illness.

Nature: Attenborough's Wonder of Song

Wednesday, May 3 at 8 p.m. on
WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App

In the BBC film *Attenborough's Wonder of Song*, iconic British naturalist Sir David Attenborough chooses seven of the most remarkable animal songs found in nature around the world and explores the significance of these songs in the lives of their species. Each one — from the song of the largest lemur to the song of the humpback whale to the song of the lyrebird — was recorded in his lifetime. But will they soon be heard no more? Contrary to Charles Darwin's theory of sexual selection, a new generation of scientists has discovered that animal song is not just the preserve of males. Females sing too. But there are also fears that we do not have much longer to hear them, because as humankind gets noisier, the rest of the planet is falling silent. Joyous, surprising and poignant, this story of pioneering research and insight is a chorus of wonder — and a wake-up call.



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Whales and Volcanos on NOVA

Wednesdays, May 3 & 10 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS &
WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App

This month on science series *NOVA*, learn about how North Atlantic Right Whales are among the planet's most critically endangered large ocean mammals. With fewer than 350 remaining as of 2023, they could be extinct within 20 years. But teams of marine biologists and whale rescuers are determined to help save the species. In *Saving the Right Whale* (May 3), follow these specialists' efforts and get a glimpse into the lives of the giants of the sea and their prospects for survival. Also this month, *Hidden Volcano Abyss* (May 10) spotlights one of the most powerful volcanic eruptions in recorded history: a January 2022 blast that rocked the Pacific islands of Tonga, sending shockwaves around the world. Experience the power of the eruption, and join scientists as they investigate what caused the blast, how it spurred a devastating tsunami, and whether or not another eruption could be imminent.



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Wild Scandinavia

Wednesdays, May 10, 17 & 24 at
8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App

The visually dazzling new natural history miniseries *Wild Scandinavia* offers an immersive experience in three iconic Scandinavian landscapes: the region's beautiful coastlines; magical seasonal forests; and volcanic and arctic extremes. Exploring these habitats and their wild denizens, the series' three episodes present wildlife stories that reveal the resilient spirit of Scandinavia, where myth and modernity co-exist. Norse Gods Odin and Thor, reindeer herders, and more are all woven into the story of an icy natural world.

Life on the Edge (May 10) explores Scandinavia's wild and unpredictable coast, a place of haunting beauty and dangerous extremes. This journey begins around the Swedish Baltic Sea, which includes iconic fjords — home to eagles, otters, orcas and more. *Heartlands* (May 17) visits the quiet world of the Scandinavian forest, spotlighting wolves and lynx — and osprey and reindeer through changing seasons. *Fire and Ice* (May 24) illuminates Scandinavia's northern extremes, shaped by fire and ice; there, Muskoxen, polar bears and arctic foxes must navigate their world under the midnight sun.



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Endeavour, Series 1-8 on Masterpiece

Catch up on the storylines of the popular *Masterpiece* crime drama starring Shaun Evans and Roger Allam in anticipation of final episodes set to begin airing in June. Binge-watch 8 seasons now with WETA Passport.



Tom Jones on Masterpiece

The drama starring Solly McLeod and Sophie Wilde adapts Henry Fielding's novel, which follows the title character's journey to finding real love. Binge-watch 4 episodes with WETA Passport starting April 30.



Astrid, Series 2

In the French drama, follow the further investigations of the crime researcher who has Asperger's syndrome, as she and her colleague tackle cases. Binge-watch 8 new Season 2 episodes now with WETA Passport.



Our House

Tuppence Middleton stars in this drama as a woman who comes home one day to find a family of strangers moving into her house and her husband missing. Binge-watch 4 episodes with WETA Passport starting May 15.



Marriage

A 2022 drama starring Sean Bean and Nicola Walker follows married couple Ian and Emma, who deal with the ups and downs of their 30-year marriage. Binge-watch 4 episodes with WETA Passport starting May 29.



The Paris Murders, Series 1-5

Profilers Chloe and then Adele solve crimes along with cranky, hard-nosed cop Det. Rocher in this French series based on actual criminal cases. Binge-watch 5 seasons — 54 episodes — available now with WETA Passport.

Also streaming with WETA Passport are four seasons (Series 6-9) of the popular WETA co-production *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*, exploring the family histories of famous Americans.

Primetime

WETA PBS in May



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| 1 Mon | Antiques Roadshow: Shelburne Museum (Hour 2) | | Get Out of Town: <i>Harpers Ferry, WV</i> | WETA Arts | Independent Lens: Matter of Mind: My ALS | |
| 2 Tue | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>Against All Odds</i> | | My Grandparents' War: Series 2 (Emeli Sandé) | | Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March | |
| 3 Wed | Nature: Attenborough's Wonder of Song | | NOVA: Saving the Right Whale | | Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories w/ David Rubenstein (Ep 2. <i>The Hollywood Sign</i>) | |
| 4 Thu | Agatha Christie's Marple: Greenshaw's Folly | | | Agatha Christie's Marple: Endless Night | | |
| 5 Fri | Washington Week | The David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer Conversations, Season 4 | The Articulate Hour: Partial Recall | | The Articulate Hour: Together/Alone | |
| 6 Sat | Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla | | | | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>Family: Lost and Found</i> | |
| 7 Sun | Call the Midwife, Series 12 (Pt 8 of 8) | | Tom Jones on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 4) | | Marie Antoinette (Pt 8 of 8. <i>Queen of Hearts</i>) | |
| 8 Mon | Antiques Roadshow: Shelburne Museum (Hour 3) | | Get Out of Town: <i>Charlottesville, VA</i> | Beyond the Canvas, Series 3 | Independent Lens: Sam Now (to 11:30pm) | |
| 9 Tue | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>The Shirts on Their Backs</i> | | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>Criminal Kind</i> | | Frontline: Secrets, Politics and the Supreme Court | |
| 10 Wed | Wild Scandinavia (Pt 1 of 3. <i>Life on the Edge</i>) | | NOVA: Hidden Volcano Abyss | | Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories w/ David Rubenstein (Ep 3. <i>The Gadsden Flag</i>) | |
| 11 Thu | Midsomer Murders, Series 1 (<i>The Killings at Badger's Drift/Written in Blood</i>) | | | | | |
| 12 Fri | Washington Week | The David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer Conversations, Season 4 | Great Performances: Celebrating 50 Years of Broadway's Best | | | WETA Arts |
| 13 Sat | Asian Americans (Pt 1 of 3. <i>Breaking Ground</i>) | | Asian Americans (Pt 2 of 5. <i>A Question of Loyalty</i>) | | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>Chosen</i> | |
| 14 Sun | Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets (<i>Elizabeth I: The Warrior Queen</i>) | | Tom Jones on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 4) | | Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets (<i>Marie Antoinette: The Doomed Queen</i>) | |
| 15 Mon | Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk 12 | | Get Out of Town: <i>Philadelphia, PA</i> | WETA Arts | Independent Lens: Silent Beauty (to 11:30pm) | |
| 16 Tue | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>Things We Don't Discuss</i> | | American Masters: Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV | | | |
| 17 Wed | Wild Scandinavia (Pt 2 of 3. <i>Heartlands</i>) | | NOVA: Your Brain (Pt 1 of 2. <i>Perception Deception</i>) | | Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories w/ David Rubenstein (Ep 4. <i>The Cowboy</i>) | |
| 18 Thu | Midsomer Murders, Series 1 (<i>Death of a Hollow Man/Faithful Unto Death</i>) | | | | | |
| 19 Fri | Washington Week | The David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer Conversations, Season 4 | Great Performances: <i>Richard III</i> (to 11:30pm) | | | |
| 20 Sat | Asian Americans (Pt 3 of 5. <i>Good Americans</i>) | | Asian Americans (Pt 4 of 5. <i>Generation Rising</i>) | | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>And Still I Rise</i> | |
| 21 Sun | Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets (<i>Queen Anne: The Mother of Great Britain</i>) | | Tom Jones on Masterpiece (Pt 4 of 4) | | Tom Jones on Masterpiece (Pt 4 of 4) (encore) | |
| 22 Mon | Antiques Roadshow: Spokane (Hour 2) | | Get Out of Town: <i>Shenandoah Valley, VA</i> | Beyond the Canvas, Series 3 | Fanny: The Right to Rock (to 11:30pm) | |
| 23 Tue | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>Fighters</i> | | American Experience: Goin' Back to T-Town | | Frontline: Once Upon a Time in Iraq: Fallujah | |
| 24 Wed | Wild Scandinavia (Pt 3 of 3. <i>Fire and Ice</i>) | | NOVA: Your Brain (Pt 2 of 2. <i>Who's in Control?</i>) | | Secrets of the Dead: <i>Hindenburg's Fatal Flaws</i> | |
| 25 Thu | Midsomer Murders, Series 1 (<i>Death in Disguise</i>) | | | Lewis, Series 1 (Ep 1. <i>Whom the Gods Would Destroy</i>) (to 11:30pm) | | |
| 26 Fri | Washington Week | The David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer Conversations, Season 4 | Great Performances: <i>Anything Goes</i> (to 11:30pm) | | | |
| 27 Sat | Asian Americans (Pt 5 of 5. <i>Breaking Through</i>) | | American Masters: Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir | | | |
| 28 Sun | National Memorial Day Concert 2023 | | | National Memorial Day Concert 2023 (encore) | | |
| 29 Mon | <i>Get Out of Town</i> Marathon (six episodes) | | | | | |
| 30 Tue | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>Songs of the Past</i> | | Lidia Celebrates America: Flavors That Define Us | | Frontline: America's Dangerous Trucks | |
| 31 Wed | Nature: Pandas: Born to Be Wild | | NOVA: Why Ships Crash | | Secrets of the Dead: Abandoning the Titanic | |
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TV Listings

WETA PBS in May



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Program Key

Blue type – WETA productions, co-productions and presentations.

R – Repeat of recent programming.



WETA LEAP PRODUCTIONS

GET OUT OF TOWN A WETA PRODUCTION

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

New WETA local travel series *Get Out of Town* continues in May with visits to Harpers Ferry, WV (with a bread-baking stop on the way); Charlottesville, VA; Philadelphia, PA; and the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, with mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee.

1 Monday

WEEKDAYS IN MAY:

6AM NHK NEWSLINE

6:30AM BBC NEWS

7AM (Mondays:) PBS NEWS WEEKEND

7:30 (Mondays:) WASHINGTON WEEK – R

7AM (Tuesdays-Saturdays:) PBS NEWSHOUR – R

8AM-3PM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

3-4PM (Mondays:) IT'S ACADEMIC

5PM AMANPOUR AND COMPANY – Rpt of previous night

6PM BBC NEWS

6:30 BBC NEWS AMERICA

7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR – 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. **Rpts next day, 7am**

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: SHELburne MUSEUM, HOUR 2 – Visit Vermont, the Green Mountain State, for colorful finds, including a Barbie, circa 1965. One treasure is \$50,000 to \$125,000.

9:00 GET OUT OF TOWN – Mother-daughter duo Laurita and Lauren Portee host this new WETA travel and adventure series that offers a guide to getaways to delightful destinations within a half-day's drive of Washington D.C. **Episode 5 of 8: Harpers Ferry, WV.** Laurita and Lauren enjoy a thrilling and tasty visit to Harpers Ferry in West Virginia. From tours of Harpers Ferry historical sites to rafting down the Shenandoah with River Riders, this destination is full of surprises. The hosts stay at the Clarion Inn and the Rockhaven B&B, get a bread-making lesson at Bolivar Bread, and dine at Snallygast's Cafe and the White Horse Tavern.

9:30 WETA ARTS – In May's episode of WETA's arts magazine series, meet pianist, vocalist and composer Amy K. Bormet, the founder of the Washington Women in Jazz Festival. Plus, explore the history of tap dance with the leaders of the Capitol Tap dance company. And host Felicia Curry speaks to Atlas Performing Arts Center Executive Director Douglas Yeuell, who helped

transform the historic Atlas Theater in Northeast D.C. into the performing arts hub that it is today. **Repeats Fri 5/12, 10:30pm; Sun 5/14, 1:30pm; Mon 5/15, 9:30pm**

10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: MATTER OF MIND: MY ALS – Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a neuromuscular disease with an average survival time of 2-5 years from diagnosis. In this intimate story, three people bravely face different paths as they live with the progressively debilitating illness.

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 Tuesday

8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 7 encore: Against All Odds.* Gates introduces media personality Andy Cohen and radio journalist Nina Totenberg to ancestors who were determined to survive. **Repeats Sun 5/7, 4pm**

9:00 MY GRANDPARENTS' WAR, SERIES 2 – Follow leading artists of stage and screen as they learn about their grandparents' experiences during World War II. *Episode 4 of 4. Emeli Sandé.* Join the award-winning singer-songwriter as she discovers her grandparents' stories of wartime courage spanning World War II, the Mau Mau insurgency in Kenya, and the fight for independence in Zambia. **Repeats Sun 5/7, 3pm**

10:00 RISING AGAINST ASIAN HATE: ONE DAY IN MARCH – Explore the fight against Asian American hate following the March 2021 mass shootings at three spas in Atlanta. Examine how this critical moment of racial reckoning sheds light on the struggles, triumphs and achievements of AAPI communities.

3 Wednesday

8:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH'S WONDER OF SONG – Sir David Attenborough presents seven remarkable recordings from the natural world that have revolutionized our understanding of song. Each one – from the song of the largest lemur to the song of the humpback whale to the song of the lyrebird – was recorded in his lifetime.

9:00 NOVA: SAVING THE RIGHT WHALE – The North Atlantic Right Whale is on the brink of extinction. But a handful of specialists are determined to help save the species as they discover new secrets about the lives of these giants of the sea.

10:00 ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN – In this new documentary series, a WETA co-production, David Rubenstein explores America's history through examinations of iconic national symbols: indelible artifacts, places and archetypes. Each episode tells the story of one symbol to reveal its origins and significance, and the arc of its resonance. **Episode 2 of 8. The Hollywood Sign.** Learn how a real estate advertisement erected in 1923 became an international symbol of fame, fortune and the American Dream. **Repeats Sun 5/7, 2pm**

4 Thursday

8:00 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE: GREENSHAW'S FOLLY – Julia McKenzie stars as perceptive sleuth Miss Marple in adaptations of Agatha Christie mysteries. When an old family friend and her young son turn to Miss



ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

Weds., May 3, 10 & 17 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein continues in May, exploring American history as it spotlights iconic national symbols: indelible artifacts, places and archetypes. The new series spotlights their origins, significance and resonance. Airing in May: *The Hollywood Sign*, *The Gadsden Flag* and *The Cowboy*.

Marple for assistance, she finds them work and lodging at nearby Greenshaw's Folly, the family home of an eccentric botanist. All seems well until the house's butler dies unexpectedly. When another houseguest goes missing, Miss Marple begins a search for the truth. Fiona Shaw guest stars.

- 9:30 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE: ENDLESS NIGHT** – Despite warnings from a gypsy woman, a couple plans their dream home at a local spot known as Gypsy's Acre. Tragedy unfolds and Miss Marple (Julia McKenzie) must sort out the clues, but can she solve the mystery before she finds herself in danger? Tom Hughes (*Silk*; *Victoria*) and Joanna Vanderham (*The Paradise*) co-star.

5 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** – WETA's weekly production presents a roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major news stories from the nation's capital. Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 5/6, 6:30pm; Mon 5/8, 7:30am**
- 8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 4** – In reprised episodes, the renowned Washington, D.C.-based financier and philanthropist explores successful leadership through interviews with influential people in prominent fields of endeavor. *Episode 5 of 15. Lonnie Bunch, Secretary of the Smithsonian.*
- 9:00 THE ARTICULATE HOUR: PARTIAL RECALL** – A series features conversations with artists, scholars, and other creative thinkers to explore our complex world through a lens of arts, culture and science. *Partial Recall.* Memory is the amazing ability of our brains to store and access skills, information and emotions. Artists and scholars discuss the reliability of our recall and the surprising ways our memories fuel creativity. **Repeats Sun 5/7, noon, 11pm**
- 10:00 THE ARTICULATE HOUR: TOGETHER /ALONE** – As modern humans, we crave connection to others – and our own solitude. Artists, scholars, and other creative thinkers explore these contrasting impulses. **Repeats Sun 5/7, 1pm, midnight**

6 Saturday

- 2:30AM-9:30AM CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III AND QUEEN CAMILLA** – BBC presents special live coverage of the coronation ceremonies in London. The coverage airs on WETA PBS, WETA Metro and WETA UK.
- 9:30 ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – Playoffs! See tonight's 7 p.m. listing.
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- 11AM HOW SHE ROLLS**
- 11:30 NEW ORLEANS COOKING WITH KEVIN BELTON**
- 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**
- 5:00 PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE**
- 5:30 SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE**
- 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. **It's the playoffs! Competing are students from Bullis, Sandy Spring Friends and Bethesda-Chevy Chase high schools. Repeats tonight, 11pm and Monday, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**
- 7:30 IT'S ACADEMIC** – Playoffs continue! Competing are students from W. T. Woodson, Dominion and Justice high schools. **Repeats tonight, 11:30pm and Monday, 3:30pm on WETA PBS, 7:30pm on WETA Metro**
- 8:00 CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III AND QUEEN CAMILLA** – BBC presents highlights of this morning's coronation ceremonies in London. The special airs on WETA PBS, WETA Metro and WETA UK. **Repeats tonight, midnight**
- 10:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** – Encore episode: *Family: Lost and Found* (Joe Manganiello and Tony Gonzalez).
- 11:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – See the 7 p.m. listing. **R**
- 11:30 IT'S ACADEMIC** – See the 7:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 12M HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III AND QUEEN CAMILLA** – R

7 Sunday

- 6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING**
- 9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**
- 9:30 TO THE CONTRARY WITH BONNIE ERBE**
- 10AM THIS IS AMERICA AND THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHOLEY**
- 10:30 THE OPEN MIND**
- 11:00 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** – **Repeats Saturdays, 6:30am**
- 11:30 TO DINE FOR WITH KATE SULLIVAN**
- 12N THE ARTICULATE HOUR: PARTIAL RECALL** – R
- 1:00 THE ARTICULATE HOUR: TOGETHER /ALONE** – R
- 2:00 ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN** – *Episode 2 of 8. The Hollywood Sign.* **R**
- 3:00 MY GRANDPARENTS' WAR, SERIES 2** – *Episode 4 of 4. Emeli Sandé.* **R**
- 4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – *Season 7 encore: Against All Odds* (Andy Cohen and Nina Totenberg). **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.



FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Popular weekly genealogy and history series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* – a WETA co-production – presents encore episodes in May, exploring the family stories of top celebrities.



Tuesday, May 9 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Frontline: Secrets, Politics and the Supreme Court investigates the influence of Clarence and Ginni Thomas on the Supreme Court and American politics. Above: The Thomases during a break in Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on Capitol Hill in 1991.

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 CELEBRITY ANTIQUES ROAD TRIP – British celebrities compete in an antiques hunt. Accompanied by experts, they traverse Great Britain looking for treasures. *Episode 5: Ainsley Harriott and Anne Diamond.* Celebrity chef Ainsley Harriott is pitted against presenter/journalist Anne Diamond as they travel in and around London searching for antique treasure. Anne finds out how Britain became a nation of tea lovers and Ainsley learns about the world's first celebrity chef.

7:30 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 5 – In a new season of this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. *Episode 5, Del Seymour, veteran and compassionate neighbor.*

8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 12 – *Part 8 of 8.* As Trixie and Matthew's wedding officially begins, a series of small and great disasters threaten to impede the day. A horrific car crash turns into a race against time. Sister Julianne hatches a plan to save Nonnatus House once and for all.

9:00 TOM JONES ON MASTERPIECE – Two lovers follow their hearts in this adaption of Henry Fielding's novel, bringing mid-18th-century England to life in all its passion and prejudice, luxury, and loose morals. *Part 2 of 4.* Tom is banished by Allworthy. Meanwhile, Sophia flees her impending marriage to Blifil. Adventures ensue, including fateful encounters at two inns.

10:00 MARIE ANTOINETTE – *Part 8 of 8. Queen of Hearts.* Louis becomes increasingly confident as he throws himself into supporting the American War of Independence. Marie Antoinette embraces life at the Petit Trianon, where she becomes enamored by a familiar face – Count Axel von Fersen.

11:00 THE ARTICULATE HOUR: PARTIAL RECALL – R

12AM THE ARTICULATE HOUR: TOGETHER /ALONE – R

8 Monday

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

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: SHELburne MUSEUM, HOUR 3 – See Vermont treasures at Shelburne Museum, including a Buffalo Bill poster. One find is worth up to \$150,000.

9:00 GET OUT OF TOWN – Mother-daughter duo Laurita and Lauren Portee host this new WETA travel and adventure series that offers a guide to getaways to delightful destinations within a half-day's drive of Washington D.C. **Episode 6 of 8: Charlottesville, VA.** A visit to Charlottesville offers Laurita and Lauren adventure and meaningful historical explorations. Enjoying delicious meals at Bodo's Bagels and Angelic's Kitchen, and stays at The Clifton and The Draftsman hotels, the hosts get a new perspective on Laurita's college town. Their activities include horseback riding with Indian Summer Guide Service, wine tasting at Veritas Vineyards, and a poignant tour of Monticello.

9:30 BEYOND THE CANVAS, SERIES 3 – Enjoy the best arts and culture reporting from PBS NewsHour's "Canvas" series. Anna Nawaz hosts. *Art, To Change the World.* Celebrate creators using art as a social force to uncover hidden history, advocate for good, and change the world as we know it.

10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: SAM NOW – In this coming-of-age documentary about generational trauma, follow Sam Harkness from age 11 to 33 as his once-average, middle-class Seattle family is heartbroken and unsure of what to do after his mother suddenly abandons them. (90 min.)

9 Tuesday

8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

– In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 7 encore: The Shirts on Their Backs.* Gates reveals the immigrant roots of actors Tony Shalhoub and Christopher Meloni, introducing ancestors who came to America to build a better life. **Repeats Sun 5/14, 4pm**

9:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

– *Season 6 encore: Criminal Kind.* Gates explores the roots of actor Laura Linney and journalists Lisa Ling and Soledad O'Brien, recounting stories of tricksters, scoundrels and outright criminals who laid the groundwork for their success. **Repeats Sun 5/14, 3pm**

10:00 FRONTLINE: SECRETS, POLITICS AND THE SUPREME COURT – *Frontline* investigates the power and influence of Clarence and Ginni Thomas on the Supreme Court and American politics, exploring the controversial rise of one of Washington's most powerful couples and their role in reshaping the country's politics and law.

10 Wednesday

8:00 WILD SCANDINAVIA – Witness the iconic nature of Scandinavia, starring epic landscapes full of fjords and magical forests. *Part 1 of 3. Life on the Edge.* Explore Scandinavia's wild and unpredictable coast, a place of haunting beauty and dangerous extremes. This journey begins around the Swedish Baltic Sea, which includes iconic fjords; home to eagles, otters and orcas and playground of base jumpers.

9:00 NOVA: HIDDEN VOLCANO ABYSS – In January 2022, one of the most powerful volcanic eruptions in recorded history rocked the islands of Tonga. Join scientists as they investigate what caused the blast, how it spurred a devastating tsunami, and whether or not another eruption could be imminent.

10:00 ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN – In this new documentary series, a WETA co-production, David Rubenstein explores America's history through examinations of iconic national symbols: indelible artifacts, places and archetypes. Each episode tells the story of one symbol to reveal its origins



Thursdays at 8 p.m. in May on WETA PBS

WETA Thriller Thursdays presents two final *Agatha Christie's Marple* episodes on May 4 and then on May 11 begins featuring Series 1 of *Midsomer Murders* mysteries with John Nettles and Daniel Casey.

and significance, and the arc of its resonance. **Episode 3 of 8. *The Gadsden Flag*.** Discover how the “Don’t Tread on Me” flag, such a potent symbol of independence, has been co-opted by a wide variety of Americans over its long history. **Repeats Sun 5/14, 2pm**

11 Thursday

- 8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 1: THE KILLINGS AT BADGER’S DRIFT** — John Nettles stars as DCI Tom Barnaby; Daniel Casey portrays DS Gavin Troy. In the long-running series’ first episode, the peace of the seemingly idyllic village of Badger’s Drift is shattered by the inexplicable murder of an elderly woman, found dead in her cottage after witnessing something unsettling in the woods. Her old friend is convinced that the deceased’s demise was not from natural causes. The investigation of DCI Barnaby and DS Troy of Causton CID uncovers a web of sinister events.
- 9:30 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 1: WRITTEN IN BLOOD** — Gerald Hadleigh, the secretary of the writers’ circle in the village of Midsomer Worthy, was never in favor of inviting bestselling novelist Max Jennings to attend one of their meetings. When Hadleigh is found battered to death, the other members of the circle wish they had heeded his reluctance. Barnaby and Troy discover that Hadleigh was a man of mystery.

12 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** — Repeats Sat 5/13, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 5/15, 7:30am
- 8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 4** — The renowned Washington, D.C.-based financier and philanthropist explores successful leadership through interviews with influential people in prominent fields of endeavor. *Episode 6 of 15. Mark Cuban, Dallas Mavericks Owner.*
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BROADWAY’S BEST** — Enjoy a revue of milestone Broadway shows and songs from 1973 to 2023 hosted by two-time Tony Award-winner Sutton Foster. The special program features performances by André De Shields, Chita Rivera, Vanessa Williams and others from Lincoln Center’s David H. Koch Theater. **Repeats Sun 5/14, noon**
- 10:30 WETAARTS** — R

13 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK** — R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** — R
- 7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** — R
- 8AM JOSEPH ROSENDO’S TRAVELSCOPE**
- 8:30 RICK STEVES’ EUROPE**
- 9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 10AM–6PM See the Saturday, May 6 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. **It’s the playoffs! Competing are students from Fauquier, Walter Johnson and Independence high schools. Repeats tonight, 11pm and Monday, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**
- 7:30 IT’S ACADEMIC** — Playoffs continue! Competing are students from Montgomery Blair, Robinson and Landon high schools. **Repeats tonight, 11:30pm and Monday, 3:30pm on WETA PBS, 7:30pm on WETA Metro**
- 8:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** — A Peabody Award-winning WETA co-production explores the impact of Asian Americans, the fastest-growing racial/ethnic group in the United States, on the country’s past, present and future, told through individual lives and personal histories. *Part 1 of 5. Breaking Ground.* See how new immigrants from China, Japan and beyond, despite anti-Asian laws, build railroads, dazzle in Hollywood, and fight for equality. **Repeats midnight; Sun 5/14, 11pm**
- 9:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** — *Part 2 of 5. A Question of Loyalty.* The first generation of U.S.-born Asian Americans have their loyalties tested during World War II. (*Series continues May 20.*) **Repeats 1am; Sun 5/14, midnight**
- 10:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** — *Encore episode: Chosen* (David Duchovny and Richard Kind).



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Friday, May 12 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Stage arts series *Great Performances* presents *Celebrating 50 Years of Broadway’s Best*, a revue of milestone Broadway shows and songs, 1973–2023, that is hosted by Tony Award-winner Sutton Foster.

- 11:00 IT’S ACADEMIC** — See the 7 p.m. listing. **R**
- 11:30 IT’S ACADEMIC** — See the 7:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 12M ASIAN AMERICANS** — *Part 1 of 5. Breaking Ground.* **R**
- 1AM ASIAN AMERICANS** — *Part 2 of 5. A Question of Loyalty.* **R**

14 Sunday

- 6AM–12N See the Sunday, May 7 listings.**
- 12N GREAT PERFORMANCES: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BROADWAY’S BEST** — R
- 1:30 WETA ARTS** — R
- 2:00 ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN** — *Episode 3 of 8. The Gadsden Flag.* **R**
- 3:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** — *Season 6 encore: Criminal Kind.* (Laura Linney, Lisa Ling, Soledad O’Brien) **R**
- 4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** — *Season 7 encore: The Shirts on Their Backs* (Tony Shalhoub and Christopher Meloni). **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 CELEBRITY ANTIQUES ROAD TRIP** — British celebrities compete in an antiques hunt. *Episode 6. Brian Cox CBE and Philip Jackson.* Hollywood A-lister Brian Cox takes on *Poirot* star and friend Philip Jackson in a fight for antiques glory on the south coast. Philip and expert Phil Serrell adventure off-piste in their search. Meanwhile, Brian and his expert Paul Laidlaw are surprised to find one of the world’s greatest works of art represented in a most unusual place.
- 7:30 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 5** — In a new season of this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. *Episode 6. Jewel, musician.*
- 8:00 LUCY WORSLEY’S ROYAL MYTHS & SECRETS** — Join British historian Lucy Worsley on a journey across Europe to visit the locations where royal history was made. *Elizabeth I: The Warrior Queen.* Learn how Elizabeth I’s image as a warrior queen, created by a series of myths and secrets about her victory over the Spanish Armada, shaped British national identity for centuries.
- 9:00 TOM JONES ON MASTERPIECE** — *Part 3 of 4.* Tom is lured to a masquerade by an insatiable paramour; complications develop. Blifil and a loathsome lord try to compromise Sophia.
- 10:00 LUCY WORSLEY’S ROYAL MYTHS & SECRETS** — *Marie Antoinette: The Doomed Queen.* Find out why Marie Antoinette is often blamed for causing the French Revolution by saying “let them eat cake” to her starving subjects. Historian Lucy Worsley illuminates the doomed queen’s path to the guillotine.
- 11:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** — *Part 1 of 5. Breaking Ground.* **R**
- 12M ASIAN AMERICANS** — *Part 2 of 5. A Question of Loyalty.* **R**

15 Monday

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

- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 12** – Catch a trunkful of never-before-seen treasures from *Roadshow's* Season 27 tour, including a 1791 Jane Young world map needlework and an Albert Einstein collection. One treasure is up to \$120,000. **Repeats Sun 5/21, 3pm**
- 9:00 GET OUT OF TOWN** – Mother-daughter duo Laurita and Lauren Portee host this new WETA travel and adventure series that offers a guide to getaways to delightful destinations within a half-day's drive of Washington D.C. **Episode 7 of 8: Philadelphia, PA.** Spectacular food and history, plus a run up the famous *Rocky* steps, are on the itinerary as Laurita and Lauren visit Philadelphia. They make cheesesteaks at Campo's, grab smoothies at Reading Terminal Market, and enjoy fine dining at Laser Wolf. Adventures include a Founding Footsteps tour and a stop at Shane Confectionery, plus stays at Center City's Guild House Hotel and The Notary Hotel.
- 9:30 WETAARTS** – See the Monday, May 1, 9:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: SILENT BEAUTY** – A film following one woman's road to healing from childhood sexual abuse evolves into the story of a family's journey through generational trauma, of discovery, of loss, and of bonding. (90 min.)

16 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 8 encore: Things We Don't Discuss.* Gates works with Pamela Adlon and Kathryn Hahn – two guests whose family trees were obscured by scandals – to discover the truth about their ancestors. **Repeats Sun 5/21, 4pm**
- 9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: NAM JUNE PAIK: MOON IS THE OLDEST TV** – See the world through the eyes of Nam June Paik, the father of video art and coiner of the term "electronic superhighway." Experience the acclaimed artist's creative evolution, as Academy Award-nominee Steven Yeun reads from Paik's writings. (2 hrs.)

17 Wednesday

- 8:00 WILD SCANDINAVIA** – *Part 2 of 3. Heartlands.* Journey into the Scandinavian forest. Wolves and lynx stalk this world, while osprey and reindeer survive the changing seasons through surprising and ancient alliances.
- 9:00 NOVA: YOUR BRAIN** – *Part 1 of 2. Perception Deception.* Is what you see real? Join neuroscientist Heather Berlin on a quest to understand how your brain shapes your reality, and why you can't always trust what you perceive. Learn the surprising tricks and shortcuts the brain takes to help us survive.
- 10:00 ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN** – In this new documentary series, a WETA co-production, David Rubenstein explores America's history through examinations of iconic national symbols: indelible artifacts, places and archetypes. Each episode tells the story of one symbol to reveal its origins and significance, and the arc of its resonance. **Episode 4 of 8. The Cowboy.** The cowboy is the quintessential American – fiercely independent, brave and laconic. Examine the myths and realities of this archetype, which remains as potent as ever in the 21st century. **Repeats Sun 5/21, 2pm**



May 15, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; May 20, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro
Autobiographical documentary *Independent Lens: Silent Beauty* follows journalist and filmmaker Jasmin Mara López's journey to heal from childhood sexual abuse and confront generational trauma.



Tuesday, May 16 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Airing as part of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, *American Masters: Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV* illuminates the life and work of the acclaimed artist, the father of video art.

18 Thursday

- 8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 1: DEATH OF A HOLLOW MAN** – John Nettles stars as DCI Tom Barnaby; Daniel Casey portrays DS Gavin Troy. In the village of Ferne Basset, an elderly resident is found drowned after a violent attack. Meanwhile, at the Corn Exchange in Cauton, a local amateur dramatic production of "Amadeus" reveals a backstage world of intrigue, passion and gossip – and a whole new meaning to the term "corpsing".
- 9:30 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 1: FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH** – An investigation into the finances of a village community crafts center takes a sinister turn when Simone Hollingsworth, the wife of the center's owner, disappears and a neighbor is murdered. A number of aggrieved investors in the center become persons of interest to DCI Barnaby. Roger Allam (*Endeavour*) guest stars.

19 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** – **Repeats Sat 5/20, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 5/22, 7:30am**
- 8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 4** – The renowned Washington, D.C.-based financier and philanthropist explores successful leadership through interviews with influential people in prominent fields of endeavor. *Episode 7 of 15. Ruth Porat, Alphabet CFO.*
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: RICHARD III** – Experience The Public Theater's Free Shakespeare at the Park production of the Bard's tragedy, featuring one of his most indelible villains. Danai Gurira stars in the title role. The performance was recorded live in July 2022 in Central Park. (2.5 hrs.) **Repeats Sun 5/21, 11:30am**

20 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 13 and May 6 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. **It's the playoffs! Competing are students from Richard Montgomery, Oakton and Langley high schools. Repeats tonight, 11pm and Monday, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**
- 7:30 IT'S ACADEMIC** – Playoffs continue! Competing are students from Whitman, Osbourn Park and Lake Braddock high schools. **Repeats tonight, 11:30pm and Monday, 3:30pm on WETA PBS, 7:30pm on WETA Metro**
- 8:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – The WETA co-production continues, exploring the impact of Asian Americans on the country's past, present and future, told through individual lives and personal histories. *Part 3 of 5. Good Americans.* Learn how Asian Americans are targeted as perpetual foreigners during the Cold War. **Repeats midnight; Sun 5/21, 11pm**

- 9:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** — Part 4 of 5. *Generation Rising*. A younger generation fights for equality in the fields, on campuses and in the culture, and new immigrants and war refugees expand the definition of Asian American. (Series continues May 27.) **Repeats 1am; Sun 5/21, midnight**
- 10:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9** — Encore episode: *And Still I Rise* (Angela Y. Davis and Jeh Johnson). **Repeats Sun 5/21, 1am**
- 11:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** — See the 7 p.m. listing. **R**
- 11:30 IT'S ACADEMIC** — See the 7:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 12M ASIAN AMERICANS** — Part 3 of 5. *Good Americans*. **R**
- 1AM ASIAN AMERICANS** — Part 4 of 5. *Generation Rising*. **R**

21 Sunday

6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, May 7 listings.

11:30AM GREAT PERFORMANCES: RICHARD III — **R**

2:00 ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN — Episode 4 of 8. *The Cowboy*. **R**

3:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 12 — **R**

4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. — Season 8 encore: *Things We Don't Discuss* (Pamela Adlon and Kathryn Hahn). **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 CELEBRITY ANTIQUES ROAD TRIP — British celebrities compete in an antiques hunt. *Episode 7. Esther Rantzen CBE and Rebecca Wilcox*. Television aristocracy Esther Rantzen challenges daughter and television presenter Rebecca Wilcox in a competition for antiques glory in and around Reading. Along the way, Rebecca delights in diving into much-loved romance novels, and Esther hears moving stories of British evacuees during World War II.

7:30 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 5 — In a new season of this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. *Episode 7. Neal Brennan, comedian*.

8:00 LUCY WORSLEY'S ROYAL MYTHS & SECRETS — Join British historian and presenter Lucy Worsley on a journey across Europe to visit the locations where royal history was made. *Queen Anne: The Mother of Great Britain*. Investigate why Queen Anne's powerful role in the forging of Great Britain has often been forgotten. Worsley shares the story of the salacious gossip about Anne's love life that helped destroy her image and legacy. **Repeats 2am**

9:00 TOM JONES ON MASTERPIECE — Part 4 of 4. Tom's letter to Lady Bellaston threatens to sink his prospects with Sophia. A swordfight puts him in even deeper trouble. A secret emerges. **Repeats tonight**

10:00 TOM JONES ON MASTERPIECE — Part 4 of 4. Encore: WETA reprises the final episode. **R**

11:00 ASIAN AMERICANS — Part 3 of 5. *Good Americans*. **R**

12M ASIAN AMERICANS — Part 4 of 5. *Generation Rising*. **R**

1AM FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9 — Encore episode: *And Still I Rise*. **R**



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

Great Performances presents *Richard III*, starring Danai Gurira (of *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*) in a 2022 Central Park performance of the tragedy spotlighting Shakespeare's indelible villain.



COURTESY BOBBY JO HART

May 22, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; May 27, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro

The film *Fanny: The Right to Rock* follows the story of a pioneering rock band, co-founded by Filipina American and queer teenagers, and revered by David Bowie, that was the first all-women band to release an album with a major record label (Warner/Reprise, 1970).

22 Monday

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

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: SPOKANE, HOUR 2 — Finds include a JFK archive, a grotesque face jug, and *Gone with the Wind* sketches. One item is \$60,000-\$80,000.

9:00 GET OUT OF TOWN — Mother-daughter duo Laurita and Lauren Portee host this new WETA travel and adventure series that offers a guide to getaways to delightful destinations within a half-day's drive of Washington D.C. **Episode 8 of 8: Shenandoah Valley, VA**. The mountains are calling in the season finale, as Laurita and Lauren visit the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. From Skyland Restaurant at Shenandoah National Park to Luray Caverns to ATV-riding with Appalachian Adventures, the getaway spotlights the Virginia countryside. The hosts also visit Hank's Grille & Catering and stay at The Mimslyn Inn and the Massanutten Resort.

9:30 BEYOND THE CANVAS, SERIES 3 — Enjoy the best arts and culture reporting from *PBS NewsHour's* "Canvas" series. Amna Nawaz hosts. *Art, Through the Power of Words*. In this episode, *Beyond the Canvas* features the work of writers, poets and lyricists who've transcribed powerful stories.

10:00 FANNY: THE RIGHT TO ROCK — Co-founded by Filipina American and queer teenagers, Fanny was the first all-women band to release an album with a major record label (Warner/Reprise, 1970). Meet the most groundbreaking rock group — revered by David Bowie — that you've never heard of...yet. (90 min.)

23 Tuesday

8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

— In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 8 encore: Fighters*. Gates sits down with Terry Crews and Tony Danza, guests who overcame adversity, to discover they aren't the first in their families to beat the odds through sheer force of will. **Repeats Sun 5/28, 4pm**

9:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: GOIN' BACK TO T-TOWN — Discover the story of Greenwood, an extraordinary Black community in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that prospered during the 1920s and '30s despite rampant, hostile segregation. **Repeats Sun 5/28, 3pm**

10:00 FRONTLINE: ONCE UPON A TIME IN IRAQ: FALLUJAH — *Frontline* illuminates the enduring story of the battle of Fallujah, told by the people who lived through it. Twenty years after the invasion of Iraq, soldiers, journalists and ordinary Iraqis recount one of the defining events of the war.

24 Wednesday

8:00 WILD SCANDINAVIA — Part 3 of 3. *Fire and Ice*. Discover Scandinavia's kingdoms of fire and ice. Awake under the long polar night, muskoxen, polar bears, and arctic



Thursday, May 25 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

WETA Thriller Thursdays begins airing mystery drama *Lewis*, Series 1, starring Kevin Whatley as Oxfordshire detective DCI Robbie Lewis and Laurence Fox as Lewis's cerebral colleague, Sgt. James Hathaway.

foxes must navigate the dramatic transformation of their world as it melts into a sleepless rush of life under the midnight sun.

9:00 NOVA: YOUR BRAIN – Part 2 of 2. *Who's in Control?* Are you in control of your brain, or is your brain controlling you? Dive into the latest research on the subconscious with neuroscientist Heather Berlin to see what's really driving the decisions you make.

10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: HINDENBURG'S FATAL FLAWS – A 2021 look at the science and conditions surrounding the explosion of airship *Hindenburg* reveals 10 flaws that directly led to the infamous disaster in 1937. **Repeats Sun 5/28, 2pm**

25 Thursday

8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 1: DEATH IN DISGUISE – John Nettles stars as DCI Tom Barnaby; Daniel Casey portrays DS Gavin Troy. One of the founders of a new-age commune, The Lodge of the Golden Wind Horse, dies in a fall down the stairs, apparently accidentally. But when the other founder is murdered in front of a roomful of people, the first death looks deliberate.

9:30 LEWIS, SERIES 1: WHOM THE GODS WOULD DESTROY – Robbie Lewis (Kevin Whatley), now a DCI, is back in Oxford following time away after the death of his wife in a car crash, and he begins cracking cases with his cerebral young sidekick, DS Hathaway (Laurence Fox). *Episode 1: Whom the Gods Would Destroy*. A middle-aged Oxford graduate is found dead near his run-down houseboat, and Lewis and Hathaway find themselves thrown into a delicate murder case that implicates one of the university's most prominent figures. (2 hrs.)

26 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK – Repeats Sat 5/27, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 5/29, 7:30am

8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 4 – The renowned Washington, D.C.-based financier and philanthropist explores successful leadership through interviews with influential people in prominent fields of endeavor. *Episode 8 of 15. Wynton Marsalis, Jazz Musician*.

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9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANYTHING GOES – Enjoy this London production of Cole Porter's classic musical led by Sutton Foster, who reprises her Tony-winning role as Reno Sweeney, directed by Kathleen Marshall, with favorite songs including "I Get A Kick Out of You" and "You're the Top." (2.5 hrs.) **Repeats Sun 5/28, 11:30am**

27 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 13 and May 6 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. **It's the playoffs! Competing this week are students from McLean, Chantilly and BASIS McLean high schools. Repeats tonight, 11pm and Monday, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**

7:30 IT'S ACADEMIC – Tune in to find out which local high school teams are competing in this stage of the competition! **Repeats tonight, 11:30pm and Monday, 3:30pm on WETA PBS, 7:30pm on WETA Metro**

8:00 ASIAN AMERICANS – Part 5 of 5. *Breaking Through*. Revisit the turn of the millennium, when Asian Americans are empowered by growing numbers and rising influence but face a reckoning of what it means to be an American in an increasingly polarized society. **Repeats midnight; Sun 5/28, 11pm**

9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: AMYTAN: UNINTENDED MEMOIR – Explore the life of the groundbreaking author of "The Joy Luck Club" in this intimate portrait. Archival imagery, home movies, photographs, animation and original interviews create a vivid, colorful journey through Tan's inspiring life and career. **Repeats 1am; Sun 5/28, midnight**

11:00 IT'S ACADEMIC – See the 7 p.m. listing. R

11:30 IT'S ACADEMIC – See the 7:30 p.m. listing. R

12M ASIAN AMERICANS – Part 5 of 5. *Breaking Through*. R

1AM AMERICAN MASTERS: AMYTAN: UNINTENDED MEMOIR – R

28 Sunday

6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, May 7 listings.

11:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANYTHING GOES – R

2:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: HINDENBURG'S FATAL FLAWS – R



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

Great Performances presents a production of *Anything Goes*, with Sutton Foster reprising her Tony Award-winning role as Reno Sweeney in P.G. Wodehouse and Cole Porter's golden-age musical, which tells a tale of romance aboard the SS *American*, set to a timeless score.

- 3:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: GOIN' BACK TO T-TOWN – R**
4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.
 – Season 8 encore: *Fighters* (Terry Crews and Tony Danza). **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 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2022 – WETA reprises last year's Memorial Day concert program. Participants included actress Jean Smart; performer Lea Salonga; actress Mary McCormack; country music singer-songwriter Craig Morgan; Broadway/television actor Norm Lewis; and General Mark A. Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
8:00 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2023 – In this year's live broadcast, a WETA co-production, experience America's national night of remembrance, which honors the military service of our men and women in uniform, their families, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. See the inside front cover for participants and program details. **Repeats tonight; Mon 5/29, 1:30pm**
9:30 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2023 – (encore presentation)
11:00 ASIAN AMERICANS – Part 5 of 5. *Breaking Through*. **R**
12M AMERICAN MASTERS: AMY TAN: UNINTENDED MEMOIR – R

29 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
8:00 GET OUT OF TOWN MEMORIAL DAY MARATHON – Looking for road trip ideas for this summer? Glean some great ideas via a marathon presentation of Season One of WETA's new local travel and adventure series, which features mother-daughter host duo Laurita and Lauren Portee undertaking getaways to delightful destinations within a half-day's drive of D.C. Two episodes air in the 4 p.m. hour and six more air 8-11 p.m.

30 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.**
 – In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 8 encore: Songs of the Past*. Gates accompanies Broadway stars Leslie Odom, Jr. and Nathan Lane as they meet a cast of inspiring ancestors hidden in the branches of their family trees.
9:00 LIDIA CELEBRATES AMERICA: FLAVORS THAT DEFINE US – Beloved chef and Italian immigrant Lidia Bastianich travels the nation to share the inspiring stories of first-, second- and third-generation Americans forging their own way and shaping the shifting definition of what it means to be an American. As America grows more diverse than ever before, the nation's 46 million immigrants are more openly sharing their heritage within a country they are now helping to define.
10:00 FRONTLINE: AMERICA'S DANGEROUS TRUCKS – *Frontline* investigates deadly truck accidents and the fight over measures that could save thousands of lives. With ProPublica, *Frontline* spotlights decades of legal maneuvering, political influence, lax regulation and industry opposition, as deaths rise.

31 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: PANDAS: BORN TO BE WILD** – Unlock the mysteries of wild pandas whose counterparts in captivity are known for their gentle image. Journey through the steep Qinling Mountains with filmmakers, scientists and rangers to witness pandas' startling courtship and aggression behaviors.
9:00 NOVA: WHY SHIPS CRASH – When the colossal *Ever Given* container ship crashed into the bank of the Suez Canal in March 2021, international supply chains ground to a halt. How could such a disaster happen? Can the investigation help prevent future accidents?
10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: ABANDONING THE TITANIC – Join a team of investigators as they search for the identity of the captain of a "mystery ship" that turned away from "unsinkable" *Titanic* in its darkest hour, abandoning thousands to the icy waters and their deaths.

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The WETA PBS Kids channel offers a safe haven for young viewers, presenting educational programming 24 hours each day, seven days a week.

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:

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

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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
- Alma's Way, 7:30am
- Wild Kratts, 8:00am
- Curious George, 8:30am



Daniel Tiger

British Television at Its Best

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

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| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | | SATURDAY | |
| 12pm | On 5/7: • 12n, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm: Agatha Christie's Marple | McLeod's Daughters | McLeod's Daughters | McLeod's Daughters | McLeod's Daughters | McLeod's Daughters | | On 5/6: • 2:30am-9:30am: Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla | |
| 12:30pm | | | | | | | | | |
| 1pm | On 5/14: • 12n, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm: Midsomer Murders, Series 20 & 21 | 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 | | • 10am, 12n, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm: Agatha Christie's Marple | |
| 1:30pm | | | | | | | | | |
| 2pm | On 5/21: • 6am, 8am, 10am, 12n: Inspector Morse | • 2pm, 5/1, 5/29: My Grandparents' War, Series 1 • 2pm, 5/8: The Romantics and Us (3 hrs) • 2pm, 5/15: Anne Boleyn: Arrest, Trial, Execution (3 hrs) • 2pm, 5/22: Short History of the English Garden (2 hrs) • 3pm, 5/1, 5/29: Winston Churchill's War • 4pm, 5/1, 5/29: Location, Location, Location | Hamish Macbeth, Series 2 & 3 | Foyle's War, Series 5 | • Midsomer Murders, Series 21 • Father Brown, Series 9 (starts 5/25) | The Hour, Series 1 | | • 8pm: Highlights of Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla | |
| 2:30pm | | | | | | | | | |
| 3pm | • 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm: Lewis | BBC News | Vicar of Dibley, Series 2 & 3 | • Midsomer Murders, Series 21 • Father Brown, Series 9 (starts 5/31) | • Frankie Drake Mysteries, Series 1 • Sister Boniface Mysteries (starts 5/18) | Death in Paradise, Series 10 | | • 9:30pm: Broad- church, Series 1 (Series 2 starts 11:30pm) | |
| 3:30pm | | | | | | | | | |
| 4pm | On 5/28: • 12n: Short History of the English Garden • 2pm: BBC Antiques Roadshow | BBC News | Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 & 2 | Death in Paradise, Series 10 | The Hour, Series 1 | • Alibi | | On 5/13: • 10am, 12n, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 9pm, 11pm: Mid- somer Murders, Series 1 & 2 | |
| 4:30pm | | BBC News America | | | | • The Fall (starts 5/19) | | | |
| 5pm | • 3pm: Hamish Macbeth, Series 3 | Open All Hours | Open All Hours | Open All Hours | Open All Hours | Open All Hours | | On 5/20: • 10am: Endeavour, Series 8 • 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm: Inspector Morse, Series 1 & 2 • 11:30pm: Endeav- our, Series 8 | |
| 5:30pm | | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | | | |
| 6pm | • 4pm: Death in Paradise, Series 10 • 5pm: Foyle's War, Series 5 | Location, Location, Location | Location, Location, Location | Location, Location, Location | Location, Location, Location | Location, Location, Location | | On 5/27: • 12n: BBC Antiques Roadshow • 1pm: Hamish Macbeth, Series 3 • 2pm: Father Brown, Series 9 • 3pm: The Hour, Series 1 • 4pm: Death in Paradise • 5pm: Foyle's War, Series 5 • 6pm: Tom Jones on Masterpiece • 7pm: All Crea- tures Great and Small, Series 3 • 8-11pm: Broad- church, Series 2 (rpts starting 11pm) | |
| 6:30pm | | Hamish Macbeth, Series 2 & 3 | Foreign Favourites • 8pm: Seaside Hotel, Series 5 (starts 5/2) • 9pm: Astrid, Series 1 | • Midsomer Murders, Series 21 • Father Brown, Series 9 (starts 5/24) • Frankie Drake Mysteries, Series 1 • Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 1 (starts 5/17) • Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 9 (Series 10 starts 5/10) (2 hrs) • BBC News at 12m | The Hour, Series 1 | Masterworks Showcase • 8pm: Foyle's War, Series 5 • 9pm: Sanditon, Series 3 • 9pm: Tom Jones on Masterpiece (starts 5/26) • 10pm: All Crea- tures Great and Small, Series 3 | | | |
| 7pm | • 6pm: Tom Jones on Masterpiece • 7pm: All Crea- tures Great and Small, Series 3 • 8pm: My Grand- parents' War, Series 1 | Vicar of Dibley, Series 2 & 3 | • 10pm: La Otra Mirada, Series 1 (Series 2 starts 5/16) | | Death in Paradise, Series 10 | • Alibi | | | |
| 7:30pm | | Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 & 2 | | | | • The Fall, Series 1 (starts 5/18) | | | |
| 8pm | • 9pm: Winston Churchill's War, Series 1 • 10pm: Loca- tion, Location, Location • 11pm: (Still) Open All Hours | BBC News | BBC News | | BBC News | BBC News | | | |
| 8:30pm | | Hamish Macbeth, Series 2 & 3 | BBC News | | The Hour, Series 1 | Foyle's War, Series 5 | | | |
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WETA UK Highlights

May is for Mystery! Marple, Midsomer, Morse, Endeavour & Lewis Weekends, May 6-7, 13-14, & 20-21 on WETA UK

In special “May is for Mystery” weekend programming, WETA UK presents episodes of beloved British mystery series, spotlighting favorite sleuths from *Miss Marple*, *Midsomer Murders* and the *Morse* universe. Select episodes of *Agatha Christie’s Marple, Series 1-3* — with Geraldine McEwan — air Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, May 7, noon-4 a.m. The next weekend, May 13-14, features episodes of *Midsomer Murders, Series 1, 2, 20 & 21* starting at 10 a.m., with John Nettles as DCI Tom Barnaby and Neil Dudgeon as DCI John Barnaby. Then, the weekend of May 20-21 features *Endeavour, Series 8*, with Shaun Evans (right) and Roger Allam, starting at 10 a.m.; plus *Inspector Morse, Series 1 & 2* with John Thaw and Kevin Whately; and *Lewis, Series 1 & 2* with Whately and Laurence Fox. See page 16 for timings.



ENDEAVOUR: MAMMOTH SCREEN & MASTERPIECE

Sister Boniface Mysteries

Wednesdays at 9 p.m. starting May 17 on WETA UK

Light-hearted 2022 BBC series *Sister Boniface Mysteries* features Lorna Watson portraying a sleuthing nun who was introduced in Episode 1 of long-running mystery drama *Father Brown*. The former, a 10-episode BBC series — spotlights the investigations of the Vespa-driving, crime-solving Sister — is set in the 1960s, when police forensics were rudimentary. Luckily, when a crime occurs, residents of the fictional town of Great Slaughter, in Britain’s Cotswolds countryside, can rely on their local amateur detective, who holds a PhD in forensic science. Boniface probes cases with help from DI Sam Gillespie and buttoned-up Bermudan DS Felix Livingstone, who’s horrified to be stuck in the eccentric world of the rural hamlet.



BBC STUDIOS

The Fall

Thursdays at 10 p.m. starting May 18 on WETA UK

WETA reprises the Northern Ireland-set crime-thriller series starring Gillian Anderson as London Metropolitan Police Superintendent Stella Gibson, a homicide detective who steps into a stalled investigation of a Belfast serial killer. Jamie Dornan portrays Paul Spector, the ruthless predator Gibson seeks. While hiding behind the façade of loving husband and father, Spector — who is revealed as the killer from the outset — is preying on women in and around the city. Gibson, an outsider, works the cases with a local team; and the drama follows the cat-and-mouse game that unfolds as she races to catch Spector before he kills again. The series uncovers an extended web of lives entangled by the murders.



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Father Brown, Series 9

Wednesdays at 8 p.m. starting May 24 on WETA UK

WETA reprises Season 9 of the *Father Brown* mystery series, set in the beautiful English countryside and featuring Mark Williams (*Harry Potter*) as the charismatic clergyman sleuth Father Brown — based on the classic character created by GK Chesterton. The drama is set in the year 1953, when the sleepy Cotswold village of Kembleford is stirred by dastardly deeds, such as murder at the local holiday camp and at Lady Felicia’s illustrious New Year Masked Ball. Father Brown also faces a race against time to unmask a mystery attacker before pernicious newcomer Lord Hawthorne has him hounded out of the parish. And his friends Sergeant Goodfellow and Sid need to tap Father Brown’s ingenuity to solve a fiendish kidnapping.



BBC STUDIOS/GARY MOVES

Also this month: Live BBC coverage of the coronation of King Charles III airs 2:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. on the morning of May 6 and coronation highlights air at 8 p.m. that night. Also, *Seaside Hotel, Series 5* airs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. starting May 2; and *Broadchurch*, Saturdays, 8-11 p.m., enters Series 2 on May 6 and then returns May 27.

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COURTESY OF THE PARAGON AGENCY

American Masters: Waterman – Duke: Ambassador of Aloha

Thursday, May 25 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro

Airing as part of WETA's celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, an *American Masters* biography explores the inspiring life and legacy of Native Hawaiian surfing legend, Hollywood actor, and five-time Olympic medalist Duke Kahanamoku, who shattered swimming records and globalized surfing while overcoming racism in a lifetime of personal challenges. *American Masters: Waterman – Duke: Ambassador of Aloha* spotlights Kahanamoku's influence and achievements. As a Pacific Islander, he broke through racial barriers with athletic accomplishments before Joe Louis, Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson; yet relatively few outside of Hawaii know his story. Jason Momoa narrates the film.



COURTESY NICK DUFFIELD

The Story of China

Thursdays, May 4, 11 & 18 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro

WETA reprises a 2016 film by historian Michael Wood — creator of acclaimed documentaries such as *In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great* and *The Story of India* — in which he undertakes a journey into China's 4,000-year history to reveal insights on how the nation's past informs its present and future. The three-part series *The Story of China* highlights the people and stories that have helped create the nation's distinctive character and genius. Wood treks through the deserts of the Silk Road, visits ancient cities and navigates bustling modern metropolises. From the First Emperor to the Mongols and from the Opium Wars to the Communist Revolution, he paints vivid pictures of great

characters in Chinese history. Wood captures the essence of key dynasties of China, explores the great rebellions of the 19th century that led to the rise of Mao Zedong, and illuminates the culture of China today.



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American Experience: Mr. Tornado

Saturday, May 6 at 10 p.m. on WETA Metro

American Experience spotlights Ted Fujita, the pioneering Japanese-American meteorologist who devoted his life to unlocking the mysteries of severe storms. Most widely known for creating the Fujita Scale (or F-Scale) of tornado damage intensity, Fujita developed a system of groundbreaking forensic analysis of the aftermath left by destructive forces, born out of the ashes of the world's first atomic bombs. His technological advancements — including his use of photogrammetry (the science of making measurements from images) and his discovery of the “microburst” — enabled him to forever change our understanding of tornadoes and to help save lives.

The WETA World channel is a 24/7 news and public affairs service devoted to fact-based nonfiction programming, sharing broad perspectives, stories and ideas. WETA World informs and educates, presenting award-winning documentaries and domestic and international news broadcasts. The channel features a slate of original programs that examine issues with a diversity of voices and illuminate conflicts, movements and cultures around the globe.

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Real Stories from Around the World

WETA World presents nearly 75 programs marking Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May; visit weta.org/asian-pacific to learn more about the slate of offerings.

America ReFramed: Blurring the Color Line

Thursday, May 11 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

Thursday-night, 8 p.m. documentary series *America ReFramed* premieres *Blurring the Color Line*, in which director Crystal Kwok unpacks the history behind her grandmother's family, who were neighborhood grocery store owners in the Black community of Augusta, Georgia, during the Jim Crow era. By centering on women's experiences, Kwok poses critical questions around the intersections of anti-Black racism, white power, and Chinese patriarchy in the American South. Additional Heritage Month-themed *America ReFramed* films in May are *Jaddoland* (May 4), spotlighting an Iraqi-American family in Texas; *Far East Deep South* (May 18), exploring the experience of Chinese immigrants in the segregated South; and *First Vote* (May 25), which follows politically engaged Chinese Americans.

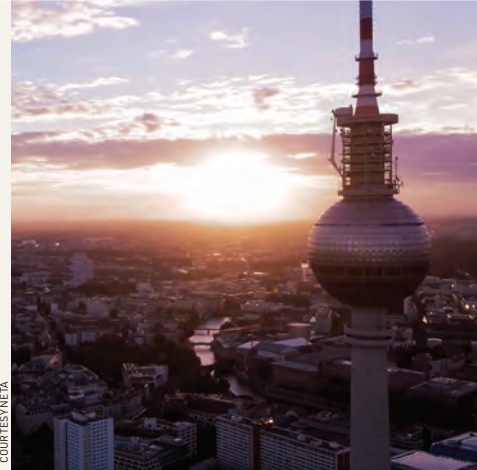


COURTESY GBH/WORLD CHANNEL

China: Frame by Frame

Thursday, May 25 at 9 p.m. on WETA World

In an hour-long documentary, Emmy-Award-winning filmmaker Bill Einreinhofer reflects on the years he spent in China, what he discovered, what he learned, and the dramatic changes he witnessed. His film — exploring crucial periods in Chinese history and the continuing impact of these events today — includes scenes shot throughout China, and fascinating historical footage discovered in America's National Archives and the Library of Congress. Much of China's 20th-century non-fiction film heritage was lost, stolen or misplaced; *China: Frame by Frame* uses rare film footage, along with scenes of modern China, to explore what happened during this era.



COURTESY WETA

Local USA: Asian American Stories of Resilience and Beyond

Mondays, May 22 & 29 at 9 p.m. on WETA World

A Filipino daughter struggles with depression and reunites with her COVID-survivor father after 14 months apart. A Cambodian American refugee lives under the specter of deportation for a 20-year-old mistake. A Sikh community grapples with the aftermath of a deadly mass shooting. These and other true stories of tribulation and perseverance are the slice-of-life subjects featured in the two-part *Local, USA* special *Asian American Stories of Resilience and Beyond*. This storytelling initiative is produced in partnership with the Asian American Documentary Network (A-Doc) and Center for Asian American Media (CAAM).

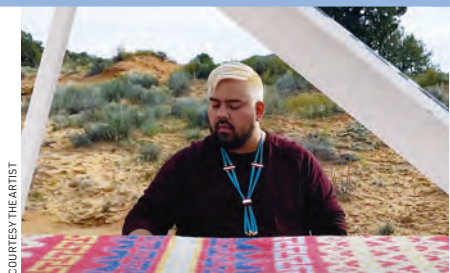


COURTESY GBH/WORLD CHANNEL

Front Row Washington Spotlights Navajo Pianist and Composer

Monday, May 22 at 9 p.m.

Spotlighted this month on *Front Row Washington*, Navajo pianist and composer Connor Chee is known for combining his classical piano training with music inspired by traditional Navajo chants and songs as well as his Native American heritage. The graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music made his Carnegie Hall debut at age 12 after winning a gold medal at the World Piano Competition. Of the May 22 broadcast featuring Chee, *Front Row Washington* host John Banther said, "In this concert presented by the National Gallery of Art we'll hear 21st-century works based on corn-grinding songs, traditional stories, and the significance of the number 4 in Navajo culture. It will be a concert you won't want to miss!". *Front Row Washington* airs Mondays at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.



COURTESY THE ARTIST

Connor Chee



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Ryan Speedo Green as Emile Griffith in Terence Blanchard's *Champion*

Opera Matinee Presents Met Premiere *Champion*

Saturday, May 27 at 1 p.m.

Terence Blanchard's second Metropolitan Opera premiere, *Champion*, featuring a libretto by Michael Cristofer, is the dramatic and triumphant story of young boxer Emile Griffith, who rises from obscurity to world champion. Bass-baritone Ryan Speedo Green portrays the young Emile, and veteran Eric Owens portrays Griffith's older self, haunted by the ghosts of his past. The performance, recorded in April, is a Met premiere conducted by Yannick Nézet-Séguin. Additional operas in May include Puccini's *La Bohème* (May 7), with Eleonora Buratto and Stephen Costello; Verdi's *Aida* (May 13), with Michelle Bradley and Marcelo Álvarez; and Mozart's *Don Giovanni* (May 20), with Peter Mattei. *Opera Matinee* airs Saturdays at 1 p.m. on WETA Classical.



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Choral Showcase Features Coronation Music

Sunday, May 7 at 9 p.m.

As the United Kingdom crowns a new monarch on the first weekend in May, WETA Classical on May 7 will offer music for royal coronations on *Choral Showcase*: selections by John Blow, William Child, and Henry Purcell from the 17th century, and the Coronation Anthems by Handel — all featuring the Choir of Westminster Abbey with Simon Preston conducting. Also on the bill is Mozart's *Mass in C Major, K.317, Coronation Mass*, which although not written for a coronation became associated with royal festivities in Austria-Hungary well into the 19th century. The recording features the Winchester Cathedral Choir, Winchester College Quiristers, and the Academy of Ancient Music, with Christopher Hogwood conducting. Soloists are Emma Kirkby, soprano; Catherine Robbin, contralto; John Mark Ainsely, tenor; and Michael George, bass. *Choral Showcase* airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.

Also this month: On May 2 in a new episode of the WETA Classical podcast *Classical Breakdown* — available at classicalbreakdown.org — host John Banther interviews NSO Music Director Gianandrea Noseda. To learn about the conductor's participation in the Beethoven and American Masters series with the National Symphony Orchestra, see page 21.

Classical for Washington

NSO's Beethoven and American Masters Festival: A Preview

Wednesday, May 3 at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical

By Nicole Lacroix, on-air host

In May and June, the National Symphony Orchestra presents the **Beethoven and American Masters Festival** at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Maestro Gianandrea

Noseda will conduct four programs of Beethoven Symphonies paired with works by trailblazing American composers George Walker and William Grant Still. The concerts will be recorded live for the NSO's record label.

Here on WETA Classical, the May 3 *NSO Showcase* program will celebrate two of the NSO's previous releases, featuring Beethoven's first and third symphonies and George Walker's *Sinfonia No.4*, each recorded in 2022.

Reflecting on the challenges of performing and recording all nine Beethoven symphonies, NSO Music Director Gianandrea Noseda, said, *"Beethoven's power can be a shadow or a light that embraces all of the centuries. His music has freshness and strength, and an openness that never ceases to shock, attract, and overwhelm me. Listeners will experience the bold statement of the Symphony No.1 and the bolder statement that is Symphony No.3. Both are immense works and herald the beginning of our journey to climb this musical Everest."*

From the very first chord of his first symphony, Beethoven declared a new musical era in 1800, bursting onto the scene like "a smelly hobo invading an elegant 18th-century palace," to quote conductor John Eliot Gardiner. His Imperial Highness, Francis II, the Holy Roman Emperor at the time, detected that "there is something revolutionary in that music."

The third symphony followed in 1805. Disgusted by Napoleon's imperial pretensions, Beethoven famously changed the title page dedication of the symphony from "Bonaparte" to "Sinfonia eroica. Composed to honor the memory of a great man." Reflecting the ideals of the Enlightenment, the pomp and circumstance of French public funerals, the evolution of the "Sturm und Drang" movement, the charm of rustic simplicity, and the heartbreak of his own deafness, Beethoven crafted what is considered the first Romantic symphony. As his friend Ferdinand Ries wrote: "I believe heaven and earth will tremble when it is performed for the first time."

In addition to Beethoven's first and third symphonies, May's *NSO Showcase* program on WETA Classical features George Walker's *Sinfonia No.4*, also from a 2022 recording on the NSO label. George Walker was born in 1922 in Washington, D.C. A prodigy, he broke many racial barriers and in 1996 became the first Black musician to win a Pulitzer Prize. A prolific and successful composer, his works have been widely performed. He died at the age of 96 in 2018, and to celebrate his centennial in 2022, the NSO embarked on performing and recording the complete cycle of his five sinfonias. *Sinfonia No.4* is titled "Strands" because it features "strands" from two spirituals which are skillfully woven into this spirited and colorful one-movement work.

The NSO's Beethoven and American Masters Festival continues through June 3 at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, performing Beethoven's 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th symphonies as well as works by William Grant Still and George Walker. Visit [Nationalsymphony.org](https://nationalsymphony.org) for more details. As of May 2, enjoy a new *Classical Breakdown* podcast episode featuring an interview of Maestro Noseda by WETA Classical's John Banther — visit classicalbreakdown.org.



Gianandrea Noseda and the National Symphony Orchestra



Ludwig van Beethoven



Composer George Theophilus Walker (early 1940s)

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