

# WETA



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# In Memoriam — Robert MacNeil

Dear WETA Friends,

We at WETA were very sad to learn of the passing on April 12 of renowned journalist Robert MacNeil, our longtime colleague. Robin, as we knew him, was known to the world as one of the most distinguished and respected voices in American media — and to us he was also a dear friend.

Robin's history with WETA goes back to the early 1970s. He hosted the WETA public affairs production *Washington Week in Review* (1971-1974) and with Jim Lehrer co-anchored public television's riveting coverage of the 1973 Watergate hearings. The reporting skills and chemistry of that duo led to a decades-long collaboration on the marquee PBS newscast that started out as the half-hour program *The Robert MacNeil Report* and became *The MacNeil/Lehrer Report*.

For the next 20 years, Robin was a regular, trusted presence on the air nationwide. He was also a regular presence at WETA as the program evolved into *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour* — the nation's first hour-long evening news report — and originated in our television studios. Robin retired from daily news in 1995 and Jim stepped down as anchor in 2011, each celebrated and fêted by WETA. The program became *PBS NewsHour*, stewardship of which Robin, Jim, and their production company partners passed to WETA in 2014.

As a longtime collaborator with WETA, Robin also contributed to other major programming, including our acclaimed series of public affairs documentary films titled *America at a Crossroads*, created in the years after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

An acclaimed, award-winning journalist, Robin was on the frontlines of history, reporting the news each day to the nation. He was also an eyewitness to history, early in his career famously reporting from Dallas on a day of infamy, November 22, 1963, and decades later stepping in from retirement on September 11, 2001 to help cover the news.

Perhaps Robin's most indelible contribution to American media was his lifelong commitment to journalistic excellence. He was an incredibly erudite reporter, anchor and writer who significantly raised the bar for television journalism. Principled, incisive and tenacious, he and Jim Lehrer promulgated a fact-based reporting and anchoring style rooted in seriousness, integrity, balance and civility. They established a core ethos and high standards for NewsHour reports that remain fundamental to the news operation's journalism today.

Robin was also a gentleman, gracious and kind, and a great friend with a sparkling wit. He loved the NewsHour and he loved WETA, and his legacy is the extraordinary — and vital — public service that we continue to provide each day, fostering an informed citizenry.

To learn more about his life and work, visit [pbs.org/newshour/robertmacneil](http://pbs.org/newshour/robertmacneil).

We will miss Robin — and remain eternally grateful for his work on behalf of viewers around the nation.



Robert MacNeil (right)  
in studio with Jim Lehrer

*Sharon Percy Rockefeller*

Sharon Percy Rockefeller  
President and Chief Executive Officer, WETA

## WETA — ON THE AIR & ONLINE

### WETA PBS

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Fios 474  
RCN 39, 602

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Comcast 270, 1148  
Fios 470 RCN 599

### WETA World

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Fios 475  
RCN 37  
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# National Memorial Day Concert

**WETA co-production airs Sunday, May 26 at 8 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App**

**N**ational Memorial Day Concert, America's national night of remembrance presented to the nation by Capital Concerts and WETA via PBS, returns live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol for a special 35th anniversary program marking Memorial Day through personal stories and tributes interwoven with musical performances. Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise host the show. The moving annual event honors the service of generations of men and women in uniform; honors military families; and pays tribute to all those who have given their lives for our country. As of presstime, the program is slated to include **Mary McCormack, Cynthia Erivo, Jamey Johnson, Gary LeVox** (of Rascal Flatts); and the **National Symphony Orchestra** under the direction of pops conductor **Jack Everly**.



COURTESY CAPITAL CONCERTS

In segments featuring, respectively, **BD Wong, Bryan Cranston** and **Jena Malone**, the concert will remember fallen heroes and Gold Star families with the story of a Vietnam Veteran and Gold Star father; salute the millions of Americans who served the nation in World War II; and explore the challenges faced by a generation of wounded, ill and injured veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

*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, 84 Lumber, General Dynamics, PBS, and public television stations nationwide. Air travel is provided by American Airlines.

## Get Out of Town, Season 2

**Monday, May 6 at 9 p.m on WETA PBS, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro;  
stream on the PBS App and at [weta.org](http://weta.org)**

**I**t's never too early to plan a winter getaway! WETA local travel and adventure series *Get Out of Town* presents another new episode this month as the show explores the winter wonderland of Snowshoe, West Virginia. As in each program of the series, mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee undertake this road trip to a destination within a half day's drive of Washington, D.C. and stay in several lodging options, sample the fare at local restaurants, and enjoy local recreational activities. In the May 6 program, Lauren and Laurita head west from D.C. to enjoy snow tubing, snowboarding, and the ultimate in cozy lodging. At Snowshoe, the hosts enjoy meals at Appalachia Kitchen and Adventure Dining, and their snowy vacation is complete with restful stays at Allegheny Springs and Corduroy Inn & Lodge.

Stream *Get Out of Town* on [weta.org](http://weta.org) or via the PBS App. Watch for more new Season 2 episodes this fall. Visit [weta.org/getoutoftown](http://weta.org/getoutoftown).



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### WETA PBS Kids

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### WETA Online

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

### WETA Classical

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

# Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Visit [weta.org/asian-pacific](http://weta.org/asian-pacific) for listings across WETA channels.

WETA celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with programming that includes the Peabody Award-winning five-part WETA co-production *Asian Americans*. Below are programs on WETA PBS. Also find many additional Heritage Month programs on WETA World and WETA Metro throughout May.



Photographic Justice: The Corky Lee Story

**Asian Americans** Saturdays, 5/4, 5/11 & 5/18, 8pm

**American Masters:**

Tyrus Wong Sat 5/4, 10pm; Rpts Sun 5/5, 4pm, 11pm

Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir Sat 5/18, 9pm; Rpts Sun 5/19, 11pm

Waterman - Duke: Ambassador of Aloha Sun 5/26, 3pm

**A House in the Garden: Shofuso and Modernism** Sat 5/4, 11:30pm

**Dora Fugh Lee: A Life in Art**

Sun 5/5, 5:30pm; Rpts Mon 5/6, 9:30pm; Sun 5/12, 5:30pm

**American Experience: Plague at the Golden Gate**

Sat 5/11, 10pm; Rpts Sun 5/12, 11pm

**Photographic Justice: The Corky Lee Story** Mon 5/13, 10pm

**Field Trip with Curtis Stone: Hong Kong** Thur 5/23, 4pm

**Journeys in Japan** Saturdays, 8am

## Asian Americans

WETA co-production airs Saturdays, May 4, 11 & 18 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream on the PBS App

The five-part 2020 film *Asian Americans* — a documentary series co-produced by WETA — chronicles the Asian American experience in the USA, presenting stories that explore exclusion and empowerment, sacrifice and triumph, trauma and hope.

The series showcases the significant role of diverse Asian

American communities in shaping the nation's history and identity, from the wave of new Asian immigrants in the 1850s to identity politics during the social and cultural turmoil of the 20th century to modern refugee crises. *Asian Americans* follows the stories of trailblazers who had an impact on representation and what it means to be Asian American today. Actors Daniel Dae Kim and Tamlyn Tomita narrate the programs.

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



## Dora Fugh Lee: A Life in Art

Monday, May 6 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro

Airing as part of WETA's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month programming is the half-hour film *Dora Fugh Lee: A Life in Art*. The subject, a fine artist, was born to a noble family in China, was a direct descendant of an empress, and grew up during one of the most tumultuous times in China's history. In 1957, she and her husband Richard moved to Washington, D.C., where she taught traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy at the

Smithsonian Institution and George Washington University. Today, her works reside in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian's National Gallery of Art, the National Museum of Asian Art, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and the National Cathedral, among many other notable institutions. In this documentary, local filmmaker and journalist Samantha Cheng explores Lee's extraordinary life and compelling work.



# WETA Arts: Yemeni Antiquities, Indian Dance & Smithsonian American Art Museum

Monday, May 13, 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS, 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App and at [weta.org](http://weta.org)

Emmy Award-winning arts and culture series *WETA Arts* returns with an episode highlighting the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Asian Art’s landmark collaboration with the Republic of Yemen. In February 2023, the museum took on the responsibility of safeguarding 79 trafficked antiquities returned to Yemen by the U.S. government. Yemeni political figures, museum leaders and law enforcement share the diplomatic and legal intricacies of this partnership — and the challenge that trafficking poses to our understanding of the story of humanity.

The program also spotlights Bharatanatyam, a classical Indian dance taught at the Natyabhoomi School of Dance, as student Neharika Govindarajan prepares for her solo debut. Plus, Smithsonian American Art Museum Director Stephanie Stebich sits down with *WETA Arts* host Felicia Curry to speak about the museum’s mission and history, its commitment to diversity and inclusion, and its recent renovation. *WETA Arts* repeats Monday, May 27 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS.



COURTESY MASTERPIECE

## Great Performances: Audra McDonald, *Hamlet* & More

Fridays, May 10-31 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App

On Friday nights in May, the arts series *Great Performances* features drama, comedy and concerts:

- **May 10** — Raising the curtain on the lineup is *Hamlet* from The Public Theater’s Free Shakespeare in the Park, starring Tony Award nominee Ato Blankson-Wood in the title role, with direction by Tony winner Kenny Leon. This contemporary production is a present-day take on the Bard’s tale of family and betrayal.

- **May 17** — *Audra McDonald at the London Palladium* features the dazzling artist — winner of a record-breaking six Tony Awards as well as two Grammy Awards and an Emmy — performing a repertoire of classic Broadway songs, including “Climb Every Mountain,” “Summertime,” and “Everything’s Coming Up Roses,” accompanied by an orchestra.

- **May 24** — Broadway production *Purlie Victorious: A Non-Confederate Romp Through the Cotton Patch* stars Tony Award winner Leslie Odom, Jr. in the comedic play, which tells the story of a Black preacher’s scheme to reclaim his inheritance and win back his church from a plantation owner. The play was written by Ossie Davis and mirrors his experience growing up in segregated Georgia.

- **May 31** — *Rodgers & Hammerstein’s 80th Anniversary* presents a concert honoring the best of legendary musical theater figures Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, who created blockbusters *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I* and *The Sound of Music* — and who won 34 Tony Awards, along with 15 Academy Awards for their film adaptations. The program features an all-star cast at London’s Theatre Royal Drury Lane.



Audra McDonald performing in London

DAVID TREATMAN



(l-r) Kara Young, Heather Alicia Simms, Leslie Odom Jr., Vanessa Bell Calloway and Billy Eugene Jones in *Purlie Victorious*

COURTESY MASTERPIECE

## Grizzly Bears & Ukraine Animals on *Nature*

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



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Wednesday-night series *Nature* presents extraordinary films this month about grizzly bears in the Rockies and, in Ukraine, the rescue of animals left behind by those forced to flee the war and violence.

- **May 8** — *Grizzly 399: Queen of the Tetons* spotlights a famous bear in Grand Teton National Park. She has an exceptional litter of four cubs to raise. Each day, the bears must contend with threats to their survival, including a warming climate and human encroachment in their habitat. And the stakes are higher than ever as Wyoming, Idaho and Montana seek to remove grizzlies from the endangered species list — which would make it legal to hunt them. Grizzly 399 stands as a symbol of the clash between humans and the wild.

- **May 15** — *Saving the Animals of Ukraine* chronicles stories of survival, love and resilience, exploring how in the midst of violence and war, Ukrainians come together to rescue animals that have been left behind by those forced to flee the conflict. See those saving cats and dogs from abandoned buildings — as well as lions and tigers in the nation's zoos. Hear from volunteers of the nation's animal shelters, who risk their lives to care for their charges. And meet Patron, a bomb-detecting Jack Russell Terrier who has saved countless lives.



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## MaryLand on Masterpiece

Sundays at 9 p.m. starting May 5  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; binge-watch with WETA Passport

**A** new three-part *Masterpiece* drama stars Suranne Jones (*Scott & Bailey*; *Vigil*), Eve Best (*The King's Speech*; *Nurse Jackie*) and Stockard Channing (*The West Wing*) in a story of sisterhood that spotlights the emotional journey of two estranged siblings who are determined to get to the bottom of a family mystery. *MaryLand* follows Becca and Rosaline after the sudden death of their mother, Mary. The two come to find out that Mary was living an entirely secret life on the Isle of Man, far from her home with her husband, Becca and Rosaline's father. As the sisters travel through the early days of grief and discover their mother's secrets, they meet their mother's quirky friend Cathy (Channing), who seems to know more about Mary than they do. Becca and Rosaline find themselves asking profound questions about their own identities.

Binge-watch *MaryLand* on *Masterpiece* with WETA Passport as of the May 5 broadcast premiere.

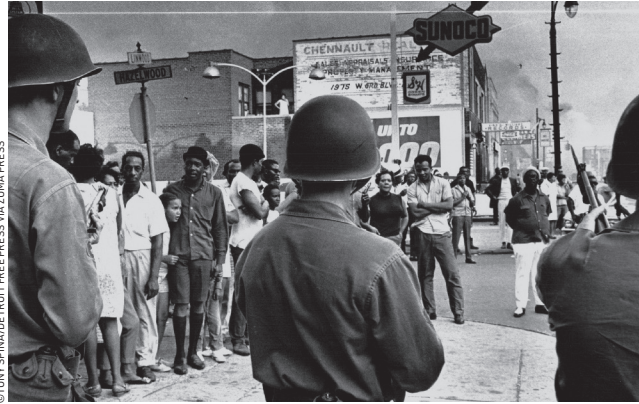


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## American Experience: The Riot Report

Tuesday, May 21 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS App

When Black neighborhoods in scores of American cities erupted in violence during the summer of 1967, President Lyndon Johnson appointed the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders — informally known as the Kerner Commission — to answer three questions: What happened? Why did it happen? And what could be done to prevent it from happening again? The commission's final report, issued in March of 1968, would offer a shockingly unvarnished assessment of American race relations — a verdict so politically explosive that Johnson refused to acknowledge it publicly. Featuring interviews with commission staffers and sole surviving commission member Senator Fred Harris, *The Riot Report* explores a pivotal moment in our nation's history and the fraught social dynamics that both spurred the commission's investigation and doomed its findings.



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The 1967 Detroit Riots; troops on Linwood Avenue

## Independent Lens: Space: The Longest Goodbye

Monday, May 6 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream now with WETA Passport

In years to come, NASA intends to send astronauts to Mars for the first time. To succeed, crew members will have to overcome life-threatening challenges. While many of these hazards are physical, some are psychological. Throughout their three-year absence, crew members won't be able to communicate with Earth in real time. The psychological impact of this level of isolation — both from mission control and loved ones — is impossible to predict. Directed to mitigate this threat to the mission is Dr. Al Holland, a NASA psychologist whose job is to keep astronauts mentally stable in space. *Space: The Longest Goodbye* follows Holland and astronauts as they grapple with the tension between their dream of reaching new frontiers and the human need to stay connected. The film airs May 11 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro.



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## Keeper of the Flame

Sunday, May 26 at 4:30 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream on the PBS App

A documentary film follows the life and work of human rights activist Jack Healey, who worked for a decade as the director of Amnesty International USA. Healey helped to bring human rights awareness to a televised national and international audience through the fusing of popular music and activism, collaborating with the likes of musical artists Peter Gabriel, Sting, and Wynton Marsalis. Tracking Healey's activism back to the civil rights movement, the film explores his lifelong commitment to advocating for human rights. Learning from mentors Dick Gregory, Fannie Lou Hamer, Father James Groppi and John Lewis, Healey has continued his activism through the years. *Keeper of the Flame* shows what a life of activism entails and presents Healey's 10 lessons in activism. The program airs May 25 at 1:30 p.m. on WETA Metro.



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## Cobra, Series 3

Fictional British Prime Minister Robert Sutherland faces a new crisis in this drama that spotlights political responses to events threatening the United Kingdom. Binge-watch the new 6-part season with WETA Passport as of May 13, before the broadcast premiere in July.



## Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific 2

*Doc Martin* star Martin Clunes continues on his epic journey across the Pacific in new Season 2 episodes, traveling to Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Micronesia. Binge-watch the new season's three hour-long episodes with WETA Passport as of May 1.



## Roots of Comedy with Jesus Trejo

A comedy/social commentary series follows host Jesus Trejo and six rising comedians on a trip across the nation, exploring the American mosaic. Binge-watch six episodes with WETA Passport as of May 24.



## Seaside Hotel, Series 10

Following the end of World War II, Denmark is free again. What will become of the residents and owners of the hotel? Binge-watch the 8 episodes of Series 10 (+ earlier seasons) with WETA Passport as of May 31.



## Long Lost Family

For thousands of people across Britain, there is someone missing from their lives. This series aims to reunite relatives after many years of separation. Binge-watch five seasons now with WETA Passport.



## Catch up: Grantchester on Masterpiece

In anticipation of new Season 9 episodes of *Grantchester* premiering in June, catch up on storylines. With WETA Passport, binge-watch 8 seasons of the detective drama starring Robson Green and Tom Brittney.

**Also streaming in May:** Watch the new three-part *Masterpiece* drama *MaryLand* (see page 4) as of May 5, and the film *Space: The Longest Goodbye* (see page 5) before it broadcasts on May 6.



Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) for the most up-to-date schedule information.

  Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
<b>1</b> Wed	Nature: Season of the Osprey		A Brief History of the Future (Pt 5 of 6. <i>Together</i> )		NOVA: Making North America (Pt 3 of 3. <i>Human</i> )	
<b>2</b> Thur	Midsomer Murders, Series 4: Dark Autumn			(9:31pm) Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Ep 5: <i>Raisins and Almonds</i> )	British Antiques Roadshow	
<b>3</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4	Great Performances: Now Hear This: The Composer Is You		Elton John & Bernie Taupin: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize (to 12m)	
<b>4</b> Sat	Asian Americans (Pt 1 of 5. <i>Breaking Ground</i> )		Asian Americans (Pt 3 of 4. <i>A Question of Loyalty</i> )		American Masters: Tyrus Wong (to 11:30pm)	
<b>5</b> Sun	Call the Midwife, Series 13 (Pt 8 of 8)		MaryLand on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 3)		Guilt, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 4)	
<b>6</b> Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Hour 2		Get Out of Town: Snowshoe, WVA	Dora Fugh Lee: A Life in Art	Independent Lens: Space: The Longest Goodbye (to 11:30pm)	
<b>7</b> Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 10 Encore: <i>Buried Secrets</i>		The Express Way with Dulé Hill (Pt 2 of 5. <i>Texas</i> )		Frontline: The Last Survivors	
<b>8</b> Wed	Nature: Grizzly 399: Queen of the Tetons		A Brief History of the Future (Pt 6 of 6. <i>Tomorrows</i> )		NOVA: Why Bridges Collapse	
<b>9</b> Thu	Midsomer Murders, Series 5: Tainted Fruit			(9:31pm) Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Ep 6: <i>Ruddy Gore</i> )	British Antiques Roadshow	
<b>10</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4	Great Performances: <i>Hamlet</i> (to 12m)			
<b>11</b> Sat	Asian Americans (Pt 3 of 5. <i>Good Americans</i> )		Asian Americans (Pt 4 of 5. <i>Generation Rising</i> )		American Experience: Plague at the Golden Gate (to 12m)	
<b>12</b> Sun	Lucy Worsley Investigates: The Madness of King George		MaryLand on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 3)		Guilt, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 4)	
<b>13</b> Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Hour 3		If You Lived Here: Rosslyn, VA	WETA Arts	Photographic Justice: The Corky Lee Story	
<b>14</b> Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 10 Encore: <i>Hold the Laughter</i>		The Express Way with Dulé Hill (Pt 4 of 4. <i>Chicago</i> )		Frontline: A Dangerous Assignment: Uncovering Corruption in Maduro's Venezuela (to 11:30pm)	
<b>15</b> Wed	Nature: Saving the Animals of Ukraine		NOVA: Secrets in Your Data		Pompeii: The New Dig (Pt 1 of 3)	
<b>16</b> Thur	Midsomer Murders, Series 5: Ring Out Your Dead			(9:31pm) Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Ep 7: <i>Murder in Montparnasse</i> )	British Antiques Roadshow	
<b>17</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4	Great Performances: Audra McDonald at the London Palladium			WETA Arts
<b>18</b> Sat	Asian Americans (Pt 5 of 5. <i>Breaking Through</i> )		American Masters: Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir			
<b>19</b> Sun	Lucy Worsley Investigates: Princes in the Tower		MaryLand on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 3)		Guilt, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 4 of 4)	
<b>20</b> Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk 13		If You Lived Here: Columbia, MD	If You Lived Here: Foggy Bottom, DC	Independent Lens: The Tuba Thieves (to 11:30pm)	
<b>21</b> Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 10 Encore: <i>Far and Away</i>		American Experience: The Riot Report			
<b>22</b> Wed	Nature: Wild Ireland: Kingdom of Stone		NOVA: Decoding the Universe: Cosmos		Pompeii: The New Dig (Pt 2 of 3)	
<b>23</b> Thur	Midsomer Murders, Series 5: Murder on St. Malley's Day			(9:31pm) Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Ep 8: <i>Away with the Fairies</i> )	British Antiques Roadshow	
<b>24</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4	Great Performances: <i>Purlie Victorious</i>			
<b>25</b> Sat	Ken Burns: <i>The Civil War</i> (behind-the-scenes special)				My Music Presents: New Rock, Pop and Doo Wop (to 12m)	
<b>26</b> Sun	National Memorial Day Concert 2024			National Memorial Day Concert 2024 (Encore)		
<b>27</b> Mon	Antiques Roadshow: I Was There		If You Lived Here: Rockville, MD	WETA Arts	Going to War	
<b>28</b> Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 10 Encore: <i>The Brick Wall Falls</i>		Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 8 Encore: <i>Children of Exile</i>		Frontline: South Korea's Adoption Reckoning (to 11:30pm)	
<b>29</b> Wed	Nature: Niagara Falls		NOVA: Why Ships Crash		Pompeii: The New Dig (Pt 3 of 3)	
<b>30</b> Thur	Midsomer Murders, Series 5: Market for Murder			(9:31pm) Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Ep 9: <i>Queen of the Flowers</i> )	British Antiques Roadshow	
<b>31</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 4	Great Performances: Rodgers & Hammerstein's 80th Anniversary Concert			

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

**Amanpour and Company** airs late weeknights (check listings)

For full schedules and program information, visit [weta.org](http://weta.org). 7

# TV Listings

WETA PBS in May



Listings are accurate as of press time. For latest schedules, visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) or call 703-998-2724.

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

## Program Key

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

**R** – Repeat of recent programming.



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**ELTON JOHN & BERNIE TAUPIN:  
THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONG**  
A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

Friday, May 3 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

WETA reprises the special program that honors songwriting duo Elton John and Bernie Taupin and features an array of top musical artists performing the two collaborators' most beloved hit songs.

## 1 Wednesday

### WEEKDAYS IN MAY:

**6AM NHK NEWSLINE**

**6:30AM BBC NEWS**

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

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

**7:30 (Mon:) WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**

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

**5PM AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** – Rpt of previous night

**6PM BBC NEWS: THE CONTEXT**

**6:30 BBC NEWS AMERICA**

**7PM PBS NEWS HOUR** – Each weeknight, the WETA production presents in-depth news reports and analysis of current events with a news summary, live studio interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett anchor. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Rpts next day, 7am**

**8:00 NOVA: SEASON OF THE OSPREY** – Follow the struggles and triumphs of a single osprey family in the spotlight. Ospreys are renowned for their ability to hunt live fish and dive into water. **Rpts Thur 5/2, 4pm; Sat 5/4, 1am; Sun 5/5, noon**

**9:00 A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FUTURE** – Part 5 of 6. Together. Throughout history, humans' capacity for cooperation has set us apart. Futurist Ari Wallach explores the internal changes we enact that have the potential to impact those around us, our broader communities, and societies. **Repeats Fri 5/3, 4pm; Sun 5/5, 1pm**

**10:00 NOVA: MAKING NORTH AMERICA** – NOVA presents a sweeping biography of our continent. Paleontologist Kirk Johnson hosts. Part 3 of 3. *Human*. From Ice Age to oil boom, discover the challenges faced and the wealth uncovered as humans take over the continent. **Repeats Sun 5/5, 2pm**

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

## 2 Thursday

**8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 4: DARK AUTUMN** – The classic British crime series stars John Nettles as DCI Tom Barnaby. *Dark Autumn*. Village postman Dave Cutler is murdered while on early morning rounds. Barnaby and Troy's investigations reveal that Cutler was the local Romeo, having seduced a number of women. Would any of the jealous husbands or jilted lovers have wanted to kill him? Celia Imrie guest stars.

**9:31 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Miss Phryne Fisher (Essie Davis) investigates crimes in 1920s Melbourne. *Episode 5 of 13. Raisins and Almonds*. When a young man is found dead in an Eastern Market bookshop, Phryne investigates and is plunged into the diverse worlds of Jewish politics, alchemy and poison. **Repeats Sun 5/5, 7pm**

**10:30 BRITISH ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**

## 3 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – In WETA's weekly production, *The Atlantic* editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg moderates a roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major news stories from the nation's capital. Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 5/4, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/5, 11:30am; Mon 5/6, 7:30am**

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – In this WETA presentation, author/interviewer, financier and philanthropist David Rubenstein explores the evolution of the American story. *Episode 5 of 10. H.W. Brands*. The Pulitzer Prize finalist examines the deep-seated divisions that made up the American Revolution before the war – between Loyalists and Patriots, families, friends and neighbors.

**9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: THE COMPOSER IS YOO** – Follow host Scott Yoo's journey to compose a piece of music for the first time. Seeking counsel from other composers, Yoo revisits his heritage in search of ideas, performs landmark pieces for inspiration and ultimately tests his work in progress.



COURTESY/AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION

Thursdays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

WETA Thriller Thursdays presents *Midsomer Murders* (Series 5), the crime drama starring John Nettles as detective Tom Barnaby. Daniel Casey (right) portrays DS Gavin Troy in the mysteries.



TV-14

**Sundays, May 5, 12 & 19 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Maryland*, a three-part *Masterpiece* drama starring Eve Best and Suranne Jones, follows the story of two sisters rediscovering each other after uncovering the secret life of their mother, Mary.

**10:00 ELTON JOHN & BERNIE TAUPIN: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONG** – (Encore) In this WETA co-production, enjoy an all-star musical tribute to Elton John and Bernie Taupin, one of the great songwriting duos of all time, as they receive the 2024 Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song at DAR Constitution Hall before a live audience in March of this year. (2 hrs.)

## 4 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**
- 7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** – R
- 8AM JOURNEYS IN JAPAN**
- 8:30 LUCKY CHOW**
- 9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – See 7 p.m. listing.
- 10:30 MOTORWEEK**
- 11AM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**
- 11:30 KEVIN BELTON'S NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATIONS**
- 12N SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 1** – (through May 18)
- 12N IN JULIA'S KITCHEN WITH MASTER CHEFS** – (starts May 25)
- 12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION**
- 1:00 MY GREEK TABLE WITH DIANE KOCHILAS**
- 1:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN**
- 2:00 JACQUES PÉPIN: HEART AND SOUL**
- 2:30 MARY BERRY MAKES IT EASY**
- 3:00 FRENCH MAGNOLIA COOKS**
- 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 WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The high school quiz show showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. It's the playoffs! Competing this week are Blake, Osbourn Park and Holton-Arms high schools. Aired 10am Saturdays, repeating 7pm, and Mondays, 3pm. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).
- 7:30 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 7** – In this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. This season focuses on wellness. *Episode 5 of 10. Esther Perel on Hyper-Connected and Never Been Lonelier.*
- 8:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – A WETA co-production explores the impact of Asian Americans on the United States' past, present and future, told through individual lives and personal histories. *Part 1 of 5. Breaking Ground.* See how new immigrants from China, India, Japan, the Philippines and beyond, despite anti-Asian laws, build railroads, dazzle in Hollywood and fight for equality.
- 9:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – *Part 2 of 5. A Question of Loyalty.* Meet an American-born generation that straddles the U.S. and their parents' homelands in Asia. Loyalties are tested during World War II, when families are imprisoned in detention camps and brothers find themselves on opposite sides of battle lines.

- 10:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: TYRUS WONG** – Discover the art, life and enduring impact of Tyrus Wong, the renowned Chinese-American painter behind *Bambi* and *Rebel Without a Cause*, via interviews, movie clips and art. Wong once exhibited with Picasso and Matisse. (90 min.)  
**Repeats Sun 5/5, 4pm, 11pm; Mon 5/6, 3:30pm**
- 11:30 A HOUSE IN THE GARDEN: SHOFUSO AND MODERNISM** – The environmentally and culturally sensitive design philosophies of George Nakashima, Junzo Yoshimura, and Antonin and Noemi Raymond continue to influence architecture and design today. This program presents visual explorations of sites in the Philadelphia region that highlight the influence of traditional Japanese architecture on these masters of modernist architecture and design. **Repeats Sun 5/5, 12:30am**
- 12M FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 10** – *Episode 3 of 10. Fathers and Sons.* R
- 1AM NATURE: SEASON OF THE OSPREY** – R

## 5 Sunday

### 6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

- 9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**
- 9:30 THIS IS AMERICA AND THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHOLEY**
- 10AM OPPORTUNITY KNOCK\$** – A series converts complex financial challenges into economic success stories for six families (including one from Washington, D.C.) with guidance from financial experts serving as empowerment coaches. Ronaldo Hardy hosts.
- 10:30 MOTORWEEK**
- 11:00 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 12N NATURE: SEASON OF THE OSPREY** – R
- 1:00 A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FUTURE** – *Part 5 of 6. Together.* R
- 2:00 NOVA: MAKING NORTH AMERICA** – *Part 3 of 3. Human.* R
- 3:00 THE EXPRESS WAY WITH DULÉ HILL** – *Part 2 of 4. Appalachia.* R
- 4:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: TYRUS WONG** – R
- 5:30 DORA FUGH LEE: A LIFE IN ART** – See the Monday, May 6, 9:30 p.m. listing.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – *Episode 6 of 10. Manisha Sinha.* The historian discusses the historical significance of America's evolution during the period of Reconstruction following the Civil War. **Repeats Fri 5/10, 8:30pm**
- 7:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – *Episode 5 of 13. Raisins and Almonds.* See the Thursday, May 2 listing. R
- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 13** – *Part 8 of 8.* Miss Higgins receives an unexpected visitor, and Sister Monica Joan ruffles feathers. Poplar votes for its Mother of the Year. **Repeats 1am**



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### WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC A WETA PRODUCTION

**Fridays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Washington Week with The Atlantic*, hosted by Jeffrey Goldberg, features reporting and analysis of the major national news stories of each week with a roundtable of today's top journalists.

- 9:00 MARYLAND ON MASTERPIECE** – Two sisters re-discover each other after uncovering the secret life of their mother. Suranne Jones and Eve Best star. *Part 1 of 3.* Sisters Becca and Rosaline receive unimaginable news about their mother. They fly to the Isle of Man to learn more and are reunited after years of distance. **Repeats 2am**
- 10:00 GUILT, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 2 of 4.* Max and Jake seek refuge with a face from the past in the Highlands, but Teddy is on their trail. Scotland's national bank is being sold and Maggie sees an opportunity.
- 11:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: TYRUS WONG** – (90 min.) **R**

## 6 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, HOUR 2** – See Ohio treasures, including a 1953 Marilyn Monroe pin-up poster. One item is valued at \$65,000-\$125,000. **Repeats Tue 5/7, 4pm**
- 9:00 GET OUT OF TOWN, SEASON 2** – The WETA local travel and adventure series presents another new program. **Episode 4: Snowshoe, WV.** Mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee head to a winter wonderland to try out snow tubing and snowboarding and enjoy cozy wintertime lodging and cuisine.
- 9:30 DORA FUGH LEE: A LIFE IN ART** – Local filmmaker and journalist Samantha Cheng explores the life and work of artist Dora Fugh Lee, who taught traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy at the Smithsonian Institution and George Washington University. Today, her works are in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian's National Gallery of Art, the National Museum of Asian Art, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and the National Cathedral. **Repeats Sun 5/12, 5:30pm**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: SPACE: THE LONGEST GOODBYE** – NASA psychologists prepare astronauts for the isolation required by a Mars mission, as the crew grapples with the tension between their dream of reaching new frontiers and the human need to stay connected to home. (90 min.) **Repeats Sun 5/12, 5:30pm**

## 7 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 10** – In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 4 of 10. Buried Secrets.* Gates helps musical artist Sammy Hagar and actor Ed O'Neill uncover their roots, revealing secrets their ancestors went to great lengths to conceal. **Repeats Wed 5/8, 4pm; Sat 5/11, midnight**
- 9:00 THE EXPRESS WAY WITH DULÉ HILL** – A series explores the power of the arts with actor, dancer and singer Dulé Hill. *Part 3 of 4. Texas.* Hill connects with an Aztec dancer, a blind painter and a Latino theater director, each breaking down cultural barriers and becoming leaders for the next generation.
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: THE LAST SURVIVORS** – *Frontline* presents a landmark documentary about some of the last survivors of the Holocaust. Only children at the time, these now elderly survivors reflect on how the trauma of the Holocaust has affected the rest of their lives.

## 8 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: GRIZZLY 399: QUEEN OF THE TETONS** – The most famous bear in the Tetons attempts to raise four cubs. As she makes increasingly unexpected and consequential choices to protect her family, Grizzly 399 stands as a symbol of the clash between humans and the wild. **Repeats Thur 5/9, 4pm; Sat 5/11, 1am; 5/12, noon**
- 9:00 A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FUTURE** – *Part 6 of 6. Tomorrows.* Host Ari Wallach examines the ways we often see the concept of the future; the crucial need to think much, much bigger about what could come next; and how we all have more personal agency than we realize. **Repeats Fri 5/10, 4pm; Sun 5/12, 1pm**
- 10:00 NOVA: WHY BRIDGES COLLAPSE** – In August 2018, a massive section of a major bridge in Genoa, Italy collapsed, tragically killing 43 people. For 50 years, the iconic bridge had withstood the elements – and stress from ever-increasing traffic. What went wrong? *NOVA* investigates. **Repeats Sun 5/12, 2pm**

## 9 Thursday

- 8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 5: TAINTED FRUIT** – John Nettles stars. After drugs and syringes are discovered stolen from a local veterinary surgery, a local woman is found dead next to her swimming pool, killed by an overdose of barbiturates. When those who discovered the body are murdered, Barnaby and Troy must weed through a dark world of adultery and lies.
- 9:31 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Essie Davis stars. *Episode 6 of 13. Ruddy Gore.* At a gala Gilbert and Sullivan performance, Fisher meets Lin Chung, who has rescued the theatre's leading man from some thugs in a dark alley. Then there is a bizarre death onstage. What links can Phryne find between the illicit opium trade and the actors? **Repeats Sun 5/12, 7pm**
- 10:30 BRITISH ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**

## 10 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Jeffrey Goldberg moderates the roundtable discussion of the week's news with award-winning journalists. Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 5/11, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/12, 11:30am; Mon 5/13, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – *Episode 6 of 10. Manisha Sinha.* See the Sunday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: HAMLET** – Experience this Shakespearean classic directed by Tony Award winner Kenny Leon from The Public Theater's Free Shakespeare in the Park at The Delacorte Theater in Central Park – starring Tony Award nominee Ato Blankson-Wood. (3 hrs.)

## 11 Saturday

- 6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 4 listings.**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The high school quiz show showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. It's the playoffs! Competing this week are Basis McLean, Jefferson and Poolesville high schools. Aired 10am Saturdays, repeating 7pm, and Mondays, 3pm. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://YouTube.com/wetapbs).
- 7:30 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 7** – In this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. This new season focuses on wellness. *Episode 6 of 10. Matt Walker on Sleep Your Way Well.*
- 8:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – The WETA co-production continues, exploring the impact of Asian Americans in the United States. *Part 3 of 5. Good Americans.* Learn how Asian Americans are simultaneously heralded as a model minority and targeted as the perpetual foreigner



LAURITA PORTEE

### GET OUT OF TOWN, SEASON 2 A WETA PRODUCTION

**Monday, May 6, 9 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8 p.m. on WETA Metro**  
WETA production *Get Out of Town*, hosted by mother-daughter duo Laurita & Lauren Portee, presents another new Season 2 episode, visiting Snowshoe, West Virginia for a wintertime adventure.



COURTESY RICK STEVES

**Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on WETA PBS**

WETA presents a marathon of six specials in the program series *Rick Steves' Art of Europe*, which travels around Europe, weaving its greatest masterpieces into an entertaining and inspiring story.

during the Cold War. It is also a time of bold ambition, as Asian Americans aspire to national political office.

- 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 population and definition of Asian American.
- 10:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: PLAGUE AT THE GOLDEN GATE** – Filmmaker Li-Shin Yu (*The Chinese Exclusion Act*, with Ric Burns) spotlights turn-of-the-20th-century San Francisco, where a deadly outbreak of bubonic plague in the city's Chinatown and the hunt to identify its source led to a spate of violent anti-Asian sentiment. The film is based on a book by David K. Randall. **Repeats Sun 5/12, 11 pm**
- 12M FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 10** – Episode 4 of 10. *Buried Secrets*. **R**
- 1AM NATURE: GRIZZLY 399: QUEEN OF THE TETONS** – **R**

**12 Sunday**

**6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, May 5 listings.**

- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 12N NATURE: GRIZZLY 399: QUEEN OF THE TETONS** – **R**
- 1:00 A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FUTURE** – Part 6 of 6. *Tomorrows*. **R**
- 2:00 NOVA: WHY BRIDGES COLLAPSE** – **R**
- 3:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET: NABUCCO** – Ancient Babylon comes to life in this production of Verdi's early opera masterpiece. Baritone George Gagnidze makes his Met role debut as the imperious king Nabucco, alongside soprano Liudmyla Monastyrskya reprising her turn as his vengeful daughter, Abigaille. Daniele Callegari conducts and Angel Blue hosts.
- 5:30 DORA FUGH LEE: A LIFE IN ART** – **R**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – Episode 7 of 10. *George F. Will*. In an expansive conversation, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and journalist George F. Will shares his perspective on the political, social, and cultural trends that have shaped the national experience since 2008. **Repeats Fri 5/17, 8:30pm**
- 7:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Episode 6 of 13. *Ruddy Gore*. **R**
- 8:00 LUCY WORSLEY INVESTIGATES: THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** – How did George III's mental illness change Britain? Historian Lucy Worsley uncovers Royal papers and explores how the assassination attempt on the king's life changed psychiatry forever. **Repeats 1am**
- 9:00 MARYLAND ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 2 of 3. As Becca and Rosaline deal with the fallout from their mother's death, new revelations emerge, and the sisters cope in different and sometimes destructive ways. **Repeats 2am**
- 10:00 GUILT, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 3 of 4. Max, Jake, and their new gang hide from Maggie in Edinburgh and discover her link to Sir Jim Sturrock. Maggie exerts pressure on Teddy and Aliza risks the bank sale.
- 11:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: PLAGUE AT THE GOLDEN GATE** – (2 hrs.)

**13 Monday**

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, HOUR 3** – Visit Akron, Ohio for superb finds, including a Fox Kids promotion kit, a Thurman Munson-signed baseball, ca. 1975 and Fernando Amorsolo oil paintings from 1955. Guess the top \$120,000-\$180,000 find. **Repeats Tue 5/14, 4pm**
- 9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3: ROSSLYN, VA** – WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood series visits Rosslyn with realtor Aiden Berri. Hosts Christine and John explore urban living, visiting properties and spotlighting Rosslyn's history, residential renaissance, and nearby Arlington National Cemetery.
- 9:30 WETA ARTS** – The Emmy Award-winning arts and culture series this month presents a feature on the Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art, which cares for 79 repatriated trafficked Yemeni antiquities. The program also features a conversation with the Smithsonian American Art Museum's director Stephanie Stebich, and a taste of Indian Classical Dance with the Natyabhoomi School of Dance. **Repeats Fri 5/17, 10:30pm; Mon 5/27, 9:30pm**
- 10:00 PHOTOGRAPHIC JUSTICE: THE CORKY LEE STORY** – Using his camera as a "weapon against injustice," photographer Corky Lee's art is his activism. His images of Asian American life empowered generations. This intimate portrait reveals the triumphs and tragedies of the man behind the lens.

**14 Tuesday**

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 10** – In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Encore: Episode 5 of 10. Hold the Laughter*. Gates uncovers the roots of comedians Bob Odenkirk and Iliza Shlesinger – whose family trees brim with dramatic stories. **Repeats Wed 5/15, 4pm; Sat 5/18, midnight.**
- 9:00 THE EXPRESS WAY WITH DULÉ HILL** – Part 4 of 4. *Chicago*. Chicago is a city known for its rich history and culture. But for some, it's been marred by crime and violence. In this episode, Dulé Hill meets the city's talented artists to explore why art and activism are often synonymous in the Midwest.
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: A DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT: UNCOVERING CORRUPTION IN MADURO'S VENEZUELA** – *Frontline* spotlights a shadowy figure at the heart of a corruption scandal reaching from Venezuela to America. With the Venezuelan news outlet *Armando.info*, *Frontline* explores the inside story of Alex Saab, his capture, and his subsequent release by the U.S. in a controversial prisoner swap. (90 min.)



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**Sundays, May 12 & 19 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Lucy Worsley Investigates* features two encore episodes spotlighting mysteries surrounding British history. Programs are *The Madness of King George (III)* (May 12) and *Princes in the Tower* (May 19).

## 15 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: SAVING THE ANIMALS OF UKRAINE** – From the heart of war-torn Ukraine, stories of survival, love, and resilience emerge beyond the battles. In this film directed by Anton Ptushkin, see the effects of war on animals, and meet the humans who help them. **Repeats** [Thur 5/16, 4pm](#); [Sat 5/18, 1am](#); [Sun 5/19, noon](#)
- 9:00 NOVA: SECRETS IN YOUR DATA** – Find out who's using your personal data and what you can do about it. **Repeats** [Fri 5/17, 4pm](#); [Sun 5/19, 1pm](#)
- 10:00 POMPEII: THE NEW DIG** – Follow the most extensive archaeological excavation in Pompeii for a generation. With exclusive access to the dig, the series follows the excavation of an entire city block, unearthing what life was like in Pompeii before the eruption and what happened when Vesuvius erupted in AD 79. *Part 1 of 3.*

## 16 Thursday

- 8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 5: RING OUT YOUR DEAD** – John Nettles stars. In Midsomer Wellow, church bell-ringers are being murdered one by one. In hopes of winning a national striking competition, the determined bell group continues with rehearsals despite the deaths. As each is murdered, the killer leaves a line from a nursery rhyme by the body. Barnaby and Troy investigate. Hugh Bonneville guest stars.
- 9:31 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Essie Davis stars. *Episode 7 of 13. Murder in Montparnasse.* Parisian artist Pierre Sarcelle's widow arrives in Melbourne seeking her late husband's paintings. When she disappears, Phryne discovers the connection between Mme. Sarcelle and the death of an Australian war veteran who witnessed the artist's death at Montparnasse train station. **Repeats** [Sun 5/19, 7pm](#)
- 10:30 BRITISH ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**

## 17 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Jeffrey Goldberg moderates the roundtable discussion of the week's news with award-winning journalists. Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats** [Sat 5/18, 6am, 6:30pm](#); [Sun 5/19, 11:30am](#); [Mon 5/20, 7:30am](#)
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – *Episode 7 of 10. George F. Will.* See the Sunday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: AUDRA MCDONALD AT THE LONDON PALLADIUM** – Enjoy Broadway hits and more performed by the six-time Tony Award-winner, including "I Am What I Am," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Will He Like Me?," "Summertime" and many more. **Repeats** [Mon 5/20, 3:30 pm](#)
- 10:30 WETA ARTS** – **R**

## 18 Saturday

- 6AM-6PM** See the Saturday, May 4 listings.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.



JUDY PHU

**Monday, May 20, 10 p.m. WETA PBS; May 25, 8 p.m. WETA Metro** Independent Lens film *The Tuba Thieves* explores the role of sound and what it means to listen. The mystery in the film is about the nature of sound itself. Above: Deaf film participant Nyke.



ROBERTA PRISCO & FRESCO/IGNITY & ALLMEDIA INTL

**Weds., May 15, 22 & 29, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
The miniseries *Pompeii: The New Dig* follows the most extensive archaeological excavation in the ancient city for a generation, unearthing what life was like before Mt. Vesuvius erupted in AD 79.

- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The high school quiz show showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. It's the playoffs! Competing this week are McLean, Jackson-Reed and Bullis high schools. **Airs** 10am Saturdays, repeating 7pm, and Mondays, 3pm. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).
- 7:30 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 7** – In this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. This new season focuses on wellness. *Episode 7 of 10. Wendy Suzuki on Movement: The Ultimate Neurochemical Bubble Bath.*
- 8:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – The WETA co-production concludes. *Part 5 of 5. Breaking Through.* Revisit the turn of the millennium, when Asian Americans are empowered by growing numbers and rising influence but face a reckoning of what it means to be an American in an increasingly polarized society.
- 9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: AMY TAN: 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** [Sun 5/19, 11pm](#)
- 11:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: ANDY AKIHO FOUND (HIS) SOUND** – Experience the creation of music from this Japanese American composer, who is joined by host Scott Yoo, using "found" instruments. To develop a music video, the two visit New York City and explore the creative process with an interactive light show and more.
- 12M FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 10** – *Episode 5 of 10. Hold the Laughter.* **R**
- 1AM NATURE: SAVING THE ANIMALS OF UKRAINE** – **R**

## 19 Sunday

- 6AM-11:30AM** See the Sunday, May 5 listings.
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 12N NATURE: SAVING THE ANIMALS OF UKRAINE** – **R**
- 1:00 NOVA: SECRETS IN YOUR DATA** – **R**
- 2:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: BOB DYLAN: NO DIRECTION HOME** – Filmmaker Martin Scorsese's 2005 production illuminates the iconic singer-songwriter's life, artistry and impact, focusing on the years 1961-1966. The film won a Peabody Award, among other accolades. *Parts 1 & 2 of 2.* Follow Dylan's journey from a rock 'n' roll-loving youth in the Midwest to his arrival as a major musical force in the world of folk music. Then, learn about Dylan's musical turn in 1963, when he defied his fans' expectations by adding a heightened sense of poetry to his writing and electricity to his music. **R**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats** [Monday, 7am](#)
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – *Episode 8 of 10. Stacy Schiff.* Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stacy Schiff uncovers the truths behind the mythology of the Salem Witch Trials, connecting the

influences that this dark chapter in Colonial America had on the future republic. **Repeats Fri 5/24, 8:30pm**

- 7:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Episode 7 of 13. *Murder in Montparnasse*. **R**
- 8:00 LUCY WORSLEY INVESTIGATES: PRINCES IN THE TOWER** – What really happened to England's Princes in the Tower? Lucy Worsley uncovers the story of the two boys whose disappearance in 1483 has led to centuries of speculation.
- 9:00 MARYLAND ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 3 of 3. Everything comes to a head as Richard and Jim arrive at the Isle of Man. Mary's actions continue to have an impact on the entire family as they try to heal and reconnect. **Repeats 2am**
- 10:00 GUILT, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 4 of 4. Max and Jake have a plan for final victory, but so does everyone else. Maggie's enemies close in, and Sturrock's bank sale is in danger.
- 11:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: AMY TAN: UNINTENDED MEMOIR** – (2 hrs.) **R**

## 20 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 13** – Travel to all five cities of *Roadshow's* Season 28 Tour for never-before-seen appraisals, including a 1976 Mark Hamill-signed *Star Wars* poster, a 1979 Bob Ross landscape oil, and a 1973 Iditarod Race sled. **Repeats Tue 5/21, 4pm**
- 9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3: COLUMBIA, MD** – WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood series tours the planned community of Columbia with realtor Peter Boscas. Hosts Christine and John visit properties; and the episode spotlights Merriweather Post Pavilion, sharing stories of artists who have performed there.
- 9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3: FOGGY BOTTOM, DC** – With realtor Gigi Watson, hosts Christine and John explore life along the Potomac River, touring properties and diving into the history of the Kennedy Center and the Watergate.
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: THE TUBA THIEVES** – What is the role of sound and what does it mean to listen? Hard-of-hearing filmmaker Alison O'Daniel uses a series of tuba thefts in L.A.'s high schools as a jumping-off point to explore these topics. (90 min.)

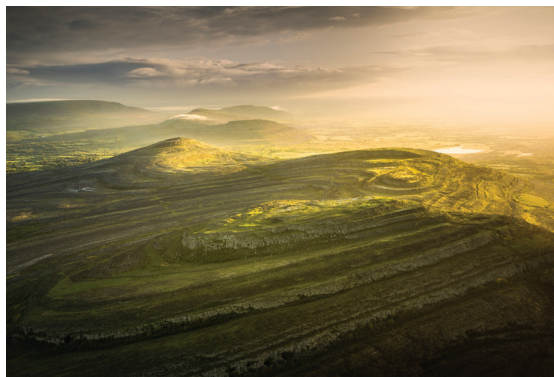
## 21 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 10** – In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. Encore: *Episode 6 of 10. Far and Away*. Gates explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse



RONLAND SCHEERMAN/PUBLIC DOMAIN, AUG. 26, 1963

**Sunday, May 19, 2-6 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
WETA reprises Martin Scorsese's film *No Direction Home*, spotlighting iconic musical artist Bob Dylan and his impact during the period 1961-1966. Above: Dylan with Joan Baez in Washington.



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**Wednesday, May 22 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Nature: Wild Ireland: Kingdom of Stone* visits a desert called the Burren in County Clare, on the west coast of the nation, to explore the region's extraordinary landscapes and wildlife.

Williams – telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities. **Repeats Wed 5/22, 4pm**

- 9:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE RIOT REPORT** – Revisit 1967 when inner cities across America erupted in violence. LBJ appointed the Kerner Commission to investigate and the Commission's final report would offer a shockingly unvarnished assessment of race relations that still resonates today. (2 hrs.) **Repeats Sun 5/26, 11pm**

## 22 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: WILD IRELAND: KINGDOM OF STONE** – Follow the story of a pine marten as she takes us on a journey through a desert of grey stones called the Burren, home to some of Ireland's most enchanting wildlife. **Repeats Sun 5/26, noon**
- 9:00 NOVA: DECODING THE UNIVERSE: COSMOS** – How big is the universe? Will it ever end? Why is so much of it made of mysterious dark matter and energy? See how mind-bending discoveries over the past 50 years have revolutionized our understanding of the universe. **Repeats Fri 5/24, 4pm; Sun 5/26, 1pm**
- 10:00 POMPEII: THE NEW DIG** – Follow the most extensive archaeological excavation in Pompeii for a generation. The series follows the excavation of an entire city block, unearthing what life was like in Pompeii before the eruption and what happened when Vesuvius erupted in AD 79. Part 2 of 3. **Repeats Sun 5/26, 2pm**

## 23 Thursday

- 8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 5: MURDER ON ST. MALLEY'S DAY** – John Nettles stars. After a pupil at a prestigious school dies of a stab wound suffered while competing in a race, shocked locals are sure the death can be linked to the long-running rivalry between the school and the locals. As Barnaby investigates, he encounters an elite secret society with which the murdered student had been involved.
- 9:31 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Essie Davis stars. *Episode 8 of 13. Away with the Fairies*. Phryne investigates the puzzling death of a magazine columnist and author of fairy stories. To get to the truth, she must unearth the deceptions and rampant rivalries of the magazine's staff. Meanwhile, Phryne rekindles an affair.
- 10:30 BRITISH ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**

## 24 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Jeffrey Goldberg moderates the roundtable discussion of the week's news with award-winning journalists. Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 5/25, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/26, 11:30am; Mon 5/27, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – *Episode 8 of 10. Stacy Schiff*. See the Sunday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. listing. **R**

**9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: PURLIE VICTORIOUS** – Enjoy this comedic play starring Tony Award-winner Leslie Odom, Jr., telling the story of a Black preacher's scheme to reclaim his inheritance and win back his church from a plantation owner. Written by Ossie Davis with direction by Tony-winner Kenny Leon. (2 hrs.)

## 25 Saturday

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

- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.  
**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**  
**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The high school quiz show showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. It's the playoffs! Competing this week are Rockville, Woodson and Einstein high schools. Aired 10am Saturdays, repeating 7pm. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).  
**7:30 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 7** – In this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. This new season focuses on wellness. *Episode 8 of 10 Bret Scher on Food, Mood, and Apple Fritters.*  
**8:00 KEN BURNS: THE CIVIL WAR** – An overview of the 1990 history documentary *The Civil War*, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA, celebrates the landmark series. The special features video clips and interviews with filmmaker Ken Burns, writer Geoffrey Ward, documentarian Ric Burns, cinematographer Buddy Squires and others.  
**10:00 MY MUSIC PRESENTS: NEW ROCK, POP AND DOO WOP** – A celebration of doo wop music features full-length performances by acts including Johnny Maestro, The Duprees, Jay Back, Little Anthony & The Imperials, Ronnie Spector, Frankie Valli, Jerry Butler and many more artists from the '50s and '60s.

## 26 Sunday

**6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, May 5 listings.**

- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**  
**12N NATURE: WILD IRELAND: KINGDOM OF STONE – R**  
**1:00 NOVA: DECODING THE UNIVERSE: COSMOS – R**  
**2:00 POMPEII: THE NEW DIG – Part 2 of 3. R**  
**3:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: WATERMAN – DUKE: AMBASSADOR OF ALOHA** – Discover the inspiring story and considerable impact of five-time Olympic medalist Duke Kahanamoku. He shattered swimming records and globalized surfing while overcoming racism in a lifetime of personal challenges. Jason Momoa narrates.  
**4:30 KEEPER OF THE FLAME** – A film follows the life and work of human rights activist Jack Healey. Working for a decade as the director of Amnesty International USA,



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**Wednesday, May 29 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
**NOVA** features an encore airing of *Why Ships Crash*, exploring how the colossal *Ever Given* container ship grounded in the Suez Canal in March 2021 and sparked an international supply chain crisis.



PLAYGROUND ENTERTAINMENT AND MASTERPIECE

**Monday, May 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on WETA PBS**

WETA presents a marathon airing of popular *Masterpiece* drama *All Creatures Great and Small* (Series 4), starring Rachel Shenton as Helen, Nicholas Ralph as James, and Anna Madeley as Mrs. Hall.

Healey played a major role in bringing human rights awareness to a televised national and international audience through the fusing of popular music and activism.

- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.  
**6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4 – Episode 9 of 10. Tracy Campbell.** In the United States, World War II is often regarded as a time of unrivaled national unity and optimism, however in reality this traumatic period tested the American resolve in the most significant way since the Civil War. How did the nation rise to the occasion? **Repeats Fri 5/31, 8:30pm**  
**7:00 10 MONUMENTS THAT CHANGED AMERICA** – Tour wholly original American monuments and explore surprising stories behind American favorites. Examine the battles over how to remember our past, from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to the controversial Confederate soldier monuments. **Repeats 1am**  
**8:00 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2024** – In this year's live broadcast, a WETA co-production, experience America's national night of remembrance, which honors the military service of men and women in uniform, their families, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. See page 1 for participants and program details. **Repeats tonight**  
**9:30 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2024** – (encore) **R**  
**11:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE RIOT REPORT** – (2 hrs.) **R**

## 27 Monday

- 8AM ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SEASON 4 ON MASTERPIECE MARATHON** – WETA reprises Season 4 of the drama that follows the life of veterinarian James Herriot in 1930s Yorkshire. In the seven episodes, the community in Darrowby is pulling together more than ever before as Europe is at war.  
**6PM BBC NEWS THE CONTEXT/BBC NEWS AMERICA**  
**7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://www.pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**  
**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: I WAS THERE** – Hear *Roadshow* guests' stories and see some incredible mementos from their experiences, including Disney animation art, ca. 1938; a 1970 Jimi Hendrix collection; and a Norman Rockwell oil painting and chair, ca. 1952. One is valued at \$230,000. **Repeats Tue 5/28, 4pm**  
**9:30 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 3: ROCKVILLE, MD** – WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood series visits three homes in Rockville with realtor Rowena De Leon. Along the way, hosts Christine and John explore the history of Rockville Pike and Offutt's General Store (later Hank Dietle's Tavern) and stop by Gwennie's Bakery.  
**9:30 WETA ARTS – R**

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**10:00 GOING TO WAR** – Going to war brings terror, pain and grief, but also exhilaration and a sense of purpose. Authors Karl Marlantes and Sebastian Junger help make sense of this paradox, while military veterans reveal the truths of combat with unflinching candor.

## 28 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 10** – In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Encore: Episode 7 of 10. The Brick Wall Falls.* Gates helps musical artist Dionne Warwick and actor Danielle Brooks break down barriers imposed by the slave system to learn the names of their ancestors who endured unimaginable ordeals – but emerged to forge thriving families. **Repeats Wed 5/29, 4pm**
- 9:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 8** – *Encore: Children of Exile.* Gates retraces the ancestral journeys of David Chang and Raul Esparza – whose families fled their homelands. **Repeats Fri 5/31, 4pm**
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: SOUTH KOREA'S ADOPTION RECKONING** – *Frontline* probes allegations of fraud and abuse in South Korea's historic foreign adoption boom. With The Associated Press, *Frontline* investigates falsified records and faked identities in the adoption of 200,000 children to the U.S. and other countries through seven decades. (90 min.)

## 29 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: NIAGARA FALLS** – Visit this geological wonder and witness its stunning beauty and a wide variety of wildlife – mammals, birds and reptiles – that call it home. Three cascades combine to form the second largest waterfall in the world. **Repeats Thur 5/30, 4pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: WHY SHIPS CRASH** – When the huge *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 future accidents be prevented?
- 10:00 POMPEII: THE NEW DIG** – Follow the most extensive archaeological excavation in Pompeii for a generation. The series follows the excavation of an entire city block, unearthing what life was like in Pompeii before and after Vesuvius erupted in AD 79. *Part 3 of 3.*

## 30 Thursday

- 8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 5: MARKET FOR MURDER** – John Nettles stars. When the head of a local book club is robbed and battered to death, suspicion soon falls on club members. The investigation becomes more urgent as more deaths occur. Angela Thorne guest stars.
- 9:31 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Essie Davis stars. *Episode 9 of 13. Queen of the Flowers.* Phryne is chosen to refine a group of delinquent flower maidens for the annual flower parade. Then the body of one of her charges washes up on the beach. As she investigates, Phryne must face her fears about losing her ward Jane.
- 10:30 BRITISH ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**

## 31 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Jeffrey Goldberg moderates the roundtable discussion of the week's news with award-winning journalists. Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 6/1, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 6/2, 11:30am; Mon 6/3, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 4** – *Episode 9 of 10. Tracy Campbell.* See the Sunday, May 26, 6:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT** – Explore the vast repertoire of these musical theater pioneers in a star-studded concert featuring Aaron Tveitt, Patrick Wilson and others performing songs from shows *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *The Sound of Music* and more. (2 hrs.)

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### WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS KIDS

- Clifford the Big Red Dog, 6am
- Dinosaur Train, 6:30am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 7am
- The Not-Too-Late Show with Elmo, 7:30am
- Sesame Street, 8am, 8:30am
- Work It Out Wombats!, 9am, 9:30am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 10am, 10:30am
- Curious George, 11am, 11:30am
- Donkey Hodie, 12n, 12:30pm
- Elinor Wonders Why, 1pm
- Rosie's Rules, 1:30pm, 2pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 2:30pm
- Alma's Way, 3pm, 3:30pm
- Lyla in the Loop, 4pm
- Nature Cat, 4:30pm
- Arthur, 5pm
- Odd Squad, 5:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 6pm, 6:30pm
- Lyla in the Loop, 7pm
- Molly of Denali, 7:30pm, 8pm
- Hero Elementary, 8:30pm
- Cyberchase, 9pm
- Let's Go Luna! 9:30pm
- Rosie's Rules, 10pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 10:30pm
- Alma's Way, 11pm, 11:30pm

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

### WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS, 8 AM – 3 PM

- Lyla in the Loop, 8am
- Wild Kratts, 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
- Curious George, 1pm
- Xavier Riddle & 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
- Lyla in the Loop, 8am
- Wild Kratts, 8:30am



Alma's Way

## 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.

### MAY P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12pm	• 5/5, 11am-8pm: All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece	Call the Midwife	Call the Midwife	Call the Midwife	Call the Midwife	Call the Midwife	• 5/4, 10am-6pm: Doc Martin, Series 9 Marathon
12:30pm	• 5/5, 8pm-11:30pm: Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen	Born and Bred	Born and Bred	Born and Bred	Born and Bred	Born and Bred	• 5/4, 6pm-10:30pm: Vicar of Dibley Marathon
1pm	• 5/5, 11:30pm-4:30am: Doc Martin, Series 9	• 5/6: Martin Clunes' Islands of the Pacific, Series 2	Last Tango in Halifax, Series 1	Foyle's War, Series 5 & 6	Doc Martin, Series 6 & 7	• 5/3: Martin Clunes' Islands of the Pacific, Series 2	• 5/4, 10:30pm-2:30am: Rick Steves Europe Marathon
1:30pm	• 5/12, 12pm-5pm: Rick Steves Art of Europe Marathon	• 5/13: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 1-3	• Hope Street, Series 2	The Paris Murders, Series 1	Midsomer Murders, Series 4	• 5/10: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 1-3	• 5/11, 9am-6pm: All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece
2pm	• 5/12, 5pm-12am: Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 Marathon (Eps 1-6)	• 5/20: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 4-6	• Annika, Series 1 on Masterpiece (starts 5/21)	• Astrid, Series 2	Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 2 & 3	• 5/17: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 4-6	• 5/11, 6pm-10pm: Vicar of Dibley, Series 2 Marathon
2:30pm	• 5/19, 9:30am-5:30pm: Foyle's War, Series 1 Marathon	• 5/27, 2-4pm: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 7-8	Flesh and Blood on Masterpiece (starts 5/7)	• Seaside Hotel, Series 7 (starts 5/8)	• 5/24, 2-4pm: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 7-8	• 5/24, 4pm: Secrets of Royal Travel, Pt 1	• 5/11, 10pm-1:30am: Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen
3pm	• 5/19, 5:30pm-1:30am: Foyle's War, Series 2 Marathon	• 5/27, 4pm: Secrets of Royal Travel, Pt 1	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	• 5/31: The Real Crown: Inside the House of Windsor, Pts 1-3	• 5/18, 8:30am-6pm: Doc Martin, Series 10 Marathon
3:30pm	<b>On Sunday, 5/26:</b>	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	• 5/18, 6pm-9:30pm: Vicar of Dibley, Series 3 Marathon
4pm	• 9:30am-1:30pm: Vicar of Dibley Marathon	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	• 5/18, 9:30pm-4:30am: Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Eps 7-13)
4:30pm	• 1:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow	Open All Hours	Open All Hours	Open All Hours	Open All Hours	Open All Hours	<b>On Saturday, 5/25:</b>
5pm	• 2pm: Doc Martin, Series 7 (starts 5/26)	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	• Mary Berry (to 5/24) • Donald's Irish Adventure	• 12pm: Celebrity Antiques Roadshow
6pm	• 3pm: Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	• 1pm: Last Tango in Halifax, Series 1
6:30pm	• 4pm: All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece	<b>Last Tango in Halifax, Series 1</b> (starts 5/6)	<b>Foreign Favourites</b>	Doc Martin, Series 6 (Series 7 starts 5/22)	• 5/2: Martin Clunes' Islands of the Pacific, Series 2	<b>Masterworks Showcase</b>	• 2pm: Annika, Series 1 on Masterpiece
7pm	• 5pm: Foyle's War, Series 6	• Hope Street, Series 2	• 8pm: The Paris Murders, Series 1	• 9pm: Seaside Hotel, Series 7	• 5/9: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 1-3	• 8pm: Foyle's War, Series 5 (Series 6 starts 5/17)	• 3pm: Flesh and Blood on Masterpiece
7:30pm	• 6pm: Doc Martin, Series 7 (starts 5/26)	• Annika, Series 1 on Masterpiece (starts 5/20)	• 9pm: Luna & Sophie, Series 2	Midsomer Murders, Series 4	• 5/16: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 4-6	• 9pm: Around the World in 80 Days on Masterpiece	• 4pm: Doc Martin, Series 7
8pm	• 7pm: Flesh and Blood on Masterpiece	<b>Flesh and Blood on Masterpiece</b> (starts 5/6)	• 10pm: Luna & Sophie, Series 2	Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 5/15)	• 5/23, 8-10pm: Secrets of the Royal Palaces, Pts 7-8	• 9pm: All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece (starts 5/17)	• 5pm: Foyle's War, Series 6
8:30pm	• 8pm-10pm: Secrets of the Royal Palaces	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	• 5/23, 10pm: Secrets of Royal Travel, Pt 1	• 10pm: Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece	• 6pm-10:30pm: Vicar of Dibley
9pm	• 10pm: Secrets of Royal Travel	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	• 5/30: The Real Crown: Inside the House of Windsor, Pts 1-3	• 10pm: World on Fire, Series 2 on Masterpiece (starts 5/17)	• 10:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow
9:30pm	• 11pm: Still Open All Hours	Last Tango in Halifax, Series 1	The Paris Murders, Series 1	Doc Martin, Series 6 & 7	[See 8-11pm tonight]	Foyle's War, Series 5 & 6	• 11pm: Paris Murders, Series 1
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	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>

# WETA UK Highlights

## Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific, Series 2

Thursday, May 2, 8-11 p.m. on WETA UK

**F**ollowing up on his engaging series *Islands of the Pacific*, Martin Clunes (*Doc Martin*) continues on his epic adventure, in Season 2 traveling to Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Micronesia. In the series, Martin explores the Pacific through the lives, culture and stories of the people he meets along the way. In the three new episodes, he travels to Papua New Guinea to live among the farmers of the Trobriand Islands and visit the volcanic island of New Britain. Then he explores the Philippines, from Manila's jeepneys and bamboo bikes, Catholic fiestas and family feasts, to remote tribal burials and rice god rituals — meeting shamans and witches and spotting tarsiers and fireflies. Concluding the episodes, Martin travels to Guam to learn about invasive species on remote islands, and to Palau to see endangered hawksbill turtles and rare dugongs.



## Last Tango in Halifax on Masterpiece

Mondays at 8 p.m. starting May 6 on WETA UK

**W**ETA UK reprises the BAFTA Award-winning 2012 BBC miniseries *Last Tango in Halifax*, starring Derek Jacobi and Anne Reid in an uplifting contemporary comic drama about romance and second chances, love, loss and hope. In the six episodes of Series 1, childhood sweethearts Alan and Celia, both widowed and in their 70s, fall for each other a second time when they are reunited on the Internet after nearly 60 years and start a life-affirming journey together. While their relationship is a celebratory tale of the power of love at any age, it is also a story about family and the complications the relationship causes, especially for their grown daughters, portrayed by Nicola Walker and Sarah Lancashire. The drama was written by Sally Wainwright, whose credits include *Unforgiven*, *Scott & Bailey* and *Happy Valley*.



## The Real Crown: Inside the House of Windsor

Thursday, May 30, 8-11 p.m. on WETA UK

**T**he five-part series *The Real Crown: Inside the House of Windsor*, starting May 30, illuminates the story of a family that has lived under intense public scrutiny their entire lives. Prince Harry recently described it as akin to living in *The Truman Show*. Like most families, Britain's royal family has had to deal with crises — feuds, heartbreak, sibling rivalries, affairs, divorces and deaths. But they also have had to face assassination attempts, kidnappings, tabloid scandals and terrorist bombs. *The Real Crown* captures the powerful real-life human drama of the greatest remaining dynasty in Europe. Told in present tense and full of unexpected bombshells, the series is narrated by Adjoa Andoh (*Bridgerton*). Also tune in to eight-episode miniseries *Secrets of the Royal Palaces*, airing Thursdays May 9, 16 & 23 at 8 p.m.



**Also on WETA UK in May:** Tune in to marathons of viewer favorites on the first three weekends in May, from *Doc Martin* to *The Vicar of Dibley* to *Foyle's War*, from *Rick Steves' Europe* to *All Creatures Great and Small* to *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*. See page 16 for timings.

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## La Manplesa: An Uprising Remembered

Saturday, May 4 at 9 p.m. on WETA Metro

**O**n May 5, 1991, people took to the streets of Washington D.C.'s Mount Pleasant neighborhood to protest the police shooting of a young Salvadoran man, Daniel Gomez. Through testimony, song, poetry, and street theater, the one-hour film *La Manplesa: An Uprising Remembered* weaves together the collective memory of one of D.C.'s first barrios and dives into the roots of the '91 rebellion. The film honors those who have battled to end police brutality and explores how artists resist forgetting, prompt their audience to remember what remains to be fought for in the battle for justice, and connect the present to the past.



ANTONIA GRACE GLENN

## The Ito Sisters: An American Story

Thursday, May 9 at 10 p.m. on WETA Metro

**A** documentary film captures the stories of three Japanese American sisters, interviewed in their 80s and 90s, as they recount how their immigrant parents struggled to make a life in America at the beginning of the 20th century. Natsuye (Nancy), Haruye (Lillian) and Hideko (Hedy) were born on a farm in the Sacramento River Delta, and the family's chronicle is set against the backdrop of the anti-Japanese movement in California that culminated in the evacuation and incarceration of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast during World War II. *The Ito Sisters* explores the meaning of American identity and citizenship for immigrants and their children — and the tensions between new Americans and anti-immigrant forces. Antonia Grace Glenn, granddaughter of the middle of the three sisters, created the film.



COURTESY AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION

## Pioneers of Television

Thursday, May 30 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro

**A**n Emmy-nominated series reveals intriguing behind-the-scenes stories and fascinating facts about television shows and programming genres that continue to influence the medium today. More than 100 stars bring their stories to life, telling backstage tales of America's favorite series. Each episode melds new interviews with iconic clips and photos to offer an insider's look at television's biggest celebrities. Episodes on May 30 are *Late Night* (8 p.m.), spotlighting hosts including Johnny Carson (left), Steve Allen, Dick Cavett, Arsenio Hall and others; *Comedians* (9 p.m.), with Robin Williams, Jonathan Winters, Tina Fey, Chloris Leachman, Jimmie Walker and more; and *Primetime Soaps* (10 p.m.), featuring stars of *Dallas*, *Dynasty* and *Knots Landing*.

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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## America ReFramed: In Search of Bengali Harlem

**Thursday, May 9 at 8 p.m. on WETA World**

This month, WETA World presents nearly 50 films marking Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; visit [weta.org/asian-pacific](http://weta.org/asian-pacific) to learn about offerings across WETA channels. On the Thursday-night documentary series *America ReFramed*, tune in to *In Search of Bengali Harlem*, which spotlights a playwright contending with post-9/11 Hollywood's Islamophobia. As a teen, Alaudin Ullah was swept up by the energy of hip-hop and rebelled against his Bangladeshi roots. Now, he sets out to tell his parents' stories. The documentary tracks his quest from mid-20th-century Harlem to Bangladesh, unveiling intertwined histories of South Asian Muslims, African Americans and Puerto Ricans in his community.



## Local, USA: A Tale of Three Chinatowns

**Monday, May 6 at 8 p.m. on WETA World**

The film *A Tale of Three Chinatowns* explores the survival of urban ethnic neighborhoods in three U.S. cities: Washington, D.C., Chicago (right) and Boston. Through the voices of residents, community activists, developers and government officials, the film looks at the forces altering each community and the challenges that accompany them, including urban development and gentrification. Also tune in to *Local, USA: Chinatown Auxiliary*, Monday, May 13 at 9 p.m., which follows a group of Chinese residents who for decades have patrolled the streets of Manhattan's Chinatown as NYPD volunteer police, protecting their neighborhood as they fought to belong in America and assimilate into the mainstream.



## Independent Lens: Beyond Utopia

**Sunday, May 26 at 10 p.m. on WETA World**

A gripping two-hour *Independent Lens* film — winner of the U.S. Documentary Audience Award at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival — offers a riveting portrait of the lengths people will go to gain freedom, following a courageous pastor guiding people attempting to escape from North Korea. Filmmaker Madeleine Gavin's harrowing documentary is a suspenseful depiction of these long and dangerous journeys, featuring the man who has saved more than 1,000 defectors fleeing the hermit kingdom. Among those spotlighted is a family of five (above), including small children and an elderly grandmother, embarking on a treacherous journey into the Changbai Mountains of China and through Southeast Asia. Their journey, with life-or-death stakes, was captured on cellphone cameras.





COURTESY THE ARTISTS

Miró Quartet

## Front Row Washington Celebrates Longtime Recording Engineer

**Mondays at 9 p.m.**

**T**his month, *Front Row Washington* celebrates the work of Bruce Cain, the talented WETA Classical recording engineer who captures live local performances for the program at concert halls, religious institutions, schools and other venues around Greater Washington throughout the year. Each venue presents the extraordinary challenge of recording the music the right way. In May, we hear Bruce's recording

of the Miró Quartet in the Chamber Music at The Barns at Wolf Trap concert series as the ensemble performs music by Haydn, Ravel and Kevin Puts. Other concert recordings take us to the Arts Club of Washington and The Kosciuszko Foundation's 68th Chopin Piano Competition; and we'll also hear the National Chamber Players in brass and piano quintets by Morely Calbert, Victor Ewald and Amy Beach. Join host John Banther to celebrate Bruce's work all month long on *Front Row Washington*.



SCOTT SUCHMAN

NSO Principal Cello David Hardy

## NSO Showcase: Britten & Bruckner

**Wednesday, May 1 at 9 p.m.**

**B**enjamin Britten dedicated his Symphony for Cello and Orchestra to his great friend Mstislav Rostropovich, who premiered it in Moscow and would later become the National Symphony Orchestra's music director. Rostropovich appointed cellist David Hardy as associate principal cello in 1981. The following year, Hardy was the top American prizewinner at the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. Rostropovich's NSO successor, Leonard Slatkin, named Hardy principal cello in 1994. The NSO's current music director, Gianandrea Noseda, spent 10 years as principal guest conductor at the Mariinsky Theater in St. Petersburg. All of this history comes together in this *NSO Showcase* presentation of Britten's Cello Symphony — featuring Hardy and conducted by Noseda. Maestro Noseda also leads the orchestra in Bruckner's Symphony No.6, which the composer called his "cheekiest."

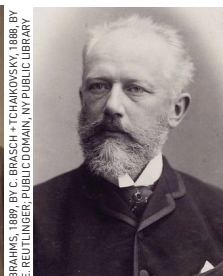
## Choral Showcase: Brahms & Tchaikovsky

**Sundays at 9 p.m.**

**M**ay's *Choral Showcase* presents music by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) and Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), two contemporaries born just seven years apart, and who couldn't be more different in their music and their personalities. History tells us that each didn't care very much for the other's music, either. Tchaikovsky, outwardly passionate and more forward in his written criticisms, called Brahms at various times "gift-less," "that scoundrel," or "a self-inflated mediocrity." Brahms was more temperate and circumspect. When they did meet they got along just fine; and they grew to like and respect one another. On May 5, hear Tchaikovsky's choral masterpieces *All-Night Vigil* and *Nine Sacred Choruses*, and on May 12, from Brahms, *Ein Deutsches Requiem*. Then, it's music for Trinity on May 19, and sacred music by Bob Chilcott and Eric Whitacre on May 26.



Brahms



Tchaikovsky

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# Classical for Washington

## Capturing the Music

**WETA Classical recording engineers  
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**W**hen a listener tunes in to WETA Classical, they may hear recordings from distant orchestras and ensembles around the globe, or they may hear recordings made right here in their own community at one of the dozens of concert halls and many other performance venues around the D.C., Maryland and Virginia region. Those local recordings are the work of two longtime WETA recording engineers who attend live performances and capture the music to share with the public via WETA Classical broadcasts — in the extraordinary standard of sound quality that listeners have come to expect and enjoy.



WETA Classical microphones above the National Symphony Orchestra

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Charles Lawson, whose work can be heard each month on *NSO Showcase* (as well as commercially), brings his expertise and experience to bear recording the artistry of the National Symphony Orchestra at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Recently, Lawson was the featured guest on WETA Classical podcast *Classical Breakdown*'s Episode 104, for which host John Banther interviewed the engineer about his recordings.

A WETA Classical staff member since 1994, Charles is a trusted and respected member of the team that showcases the renowned

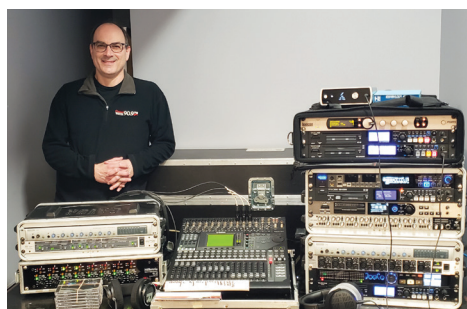
orchestra, recording both public performances and rehearsals in an effort to obtain the absolute best version possible. Listen to the podcast episode at [classicalbreakdown.org](http://classicalbreakdown.org) to hear some remarkable stories about what makes a good recording, how technology has changed during Charles' career, and why an engineer's highest compliment may be "I didn't even think about you at all." Also learn about how his recording of the NSO performing a segment of Gustav Holst's *The Planets* was literally "out of this world" — sent into space by NASA.

Another WETA Classical program, *Front Row Washington*, owes its exquisite sound to the work of Bruce Cain. A WETA recording engineer since 2000, Cain has been traveling around the D.C., Maryland and Virginia area recording classical music for the program at a variety of venues large and small. The hallmark of his work is his supreme adaptability; for *Front Row Washington* he makes recordings in concert halls, high school auditoriums, houses of worship and many other venues.

Bruce studied Sound Recording Technology at SUNY Fredonia; and he spent seven years as an engineer with The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" before coming to WETA. He knew from a young age that he loved music, playing trumpet and singing. But he also loved science and math; combining those interests with music and sound, audio engineering was a perfect fit. After more than 20 years with WETA Classical, Bruce is comfortable with the unpredictable nature of his role; sometimes he records at a celebrated venue such as The Barns at Wolf Trap, and other times from a closet in a community center.

"One of my most memorable recordings was for *Performance Today* at the Supreme Court; it was the Pacifica String Quartet with Leonard Slatkin conducting," said Bruce. "I was recording from a coat closet, with the cords trailing out the door — and couldn't see the performance. But if I peeked out the door at just the right angle, I could see the justices in their robes watching the concert."

Learn more about Bruce Cain's work this month on Monday night, 9 p.m. broadcast *Front Row Washington*; and stream *Classical Breakdown* to hear John Banther's interview with Charles Lawson.



Recording engineer Bruce Cain at Wolf Trap

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