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A Capitol Fourth

Annual Concert Celebrates Independence Day on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Tune in or stream
With summer in full swing, Election 2024 is just months away, and the campaigns are currently ramping up to the party conventions in July and August and the second presidential debate in September. WETA news and public affairs productions PBS News Hour, PBS News Weekend and Washington Week with The Atlantic will cover and contextualize all of these events and important news, reporting on the issues, the candidates, and election-related developments. For your ongoing reference, we will round up our Election 2024 programming on our website at weta.org/election.

Our trusted public affairs productions are the marquee news and news analysis programs airing on PBS stations around the nation. PBS News Hour, PBS News Weekend and Washington Week with The Atlantic are vital resources for the public and are the centerpiece of our mission of service, presenting journalism renowned for excellence and integrity, fostering an informed citizenry, and supporting civil discourse. The news content we create is widely accessible across platforms, whether via broadcast, digital or social media.

This month, tune in each evening, July 15-18, to PBS News Special: Republican National Convention, our News Hour team’s live coverage from Milwaukee anchored by Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett. The program will feature reporting from News Hour Capitol Hill and Trump campaign correspondent Lisa Desjardins and senior correspondent Judy Woodruff — and analysis from Jonathan Capehart, David Brooks and Amy Walter, among others. In August we will present PBS News Special: Democratic National Convention, providing coverage of the Democratic Party’s event in Chicago over four nights as well.

In other WETA July programming, in drama, across our channels we feature new seasons of ongoing series (Hotel Portofino and more); popular classics (Endeavour); and some new acquisitions (such as The Madame Blanc Mysteries) for you to enjoy. On WETA Passport, among many other streaming options we are excited to bring you all episodes of Sherlock on Masterpiece. In summer arts programming, we present additional entertaining concerts in our Saturday-night WETA PBS series that features top music acts; the performances are all available for streaming with WETA Passport.

With the 2024 Summer Olympic Games beginning in Paris this month, we have also scheduled an array of Olympic and sports-themed documentary series, including a treat for tennis fans — a new miniseries on the sport’s golden age at Wimbledon — and, on WETA UK, a “drama-lympics” featuring popular international series.

Details on these and other program offerings are on the pages that follow. Enjoy our wide array of engaging July presentations, and thank you for your support of our service to the public.

Sharon Percy Rockefeller
President and Chief Executive Officer, WETA
A Capitol Fourth
WETA co-production airs
Thursday, July 4 at 8 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App

The annual Independence Day celebration
A Capitol Fourth, brought to the nation via PBS by Capital Concerts and WETA, airs live on July 4 — the nation’s 248th birthday — from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro returns to host this year’s 44th edition of the show, which showcases all-star musical and patriotic performances from pop, country, R&B, classical and Broadway artists, culminating with a spectacular fireworks display that illuminates the skyline of the nation’s capital.

This year’s program is slated to feature legendary Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and producer Smokey Robinson; Grammy-winning music legend and “Queen of Percussion” Sheila E.; multiplatinum-selling singer, songwriter and recording artist Loren Allred (The Greatest Showman); Emmy, Golden Globe and SAG Award-winning actor, singer and songwriter Darren Criss (American Crime Story; Glee); Grammy-winning, platinum-selling singer and award-winning actress Fantasia; disco sensations Sister Sledge featuring Sledgendary; musical powerhouse, composer and producer Chloé Flower; and the renowned National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of pops conductor Jack Everly.

The program repeats July 4, 9:30 p.m. and Friday, July 5 at 3 p.m. on WETA PBS.

A Capitol Fourth is made possible by grants from The Boeing Company, the National Park Service, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Department of the Army, PBS, and public television stations nationwide. Air travel is provided by American Airlines.

Olympic/Sport-Themed Specials
Throughout July on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

As the 2024 Summer Olympics take place in Paris, WETA presents special July programming with sports themes. Below are offerings on both WETA PBS and WETA Metro (in blue); WETA Metro only (in black); and WETA PBS only (in red).

Films reveal stories of iconic athletes, emerging competitors, and renowned coaches; explore sports history; and profile an array of Olympic medalists — including the Washington crew team immortalized in The Boys in the Boat; swimmer Duke Kahanamoku; Jesse Owens; Muhammad Ali; and (in Groundbreakers) Julie Foudy, Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Chloé Kim, Suni Lee and Nancy Lieberman.

American Experience: The Boys of ’36 Tue 7/9, 9pm
American Masters: Waterman - Duke: Ambassador of Aloha Sat 7/6, 8pm
American Experience: Jesse Owens Sat 7/13, 9pm
Muhammad Ali Sat 7/20 & 7/27, 3pm (a WETA co-production)
Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer Sun 7/21, noon
Groundbreakers Sat 7/20, 9pm; Sun 7/21, 1pm
Ice Mermaid: Cold Resolve Sat 7/20, 6pm; Sun 7/21, 3pm
Gods of Tennis Tue 7/23 & 7/30, 9pm (see page 2)
Olympic Pride, American Prejudice Sat 7/27, 9pm; Sun 7/28, noon (see page 18)
The Dream Whipserer (HBCU basketball) Sat 7/27, 10:30pm

For program and membership inquiries, visit weta.org or call 703-998-2724.
A three-part BBC documentary series spotlights titans of the tennis world in the international game’s golden age of the 1970s and 1980s — and how they changed the sport forever. Framed through the world-famous Wimbledon tournament, the series features clips and interviews featuring the greatest players to have ever graced Centre Court. These athletes produced some of the most famous competitions in the history of sport and also broke boundaries and drove significant change beyond the tennis courts.

**Episode 1: Billie Jean King & Arthur Ashe (July 23)** — They were unapologetic mavericks who revolutionized the once-tranquil game of tennis. In 1975, King and Ashe fought to become Wimbledon champions and to change the world in their own ways as part of the movements for gender equality and racial equality.

**Episode 2: Bjorn Borg & John McEnroe (July 30)** — The rivalry between celebrity Borg and tabloid bad boy McEnroe was the fiercest the men’s game had ever seen. Their showdowns in the Wimbledon finals in 1980 and 1981 are among the sport’s most memorable matches. Borg brought new glamour to Centre Court; and McEnroe’s explosive outbursts became legendary.

**Episode 3: Martina Navratilova & Chris Evert (August 6)** — In 1990, Navratilova — Czech-born but representing the USA — faced an opportunity to become the most decorated singles player in Wimbledon history. But she struggled to be as adored as her formidable rival, Evert, known for her mental toughness. Explore their intense rivalry and Navratilova’s search for acceptance.

**Sea Change: The Gulf of Maine, a NOVA Special Presentation**

A three-part NOVA presentation spotlights a sea within the sea — the Gulf of Maine — a body of water that is warming 97% faster than the global ocean. What happens here, for the animals in the water, for the jobs dependent upon it and for the millions of people along its shores, is likely to happen worldwide. We are at a crossroads for the future of the Gulf — and our oceans. Does it retain enough of its biodiversity and regenerative strength to weather the human-induced storm?

A spectacular place, the Gulf of Maine is a marine treasure of some 36,000 square miles and as much as 1,000 feet deep. From the tip of Cape Cod to Nova Scotia, it courses with cold, nutrient-rich, deep-sea water, mixed by massive tides. This rich environment feeds a web of 3,000 species ranging from microscopic plankton to giant right whales. But the Gulf is also in peril, its fish stocks now depleting.

The series blends science, exploration, natural history, and stories of human experience to provide a fascinating tale about a regional location with profound global implications.

2 JULY 2024 • Stream select programs via the PBS App.
Dramas in July

Enjoy Professor T, Series 3; Grantchester, Series 9 on Masterpiece; and DI Ray, Series 2 as they continue on Sunday nights on WETA PBS & WETA Metro, and tune in to these additional dramas, below, this month.

**Hotel Portofino, Series 3**
**Sundays at 8 p.m. starting July 28 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**

Starring Natascha McElhone and Mark Umbers, period drama Hotel Portofino presents new Series 3 episodes spotlighting the British Ainsworth family that runs a hotel for upper-class travelers on the Italian Riviera during the glamorous Roaring ’20s but also under the dark cloud of Fascist Italy. Bella Ainsworth (McElhone) is preparing for her father and sister’s arrival but is thrown when her husband Cecil (Umbers) appears, requesting a divorce. Over the weeks, Bella must decide her future as well as avoid fascist leader Danioni. But with the Wall Street Crash, things get worse for Bella and Cecil. Dark secrets are exposed during another adventure in this drama surrounding life in interwar Italy. Stream the series with WETA Passport as of the July 28 premiere.

**COBRA, Series 3: Rebellion**
**Thursdays at 10 p.m. starting July 25 on WETA PBS**

In the British political thriller, Robert Carlyle and Victoria Hamilton return to their roles as prime minister and Conservative Party leader Robert Sutherland and his Downing Street chief of staff Anna Marshall. Together with other officials and advisors, they confront crises foreign and domestic in Cabinet Office Briefing Room A (COBRA), the location for top government meetings. In Series 3, the prime minister discovers that a family member is involved with a protest group that is disrupting construction of vital infrastructure — the country’s high-speed railway network. Also figuring in the crisis is dissent surrounding a pending visit from leaders of a fictional Gulf state — an energy and military ally. Stream COBRA, Series 3 now with WETA Passport.

**Endeavour, Series 8 on Masterpiece**
**Thursdays at 8 p.m. starting July 25 on WETA PBS**

WETA reprises the penultimate season of the Inspector Morse prequel series Endeavour, starring Shaun Evans as young detective Morse, and Roger Allam as his mentor, Fred Thursday. In the three Series 8 episodes — Striker, Scherzo and Terminus — it is 1971, and our heroes investigate suspected IRA retaliations and guard a star soccer player; probe the murder of a local cab driver near Oxford, which leads down a surprising path; and look into the peculiar killing of a college fellow, which results in putting one of their own in mortal peril. Endeavour shows signs of a struggle with his inner demons, and his colleagues wonder if he is beyond the point of no return. Stream Endeavour now with WETA Passport.

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WETA Rocks Summer Concert Series
Saturday nights on WETA PBS; stream concerts with WETA Passport
Visit weta.org/rocks for streaming links

Clockwise from left: The Doobie Brothers; Darius Rucker; and The Who

WETA’s summer concert series — WETA Rocks — continues throughout July, presenting more concerts each week, Saturday nights on WETA PBS (and some Thursday nights on WETA Metro). The concert presentations are hosted by Jack Diamond, a longtime D.C. radio announcer, and WETA Classical’s Linda Carducci, a former classic rock radio announcer. Airing in July are:

The Highwaymen: Live at Nassau Coliseum (July 6, 9 p.m. on WETA PBS, repeating July 7 at 3 p.m.) and Darius Rucker: Live from Nashville (July 6, 10:30 p.m. on WETA PBS, repeating July 7 at 4:30 p.m.) • See Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson — “the Mount Rushmore of country music” — perform their hits in a 1990 concert; and join triple-Grammy-winner Darius Rucker as he performs Hootie & The Blowfish classics along with his solo hits.

The Who Hits 50! Live (July 13 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS, repeating July 14 at 4 p.m.) • Celebrate the legendary rock band’s 50th anniversary at Royal Albert Hall in 2015 in London, where they perform their greatest hits.

Santana Live at the US Festival (July 20 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS, repeating July 21 at 4 p.m.) • Thrill to a 1982 performance when Santana took the stage at the US Festival in San Bernardino, California.

The Doobie Brothers: 50th Anniversary at Radio City Music Hall (July 27 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS, repeating July 28 at 3:30 p.m.) • Celebrate 50 years of music from the band with a 2022 concert in New York City.

Legends of the Canyon
Saturday, July 27 at 7 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream with WETA Passport

What do Crosby, Stills & Nash, The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, The Mamas and The Papas, Joni Mitchell, Linda Ronstadt and many other great artists of the late 1960s have in common? All were inhabitants of Laurel Canyon, a mountainous neighborhood nestled in the Los Angeles area where anthems of a generation were brought to life. This film — documenting the emergence of West Coast folk, pop and rock music in the garden of the Hollywood Hills — recalls the counterculture era in intimate interviews with many of the great artists themselves, including the supergroup Crosby, Stills & Nash. Adding depth, color and authenticity, famed rock photographer Henry Diltz contributes a variety of original and never-before-seen images, as well as rare footage shot among the musicians who were the tribe of the Canyon. The program also airs Friday, July 26 at 2 p.m. on WETA Metro.
Voces:
From Here/From There
(De Aquí/De Allá)

Tuesday, July 9 at 10 p.m. on
WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App

The PBS documentary series Voces, featuring films about Latino arts, culture and history and shining a light on issues that impact Latino Americans, tells the story of D.C. immigration attorney Luis Cortes-Romero, the first undocumented attorney to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The film From Here/From There (De Aquí/De Allá) explores Cortes-Romero’s path from a difficult youth to the highest court in the land as part of a legal team fighting the Trump Administration’s attempt to rescind the DACA immigration policy (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, established by the Obama Administration in 2012). DACA allows some individuals — physically present in the United States with no lawful immigration status after having entered the country as children — to receive renewable deferred action from deportation and to be eligible for a work permit in America.

Cortes-Romero, born in Mexico, lived in California when his father was picked up by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and deported. Luis eventually graduated college and attended law school. When he himself became a DACA recipient, he was able to become licensed and practice law. Taking on the case of a DACA recipient who was threatened with deportation, Cortes-Romero helped assemble a powerhouse pro bono legal team that defended the program. In November 2019, he made history, appearing before the justices of the Supreme Court.

25 Years with Lidia:
A Culinary Jubilee

Friday, July 19 at 9 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App

WETA reprises a recent documentary celebrating the career of culinary icon Lidia Bastianich, beloved public television chef, restaurateur, cookbook author, program host and Italian food ambassador. The hour-long program examines Lidia’s rich legacy, from her immigration to America to becoming the authority on authentic Italian cooking. Special guest appearances and interviews in the documentary include Jacques Pépin and other food-world luminaries, and childhood friend Christopher Walken, along with Lidia’s family.

The program shares some of the most memorable highlights from Lidia’s journey, for example following her to Astoria, Queens, where, as a teen, she made her foray into the food industry, taking an entry-level job at Walken’s Bakery, owned by actor Christopher Walken’s parents. It was also in Queens where Lidia and her husband later opened their first restaurant, Buonavia, to critical acclaim in 1971. After opening her third restaurant, Felidia — one of the first women-owned fine dining restaurants in America — legendary chefs Julia Child and James Beard came to dine with Lidia. Soon after this first meeting, Julia invited Lidia to appear as a guest on her famed PBS cooking show, which catapulted Lidia into the world of television. Once she stepped in, Lidia created Emmy Award-winning cooking programming over 25 years, including Lidia’s Kitchen, Lidia’s Family Table, Lidia’s Italy and Lidia’s Italy in America, as well as the three-time James Beard Award-winning series Lidia Celebrates America.

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org.
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The Madame Blanc Mysteries
In this “dramedy,” a woman finds herself widowed and bankrupt after her husband’s sudden death. She relocates to France and probes what happened. Binge-watch 6 episodes with WETA Passport as of July 1.

Sherlock on Masterpiece, All Seasons!
Cumberbatch and Freeman are Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, tackling cases and combating diabolical villains. Binge-watch four seasons and a special — 13 episodes — with WETA Passport as of June 30.

Alan Carr’s Adventures with Agatha Christie
The British comedian visits places that inspired Agatha Christie’s Poirot and Miss Marple stories. Binge-watch the 3-part series with WETA Passport as of July 1.

School of Champions
A gripping drama follows students, administrators and life at Austria’s top ski academy: a whirlwind of ambition and fierce competition. Binge-watch 8 Series 1 episodes with WETA Passport as of July 1.

Twenty Twelve
A satirical, faux BBC documentary series starring Hugh Bonneville and Olivia Colman, and narrated by David Tennant, spoofs preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Binge watch as of July 5.

Hotel Portofino, Series 3
Cecil returns, requesting divorce; Bella must decide what her future holds. Then the Wall Street Crash hits and desperation mounts. Binge-watch 6 episodes with WETA Passport as of the broadcast premiere, July 28.

Also streaming in July: The WETA Rocks Summer Concert Series continues with specials each week on WETA PBS; watch the performances with WETA Passport. Visit weta.org/rocks and see page 4.

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Visit weta.org/schedule for the most up-to-date schedule information.

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**PBS News Hour airs weeknights at 7 p.m.**

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

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### TV Listings

**WETA PBS in July**

Listings are accurate as of press time. For latest schedules, visit 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.

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- **9:00 DISCO: SOUNDTRACK OF A REVOLUTION** – Discover the history of disco: its origins, triumphs, falls and legacy. Part 3 of 3. Stayin’ Alive. Disco seemed untouchable by the end of the 1970s, but a backlash led to its demise. Dive into disco’s underground return, where it laid the foundations for electronic dance music. Repeats Wed 7/3, 3pm; Sat 7/6, 8pm, 1am; Sun 7/7, 2pm, 11pm
- **10:00 BECOMING FRIDA KAHLO** – A documentary strips away the myths to reveal the passionate and brilliant artist living through extraordinary times. Part 3 of 3. A Star Is Born. Explore Kahlo’s later life, including her affair with Leon Trotsky, her trip to Paris on the eve of World War II with surrealist pioneer André Breton, and her return to Mexico where she divorced and then remarried husband Diego Rivera before her death. Repeats Wed 7/3, 4pm; Sat 7/6, 2am; Sun 7/7, midnight

3 **Wednesday**

- **8:00 DYNAMIC PLANET** – Journey around the globe to meet the extraordinary people and animals on the front line

**4 Thursday**

- **10:00 A CAPITOL FOURTH** – A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

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**SIGNATURE DISH**

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

Encore episodes of WETA local restaurant series Signature Dish showcase standout meals. Above: Mr. Bake Sweets chef-owner Kareem Queeman with series host Seth Tillman in Just Desserts.

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**Journey to Texas to learn more about historical items such as an 1864 Civil War sword, a 1936 Joe Fortenberry Olympic gold medal and James Madison’s personal seal. Which is the top find?**

**Signature Dish, Season 2 – WETA’s local series spotlights standout dishes at restaurants around the national capital area. Seth Tillman hosts. Episode 5. Just Desserts.** Seth skips the main course and dives right into dessert, with memorable visits to the neo-bistro Lutèce in Georgetown, the dessert shop Mr. Bake Sweets in Riverdale Park, Maryland, and the Conch in Leesburg, Virginia, where chocolate infuses everything on the menu – even the drinks. Repeats Tue 7/2, 3pm

**Signature Dish, Season 1 – Episode 3. Caribbean Favorites.** Seth samples the diverse array of flavors around DC from Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and Trinidad and Tobago, learning about the melting pot that is Caribbean cuisine. Signature dishes are Jamaican jerk chicken wings at Andrene’s Caribbean & Soul Food in Brightwood; chuleta kan kan, a fried pork chop at La Famosa in the Navy Yard; and curried beef roti at Cafe Taite H Street NE. Repeats Tue 7/2, 3:30pm

**10:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE, SERIES 3 – Eight talented home cooks from regions across the country compete to win The Great American Recipe contest. Part 3 of 8. A Spoonful of Love. Love is in the air as the home cooks share their favorite comfort food remedies and the special dishes they serve to warm their loved one’s hearts. Repeats Tue 7/2, 4pm; Fri 7/5, 9pm; Mon 7/8, 3pm**

**11:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** – Capping primetime programming each weekday, Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with global thought leaders on contemporary issues. Repeats next weekday, 5pm
of climate change. Part 3 of 4. Water. With our warming planet altering our oceans, an extraordinary team of marine experts from Antarctica to Australia, and from Florida to New Zealand, dive into how science, nature, and tradition can prepare us for a fast-changing future. Repeats Thur 7/4, 3pm; Sun 7/7, noon

9:00 HOPE IN THE WATER — Explore the groundbreaking work of the people harvesting aquatic species to feed our growing planet while saving our oceans. Part 3 of 3. Changing the Menu. With our population growing, the demand for food is increasing, putting more pressure on our oceans to provide. Actor Shailene Woodley joins a team of divers turning barren ‘zombie’ urchins into new food sources with the hope of increasing food security and protecting the planet. Repeats Sat 7/6, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 7/7, 11:30am; Mon 7/8, 7:30am

10:00 NOVA: ICE AGE FOOTPRINTS — Thousands of prehistoric footprints in New Mexico’s White Sands National Park capture moments when Ice Age humans crossed paths with enormous ground sloths and mammoths. What can this new evidence reveal about the peopling of the Americas?

Thursday

8:00 A CAPITOL FOURTH 2024 — In this annual co-production of Capital Concerts and WETA, mark America’s 248th birthday with the 44th anniversary broadcast of the nation’s Independence Day celebration featuring concert performances by top acts live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol — and the annual fireworks display over the National Mall. See page 1 for details. Repeats tonight; Fri 7/5, 3pm

9:30 A CAPITOL FOURTH 2024 — (encore) R

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. Repeats Sat 7/6, 6am; Sun 7/7, 11:30am; Mon 7/8, 7:30am

8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 — In this WETA presentation, David Rubenstein talks with more of America’s top scholars and writers, illuminating how history is made. Episode 3 of 10. Craig L. Symonds. Author of Nimitz at War: Command Leadership from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay. R

9:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE — Part 3 of 8. A Spoonful of Love. R

10:00 ROOTS OF COMEDY WITH JESUS TREJO — Meet rising comedians who explore the diversity of the U.S. through stand-up comedy. Mexican American comedian Jesus Trejo hosts. Part 5 of 6. Adam Pasi. In Portland, Trejo meets the Samoan comedian, twice voted the city’s funniest comic. Pasi takes Trejo behind the scenes, showcasing what it takes to become a successful comic and performing for his own parents.

10:30 ROOTS OF COMEDY WITH JESUS TREJO — Part 6 of 6. Sierra Katow. In Los Angeles, Jesus Trejo teams up with actor/comedian Sierra Katow, a fourth-generation Chinese and Japanese American. The two together weave culture, history and humor with the vibrant tapestry of L.A.

Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC — R

6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER

7AM PBS NEWS HOUR — R

8AM JOURNEYS IN JAPAN

8:30 DINING WITH THE CHEF

9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE

10AM HOMEMADE LIVE! — Starts July 7.

10:30 MOTORWEEK

11AM AMERICA’S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK’S ILLUSTRATED

11:30 KEVIN BELTON’S NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATIONS

12N IN JULIA’S KITCHEN WITH MASTER CHEFS

12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL’S MILK STREET TELEVISION

1:00 MY GREEK TABLE WITH DIANE KOCILAS

1:30 LIFE OF LOI: MEDITERRANEAN SECRETS

2:00 JACQUES PÉPIN: HEART AND SOUL

2:30 WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE

3:00 FRENCH MAGNOLIA COOKS

3:30 AMERICA THE BOUNTIFUL

4:00 JOEY BISHOP’S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA’S TEST KITCHEN

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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 ART HAPPENS HERE WITH JOHN LITGOW — Join actor John Lithgow as he goes back to school to demonstrate the transformative power of arts education. Immersing himself with teachers and students, he explores four disciplines: dance, ceramics, silk-screen printing and vocal jazz ensemble.

8:00 DISCO: SOUNDTRACK OF A REVOLUTION — Part 3 of 3. Stayin’ Alive

9:00 THE HIGHWAYMEN: LIVE AT NASSAU COLISEUM — Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson — “the Mt. Rushmore of country music” — perform their hits in a live concert recorded in 1990. The Highwaymen offer up classics such as “Big River,” “Me and Bobby McGee” and “Always on My Mind.” Repeats Sun 7/7, 3pm

10:30 DARIUS RUCKER: LIVE FROM NASHVILLE — Enjoy a front-row seat as the three-time Grammy Award-winner performs songs from his latest album, Carolyn’s Boy, along with Hootie & the Blowfish classics and his solo country hits, including a special performance of “Wagon Wheel” with Ketch Secor. Repeats Sun 7/7, 3:30pm

11:30 PBS ARTS TALK — Artists and cultural icons break down their craft and careers. Episode 5. Musicians Elvis Costello and Rhianon Giddens spotlight the power of

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collaboration and create an improvised musical performance. Repeats Sun 7/7, 5:30pm; Sat 7/27, 10:30pm; Sun 7/28, 5:30pm


7 Sunday

6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING
9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE
9:30 THIS IS AMERICA AND THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHITNEY
10:00 OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
10:30 MOTORWEEK
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7:00 MISS FISHER’S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1 – Episode 10 of 13. Death by Miss Adventure. R
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8:30 GRANTCHESTER, SERIES 9 ON MASTERPIECE – Episode 9. Robson Green and Rishi Nair star. Part 4 of 8. Alphy is invited to a party at a country manor, where he hopes to raise funds for the ailing church. The evening’s frivolities are cut short when a body is found in the basement.
9:00 DI RAY, SERIES 2 – Parminder Nagra stars. Part 4 of 6. A Test of Wills. After Ray’s capture attempt takes an unexpected turn, past traumas resurface for Rachita. The team uses Martin’s intel to track down a former friend of Frank’s with a grudge to bear, just as Rachita suspects that one of her team might be hiding something.
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8 Monday

7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. Repeats next day, 7am
8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: INDIANAPOLIS, HOUR 1 – Travel to Indiana’s capital city to uncover antique and vintage treasures such as a Norman Rockwell self-portrait, a 1958 signed Indy 500 racing flag, and an 1883 Victorian wedding outfit. Which is the top find?
9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 2 – WETA’s local series spotlights standout dishes at restaurants around the national capital area. Seth Tillman hosts. Episode 6. Best of Breakfast. At La Tejana in D.C.’s Mt. Pleasant neighborhood, Seth samples the 958 breakfast taco, before heading to Poolesville, Maryland to try Locals Farm Market’s famous chicken and waffles. The final stop is Any Day Now in D.C.’s Navy Yard for the scallion pancake breakfast sandwich. Repeats Tue 7/9, 7pm
9:30 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 1 – Episode 4. Masters of Spices. Seth meets three chefs who are masters of using hot peppers and balancing the intense heat with incredible flavors. Along the way, he samples muu som, a stir-fried rice-fermented sour pork dish at Thip Khao in Columbia Heights, junglee laal maas, a spicy goat curry at Pappe in Logan Circle; and a whole steamed fish with fermented peppers and scallions at Q by Peter Chang in Bethesda, MD. Repeats Tue 7/9, 3:30pm
10:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE, SERIES 3 – Part 4 of 8. Home Baked. The home cooks’ baking skills are put to the test as they make both a baked breakfast item and their favorite bake sale good. Repeats Tue 7/9, 4pm; Fri 7/12, 9pm; Mon 7/15, 3pm

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10 Wednesday

8:00 DYNAMIC PLANET – Journey around the globe to meet the extraordinary people and animals on the front line of climate change. Part 4 of 4. Earth. Amid shifts in Earth’s climate, once-stable ecosystems are now in turmoil. Experts, indigenous communities, and mega-flora from the Arctic to the Amazon offer clues to how we can prepare for a fast-changing future. Repeats Thur 7/11, 4pm; Wed 7/10, 3pm
9:00 NOVA: ANCIENT BUILDERS OF THE AMAZON – Recent discoveries in archaeology are exploring the myth of the lost city of El Dorado, revealing traces of ancient civilizations that flourished for centuries, with populations numbering in the millions. Repeats Thu 7/11, 4pm
10:00 NOVA: EMPEROR’S GHOST ARMY – Investigate how and why life-sized terracotta statues were made for Emperor Qin Shi Huang of China and learn about the technology behind the still-lush and highly-advanced weapons carried by the clay warriors. Repeats Fri 7/12, 4pm

11 Thursday

8:00 MIDsomMER MURDers, SERIES 22: HAPPY FAMILIES – Neil Dudgeon and Nick Hendrix star. DCI Barnaby and DS Winter are called in to investigate the death of Victor Karras, a manufacturer of exclusive board games, who appears to have been poisoned. Guest stars include Rachael Stirling (Detectives).
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Mon.-Thur., July 15–18 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
PBS News Special: Republican National Convention presents coverage by the PBS News Hour team of the proceedings in Milwaukee. The Democratic Convention takes place in Chicago in August.

9:31 MISS FISHER’S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1 – Essie Davis stars. Episode 13 of 13. King Memes’s Curse. Murdoch Foyle is at large and has been connected with the death of antique dealer Albert Monkton. In investigating the murder, Phryne discovers Foyle’s involvement in a reincarnation cult inspired by ancient Egypt.

10:00 SOMEWHERE SOUTH— moves to Thursday nights. Sundays, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Airs on PBS stations in 54 states. It’s a Greens Thing. At the Lumbee tribe’s annual homecoming, Vivian samples their famous collard sandwich and learns the roots of Southern hospitality. On a trip to Clarkston, Ga., Vivian meets a group of refugee farmers who grow greens that remind them of home.

10:45 PROFESSOR T, SERIES 3 (UK) – Ben Miller stars. Part 5 of 6. The Conference. The Professor is under suspicion after the murder at a Criminology Conference of his biggest rival, the man who replaced him at the university. Professor T must prove his innocence in order to regain his reputation and his job.

11:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE BOYS OF ’36 – Robson Green and Rishi Nair star. Part 5 of 8. A murder at Esme’s office sends shockwaves through the Keating family. Alphy’s meeting with the bishop fails to go as planned.

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9:00 THE WHO HITS 50! LIVE – Celebrate the legendary rock band’s 50th anniversary at the Royal Albert Hall in 2015 in London, where they deliver their greatest hits, including “My Generation,” “Won’t Get Fooled Again,” “Baba O’Reilly,” “You Better You Bet” and “Who Are You.” Repeats Sun 7/14, 4pm.

10:30 FANNY: THE RIGHT TO ROCK– Co-founded by Filipina American and Queer teenagers, Fanny was the first all-women band to release an album with a major record label (Warner/Reprise, 1970). Meet the most ground-breaking rock group – revered by David Bowie – that you’ve never heard of…yet.

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8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 – Episode 5 of 10. Leslie M. Harris. Author of In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626–1863. R
9:00 25 YEARS WITH LIDIA: A CULINARY JUBILEE — Beloved chef Lidia Bastianich celebrates 25 years on public television in this documentary special. Join Lidia’s family and celebrity friends for an intimate look at the memorable moments of her life, both on and off the screen. Repeats Mon 7/22, 3pm.
10:00 SOMEWHERE SOUTH — Chef Vivian Howard takes a culinary tour of the South through cross-cultural dishes. Dishing Dilemma. A charity dinner and a trip to the Mississippi Delta and farther south reminds Vivian that not all dumplings are the same. Whether filled with minced meat, chopped veggies, or nothing at all, dumplings stretch our ingredients and our imagination.

20 Saturday
6AM-5:30PM See the Saturday, July 6 listings.
5:30 LIVE FROM THE LIBRARY WITH MARK UDEGROVE — An interview series hosted by author, historian and journalist Mark Udegrove features thought leaders speaking about contemporary issues. Episode 1. Heather Cox Richardson. The Boston College professor, author of Democracy Awakening, and writer of the daily newsletter “Letters from an American,” outlines the threats to American democracy throughout history and provides insight on how the nation can overcome its current challenges. R
6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND — John Yang anchors.
6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC — R
7:00 BEYOND THE CANVAS, SEASON 3 — Enjoy arts and culture reporting from PBS News Hour’s “Canvas” arts series. Amma Nawaz hosts. Art, To Change the World. Celebrate creators using art as a social force to uncover hidden history, advocate for good, and change the world as we know it. Spotlighted are Academy Award-winning actor Riz Ahmed, choreographer Alexei Ratmansky and portraitture photographer Jess T. Dugan. Repeats Sat 7/27, 11pm.

Tuesdays at 9 p.m. starting July 23 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Three-part series Gods of Tennis revisits the golden age of the sport through the lens of the Wimbledon tournament, featuring a wide array of tennis greats, including, above, Martina Navratilova.

21 Sunday
6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, July 7 listings.
11:30AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC — R
12N NATIVE BALL: LEGACY OF A TRAILBLAZER — Each year in the U.S., nearly 5,000 high school girls’ basketball players earn a full-ride Division I scholarship. In 1992, only one was Native American: Blackfeet Nation’s Malia Kipp, who blazed a heroic and inspiring trail for other Native girls to follow.
12:30 POV SHORTS — In the projects of Watts, Meryl Gonzales, a 12-year-old female boxer, trains to be crowned the 2019 Junior Olympics champion. Meanwhile, her immigrant parents work tirelessly to give their child a shot at achieving her dreams.
1:00 GROUNDBREAKERS — Billie Jean King and other female sports icons discuss how Title IX and their own achievements changed the course of women’s sports. Featured are Nancy Lieberman, Chloe Kim, Naomi Osaka, Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Julie Foudy, Diana Flores and Suni Lee. Repeats Sat 7/27, 11pm.
3:00 ICE MERMAD: COLD RESOLVE — Follow the inspiring journey of marathon swimmer Melissa Regier, whose technical obesity leads her to push the boundaries of her sport: she attempts the seemingly impossible — becoming the first American swimmer to complete a sanctioned solo swim without a wetsuit.
4:00 SANTANA LIVE AT THE US FESTIVAL — R
5:30 BEYOND THE CANVAS — Art, To Change the World. R
6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND — John Yang anchors. Repeats Monday.
7:00 MISS FISHER’S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1 – Essie Davis stars. Episode 12 of 13. Murder à la Mode. R
8:00 PROFESSOR T, SERIES 3 (UK) — Ben Miller stars. Part 6 of 6. Attachment Issues. A woman is found dead at the scene of a car crash, but the accident didn’t kill her. The Professor investigates and finds some uncomfortable and surprising circumstances to his own situation. How far will a mother go to protect her child?

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22 Monday

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

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: INDIANAPOLIS, HOUR 2 — Discover Indiana treasures, including a 1952 Joe Louis-signed whiskey bottle, a Sheraton sideboard ca. 1820, and a 1928 New York Yankees team-signed baseball. Which one is the top find?

9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 2 — WETA’s local series spotlights standout dishes at restaurants around the national capital area. Seth Tillman hosts. Episode 7, French Delights. Explore the rich tapestry and traditions of French gastronomy. Stops are Chez Billy Sud in Georgetown for oeufs en meurette (eggs in a red wine sauce); Le Clou in DC’s NoMa neighborhood for ris de veau (sweetbreads basted in brown butter); and Bastille in Old Town, Alexandria for magret de canard (slow-seared Moulard duck). Repeats Tue 7/23, 3pm

9:30 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 1 — Episode 5. West African Cuisine. Seth Meyers with the chefs who are putting their own twists on the bold flavors and colors of West African cuisine. The signature dishes are goat egusi, a Ghanaian stew served at Appioo in DC’s U Street neighborhood; goat chicken, a Senegalese smothered chicken dish at Chez Dior in Hyattsville, MD.; and ebbeh, a Gambian seafood stew at Mansa Kunda in Takoma Park, MD. Repeats Tue 7/23, 3-3:30pm

10:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE — Part 5 of 8. A Celebration of Flavors. Join the party in the barn as the home cooks serve their most cherished dish from a special event in their lives and best family-style holiday meal. Repeats Tue 7/23, 4pm; Fri 7/26, 7pm; Mon 7/29, 3pm

23 Tuesday

8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9 — In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. Encore. Episode 4 of 10. Far from Home. Gates maps the family trees of pop icon Cyndi Lauper and actors Jamie Chung and Danny Trejo, exploring records in Italy, Korea and Mexico to uncover ancestors whose stories were lost when their families immigrated to America. Repeats Wed 7/24, 4pm; Fri 7/26, 3pm; Sat 7/27, 2am

24 Wednesday

8:00 NATURE: AMERICAN HORSES — Whether Mustang, Appaloosa, Morgan or Quarter Horse, American horses are icons. Follow the history of the uniquely American horse breeds that helped shape our nation and meet the people who are continuing in the long tradition of caring for them. Repeats Thu 7/25, 3pm

9:00 GODS OF TENNIS — Revisit the golden age of tennis, framed through the world-famous Wimbledon tournament. Meet the heroes who changed the sport forever and were the drivers of significant change beyond the courts. Episode 1 of 3. Billie Jean King & Arthur Ashe. In 1975, Billie Jean King and Arthur Ashe were fighting to become Wimbledon champions, and in their own ways, they were also battling for social change and equality on a global level. Repeats Wed 7/24, 3pm; Sat 7/27, 1am; Sun 7/28, 11pm

10:00 FRONTLINE: SOUTH KOREA’S ADOPTION RECKONING — FRONTLINE probes allegations of fraud and abuse in South Korea’s historic foreign adoption boom. With AP, 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.)

25 Thursday

8:00 ENDEAVOUR, SERIES 8 ON MASTERPIECE — In the penultimate Endeavour series, it is 1971, and detectives Morse and Thursday investigate cases in Oxfordshire as Morse shows signs of a struggle with his inner demons. Shaun Evans and Roger Allam star. Episode 1 of 3. Striker. An explosive murder at an Oxford college has potentially far-reaching political ramifications. Meanwhile, Endeavour is tasked with guarding the life of a beloved football team’s star striker.

10:00 COBRA, SERIES 3: REBELLION — In a new season of the dramatic crime series, DI Ray’s lens turns back to the Chapman family. Following the discovery of the missing gun, DI Ray’s lens turns back to the Chapman family. Suzie takes drastic action, and DI Ray and Clive enact their risky plan to expose corruption in the highest ranks of the force.

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26 Friday

8:00  WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – Jeffrey Goldberg moderates the roundtable discussion of the week’s top news with award-winning journalists. Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. Repeats Sat 7/27, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 7/28, 11:30am; Mon 7/29, 7:30am


9:00  THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE – Part 5 of 8. A Celebration of Flavors. R

10:00  ANTIQUES ROADSHOW RECUT – Filoli, Pt 1. California treasures include a 1976 Apple I operation manual mock-up for Apple II, a 1934 All American team-signed baseball, and a 1967 Ansaldo Poggi viola. One is $250,000 to $330,000. Repeats Sun 7/28, 3pm

10:30  ANTIQUES ROADSHOW RECUT – Filoli, Pt 2. See fascinating finds including a 1956 Gustave Baumann print, a Pairpoint Pyfifty Owl lamp, and Charles Marion Russell mixed media drawing.

27 Saturday

6AM-5:30PM See the Saturday, July 6 listings.


6:00  PBS NEWS WEEKEND – John Yang anchors.

6:30  WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

7:00  LEGENDS OF THE CANYON – What do Crosby, Stills & Nash, The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, The Mamas and the Papas, Joni Mitchell, Linda Ronstadt and many other great artists of the late 1960s have in common? All were inhabitants of mountainous neighborhood Laurel Canyon, nestled in the Los Angeles area, where anthems of a generation were brought to life. This film recalls that counter-culture era in intimate interviews with many of the great artists themselves. Repeats Sun 7/28, 1:30pm

9:00  THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL – Celebrate 50 years with the Grammy-winning band, who have sold more than 48 million records worldwide. Their hits include “What a Fool Believes,” “Listen to the Music,” “Jesus Is Just All Right,” “China Grove,” “Takin’ It to the Streets” and more. This concert was taped in September 2022 when the band reunited for a special anniversary performance in New York City. Repeats Sun 7/28, 5:30pm


11:00  GROUND BREAKERS – R

1AM  GODS OF TENNIS – Episode 1 of 3. Billie Jean King & Arthur Ashe. R

28 Sunday

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

11:30AM  WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

12N  OLYMPIC PRIDE, AMERICAN PREJUDICE – A film explores the collective experiences of 16 African American Olympians who defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to win hearts and medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Set against the atmosphere of a racially divided America, the program follows American athletes before, during and after their heroic turn of events at the Summer Olympics in Germany.

1:30  LEGENDS OF THE CANYON – R

3:30  THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL – R

5:00  ANTIQUES ROADSHOW RECUT – Filoli, Pt 1. R


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

6:30  HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 – Episode 7 of 10: Marie Arana. Author of LatinoLand.

7:00  MISS FISHER’S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1 – Episode 13 of 13. King Memses’ Curse. R

8:00  HOTEL PORTOFINO, SERIES 3 – In a new season of the drama, when Cecil returns requesting a divorce, Bella must decide what her future holds. But when the Wall Street Crash hits, Bella faces even more pressure. Desperation leads to dangerous actions. Part 1 of 6. Entitled. While preparing for the arrival of her father and sister, Bella is stunned when Cecil arrives with a shocking request. Alice bumps into Carlo, who is with another woman. Constance meets charming local Vito. Repeats tonight, 1am

9:00  GRANTCHESTER, SERIES 9 ON MASTERPIECE – Robson Green and Rishi Nair star. Part 7 of 8. Alphy is stunned to discover that a woman he knows has gone missing. When her friend is later brutally murdered, Alphy and Geordie race to find answers.

10:00  INSIDE THE MIND OF AGATHA CHRISTIE
11:00 GODS OF TENNIS – Episode 1 of 3. Billie Jean King & Arthur Ashe. R
12M BEYOND THE BOLEX – A documentary follows the story of Jacques Bolsey, the inventor of the iconic, revolutionary Bolex home movie camera. Little was known about the immigrant inventor until his great-granddaughter uncovered his forgotten family archive and embarked on a journey to reveal his story.

29 Monday
7:00 PBS NEWSOUR – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newsour.
8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: INDIANAPOLIS, HOUR 3 – Travel to Indiana for hidden treasures including an 1898 Alphonse Mucha JUB poster, a 1974 George Nakashima floor lamp, and a 1961 Ty Cobb-signed baseball. Which is the big find?
9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 2 – WETA's local series spotlights standout dishes at restaurants around the national capital area. Seth Tillman hosts. Episode 8. Flavors of China. Take a flavorful journey through Chinese cuisine, beginning at Columbia Heights' Queen's English with a standout crispy whole red snapper. Rou jia mo (Chinese hamburger) is then in the spotlight at Northwest Chinese Food in College Park, MD, and the final stop is at Yanzi Noodle House in Fairfax, VA for the one-of-a-kind luosifen (noodle soup flavored with snails). Repeats Tue 7/30, 3pm
9:30 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 1 – Episode 6. Seafood Showdowns. Explore delectable meals from under the sea. Seth heads into DC to sample FishScale's True Blue Maryland Crab Burger; to Peruvian restaurant Pio Pio in Great Falls, VA, for a ceviche called Mahi Mahi Avocado; and to Penn Quarter, D.C.'s Rasika, to try the famous Indian restaurant's Black Cod. Repeats Tue 7/30, 3:30pm
10:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE – Part 6 of 8. Outside the Comfort of Your Kitchen. The competition continues as the recipe swap challenge returns – with the home cooks putting a spin on a fellow competitor's recipe. In the second round, the cooks share dishes inspired by a friend. Repeats Tue 7/30, 4pm

30 Tuesday
8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SERIES 9 – 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. Rising from the Ashes. Gates traces the roots of actors Brian Cox and Viola Davis, uncovering records in workhouses in Scotland and plantations in South Carolina that reveal individuals who battled to build a better life for their families.
9:00 GODS OF TENNIS – Episode 2 of 3. Bjorn Borg & John McEnroe. Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe’s showdowns in the Wimbledons finals in 1980 and 1981 are among the most memorable matches in the sport. They bring glamor and celebrity to what many consider the fiercest rivalry in men’s tennis history. Repeats Wed 7/31, 3pm
10:00 FRONTLINE – To be announced. Repeats Wed 7/31, 4pm

31 Wednesday
8:00 NATURE: PRIMATES – Explore the dynamics of many species of primates in this three-part miniseries, filmed over two years on 28 expeditions to locations around the globe. Part 1 of 3. Secrets of Survival. Discover the survival strategies used by primates, often in the most unexpected places.
9:00 NOVA: OPERATION BRIDGE RESCUE – Follow the rebuilding of the 19th-century Blenheim Covered Bridge. Watch elite craftsman raise this engineering icon under grueling time pressure, and witness traditional artisans in China restoring ancient covered bridges to ensure their survival.
10:00 SEA CHANGE: THE GULF OF MAINE, A NOVA PRESENTATION – Part 2 of 3. Pterl. A remote and relatively pristine part of the Gulf, Cashes Ledge is a gem of unimaginable bounty. From this vantage point, scientists can investigate how the Gulf's cold waters, unique tides, and geologic shape power a web of more than 3,000 species ranging from microscopic plankton to massive right whales.

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

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Also in July: Watch the WETA UK Drama-lympics, presenting international drama marathons at 9 a.m. each weekday, July 22-31. Airing are Astrid, Series 2 (July 22); Seaside Hotel, Series 8 (July 23); Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 1 (July 24); Guilt, Series 1 (July 25); Luisa Spagnoli: Queen of Chocolate (July 26); Grantchester, Series 8 (July 29); Atlantic Crossing (July 30); Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 2 (July 31); School of Champions (August 1); and Van der Valk, Series 3 (August 2).

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Through Our Eyes
Saturdays, July 6, 13 & 20, 7-8 p.m. on WETA Metro

A documentary explores the collective experiences of 18 African American Olympians who defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to win hearts and medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Set against the strained atmosphere of a racially divided America, which was torn between boycotting Hitler’s Olympics and participating in the Third Reich’s grandest affair, the film follows 16 men and two women before, during and after their heroic turn of events at the Summer Olympic Games in Germany. They represented a country that considered them second-class citizens — and competed in a country that rolled out the red carpet for them despite an undercurrent of Aryanism and anti-Semitism.

Confluence
Sundays, July 7, 14 & 21 at 7 p.m. on WETA Metro

A three-part series explores the enduring and often surprising connections between three essential aspects of the human experience: art, science and creativity. In the programs, an array of scientists, researchers and artists work at the cutting edge of creativity in painting, sculpture, robotics, video games, fashion and music. Creatives such as violinist Joshua Bell (left), artist Nick Cave, and members of the multi-Grammy-winning vocal ensemble Roomful of Teeth take viewers behind the scenes of their process and find surprising results as they engage with both art and science. Stream episodes with WETA Passport as of July 12.

Olympic Pride, Olympic Prejudice
Saturday, July 27 at 9 p.m. on WETA Metro

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Doc World: La Lucha
Thursday, July 25 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

Doc World, an international documentary series showcasing stories that dive into the heart of an issue, spotlights the lives and concerns of people beyond U.S. borders. Andia Winslow hosts. This month, the 90-minute film La Lucha visits Bolivia to follow activists with disabilities who risk everything for dignity. When pleas for a pension are ignored, the disabled unite in protest — trekking across the Andes in their wheelchairs. On their inspiring journey, they face off against a government determined to silence them and a society indifferent to their struggle. But through cold, hunger, and vitriol, their resilience proves unstoppable.

Youth v Gov
Sunday, July 28 at 10 p.m. on WETA World

A documentary tells the story of the Juliana v. The United States of America constitutional lawsuit and the 21 American youths, ages 14 to 25, taking on the American government. Since 2015, the legal non-profit Our Children’s Trust has been representing the youths in their landmark case against the government for violating their constitutional rights to life, liberty, personal safety, and property through willful actions in creating the climate crisis that they will inherit. As leaders in the youth climate movement, the plaintiffs represent the diversity of young Americans affected by the climate crisis. They hail from 10 states and encompass cultural, economic and geographic diversity; many come from marginalized communities.

Doc World: Surf Nation
Thursday, July 18 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

As surfing enters the Olympics for the first time in history in 2021, China molds its first generation of surfers at a state-run sports academy in Hainan — China’s southernmost province. Hundreds of athletes as young as 9 years old train as part of the Chinese National Surf team. In the hour-long documentary Surf Nation, two promising young surfers navigate adolescence, freedom and their love of the sport. The young recruits, who have left their families to train and take classes six days a week, feel the pressure of failure looming over them, as weak performance means dismissal. Over the course of two years, the film follows Alex, 17, and Lolo, 22 — among the country’s top prospects — as they surf, compete, and discover what they want their lives to be.

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NSO Showcase: Mendelssohn, Beethoven & Stravinsky

Wednesday, July 3 at 9 p.m.

The July 3 broadcast of NSO Showcase features Maestro Gianandrea Noseda conducting the National Symphony Orchestra in Mendelssohn’s Hebrides Overture. The composer’s musical description of Fingal’s Cave, a natural wonder, was published in 1833 and was inspired by Mendelssohn’s visit to the Scottish island of Staffa. Also featured is Beethoven’s 8th Symphony, which premiered in 1814 in Vienna. The program ends with fireworks provided by Stravinsky in the complete Firebird ballet, composed in 1910 for Sergei Diaghilev’s Ballets Russes company and first performed at the Opéra de Paris. Join host Nicole Lacroix for this perfect summertime celebration. The concert streams all month long at wetaclassical.org.

Music & Myth on Choral Showcase

Sundays at 9 p.m.

Music and myth combine this month on WETA Classical’s Choral Showcase with four works, each tracing a character’s misdeeds — leading either to ruin or redemption. Airing July 7, Kullervo is a powerful choral symphony by Jean Sibelius relating the misadventures of a vain and troubled youth who reclaims his family but at great personal loss. In Robert Schumann’s Tales from Goethe’s Faust, July 14, Faust sells his soul, but it is the devil who loses when Mephistopheles’s schemes are thwarted. Then, in Edward Grieg’s complete music to Peer Gynt, July 21, we meet a very unlikable character whose misspent life is saved by one whose love is true. And closing out the month, a king loses his crown when his identity is revealed in Igor Stravinsky’s Oedipus Rex, July 28.

Das Rheingold on Opera Matinee

Saturday, July 27 at 1 p.m.

The first installment in Richard Wagner’s epic four-part operatic cycle Der Ring des Nibelungen, and drawn from Scandinavian and German mythology and legend, Das Rheingold establishes the basis of the narrative in which gods, giants and humans clash in a struggle to gain control of gold from the Rhine River that can be crafted into a ring of world power. The July 27 performance is recorded from London’s Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, led by Sir Antonio Pappano, and features Christopher Maltman as Wotan. Additional Saturday, 1 p.m. operas this month are Strauss’s Die Frau ohne Schatten (July 6) from Vienna State Opera; Purcell’s The Fairy Queen (July 13) from the Utrecht Early Music Festival, Netherlands; and Mozart’s Don Giovanni (July 20) from Opéra de Lille, France.

Call for Songs of the Season Choral Video Submissions!

WETA’s 2024 choir and chorus call for submissions is officially open! Share your ensemble’s best holiday-season-inspired video performances for a chance to be a part of the 5th annual WETA Arts “Songs of the Season” December television special on WETA PBS, celebrating the D.C.-area’s vibrant choral music scene. The deadline for video submissions is August 1. Visit weta.org/songsoftheseason to learn more.
Summer has traditionally been a time for blockbuster movie releases, and you can experience some of your favorite films on the big screen with a big orchestra playing the soundtrack live. The National Symphony Orchestra will present several of these performances at Wolf Trap’s gorgeous outdoor amphitheater, starting with *Star Wars: A New Hope* on July 13. Visit nationalsymphony.org.

Also at Wolf Trap, our nation’s national park dedicated to the performing arts, there are opera performances too! Presentations kick off with Mozart’s *Così fan Tutte*, and performances that follow include Puccini’s *La Bohème* (July 19) and *Silent Night* (August 9 and additional dates) by Pulitzer Prize-winner Kevin Puts. Visit wolftrap.org.

You can hear the Baltimore Symphony throughout Maryland this summer with their *Music for Maryland* series, and on July 6 at the Meyerhoff in Baltimore they’ll present an American Salute concert that features a wide variety of music. Visit bsomusic.org.

If you find yourself a little further afield, like in Nellysford, Virginia, make time for the Wintergreen Music Festival, held July 4-28. The season appears to have something for everyone, finishing with a big performance of Stravinsky’s *Firebird Suite* and Rachmaninoff’s *Piano Concerto No. 2*. Visit wintergreenmusic.org.

Also in Virginia — in the Allegheny Mountains — is the Garth Newel Music Center and its chamber music-focused summer season in July and August. The concerts in Hot Springs, Virginia, feature superb artists such as the Parker Quartet, Yvonne Lam, and others. Visit gartnewel.org.

In the month of August, make note of the Appalachian Chamber Music Festival, which takes place in several different venues in Northern Virginia and West Virginia. There is a “Bach for Breakfast” performance, and a concert featuring vocal chamber music (which also includes songs by local composer Lori Laitman). There are even opportunities for you to play in their Adult Intensive Chamber Music Workshop that kicks the festival off on August 3. Visit appalachianchamber.org.

These are just some of the highlights of concert music opportunities in our area. We are fortunate to have many concert options in picturesque venues — from the Chesapeake Bay to downtown D.C., from the mountains to the west, and everywhere in between. I hope you get a chance to experience extraordinary performances this summer and enjoy new musical discoveries!
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