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National Memorial Day Concert

Honoring Service & Sacrifice
Sunday, May 25 at 8 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

WETA Focus



WETA and public media play a critical role in bringing a wide array of arts content to viewers and listeners throughout our country, celebrating the extraordinary creativity of the American people. The arts are integral to American life, contributing to our vibrant collective national culture and offering opportunities for expression, inspiration, respite, solace, and so much more.

This month, WETA is proud to present the special program *National Memorial Day Concert*, America's night of remembrance, sharing the production with PBS stations around the nation so that Americans may gather together to honor our men and women in uniform and their service and sacrifice. The 36th annual show, a WETA co-production, airs live from the grounds of the U.S. Capitol on Sunday, May 25 at 8 p.m.

On July 4, WETA will present the annual Independence Day broadcast *A Capitol Fourth*, a festive patriotic celebration of the nation's birthday.

As the flagship public media station in Greater Washington, WETA serves our local community and also shares arts content from the nation's capital with audiences nationwide. During WETA's more than 60 years of service to the public, we have produced a vast amount of engaging arts programming on behalf of Americans everywhere. WETA and public media provide vital, free access to this important content — for all.

We have scheduled a May encore broadcast of our co-production *Elton John & Bernie Taupin: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song*, a lively, star-studded tribute to the iconic songwriting duo that was taped last spring in downtown Washington, D.C., before a live audience. We feature the PBS series *Great Performances*, which for more than 50 years has showcased the performing arts and on Friday nights this month cues up stage productions in the miniseries "Broadway's Best." And our local arts showcase *WETA Arts*, produced by WETA exclusively for our hometown community, wraps up its 12th season with Emmy Award-winning segments from the show's recent presentations.

On radio, WETA Classical, the exclusive broadcast home of classical music in the nation's capital, celebrates the power and majesty of this beloved art form, each day, all day — and presents artists and ensembles in performance throughout our community and beyond.

Thank you for watching and listening — and for your ongoing support that makes these and our many additional services available to our community and the nation. To find out more about supporting WETA, visit weta.org/yourweta.

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National Memorial Day Concert 2025

**WETA co-production airs
Sunday, May 25 at 8 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
tune in or stream**

In a moving tribute to American heroes, WETA and Capital Concerts present to a nationwide PBS audience this year's *National Memorial Day Concert*, airing live from the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winning actor Gary Sinise host the 90-minute television event, which through a blend of dramatic storytelling and inspiring music honors the service and sacrifice of America's men and women in uniform, military families, and those who have given their lives for our country. Pops conductor Jack Everly leads the National Symphony Orchestra in the program.

This year's program will feature a special tribute remembering fallen heroes and Gold Star Families, including the story of a Gold Star wife whose Green Beret husband was killed in Afghanistan. A salute to the millions of Americans who served the nation in World War II in uniform and on the home front will share the story of a U.S. Marine veteran who fought in the 36-day Battle of Iwo Jima. And, as the final 50-year commemorations of the Vietnam War conclude, the concert will honor the courageous Army Air Ambulance Units — commonly called "Dustoffs," their radio call sign — who risked their lives under enemy fire to rescue wounded troops in remote locations. The concert will also salute the 250th anniversary of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

National Memorial Day Concert is made possible by Lockheed Martin, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, the National Park Service, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Department of the Army, General Dynamics, 84 Lumber, PBS and public television stations nationwide. Air travel is provided by American Airlines.



Arlington National Cemetery

**WETA production airs Sunday, May 25
at 7 p.m. on WETA PBS; tune in or stream**

A powerful and poignant WETA production spotlights Arlington National Cemetery's role as an active national cemetery and a place of grief, reflection, and healing for families whose loved ones are interred there. *Arlington National Cemetery* goes behind the scenes to reveal the inner life of the hallowed site, introducing the dedicated people who orchestrate the complex operation of this sacred place. The one-hour program also delves into the intriguing history of the cemetery from the Civil War to the present.

WETA producers visited Arlington National Cemetery through multiple seasons to follow the staff, tourists and others at the site. The film follows soldiers of The Old Guard — the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment — who stand guard at The Tomb of the Unknowns and train the horses that pull the casket-bearing caissons; and the filmmakers also interviewed National Park Service and cemetery staff to learn about duties that include the solemn "chain of custody," through which the remains of those laid to rest at Arlington are carefully tracked and identified. Away from the somber rituals of official ceremony, the film shares deeply personal stories, introducing several parents whose children are buried at the cemetery and examining the site's emotional role in their lives.



For program and membership inquiries, visit weta.org or call 703-998-2724.

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JENNA SCHWARTZ FOR WETA

Seth with La Bonne Vache executive chef Scheyla Acosta

Latin Cuisine, Fan Faves & More on *Signature Dish*

Mondays, May 5, 12 & 26; 9 p.m. WETA PBS, 8 p.m. WETA Metro; tune in or stream

Emma Award-winning WETA restaurant series *Signature Dish* wraps up Season 3 with three new episodes this month. The local cuisine showcase first presents **Latin American Kitchen** (May 5). Host Seth Tillman visits the food truck Lechonera DMV in Woodbridge, VA for their Puerto Rican *lechón*; then samples the *Braised Short Rib Mole* at Lime &

Cilantro in Silver Spring, MD; and heads to Adams Morgan's Ceibo for *Chorizo Dumplings* in a kombu broth. Then, in **Here's the Beef** (May 12), Seth stops in Georgetown to visit La Bonne Vache for an elevated *Steak Tartare*; enjoys a *Short Rib Pastrami Sandwich* at the Jewish-Mediterranean BBQ food truck Silver and Sons in Eckington; and tucks into a 32-ounce *Tomahawk Steak* with bone marrow butter at the Mexican kitchen dLeña in Mount Vernon Triangle. Last, in **Fan Favorites** (May 26), Seth indulges in a *rotisserie duck salad* at The Duck & The Peach in Capitol Hill; stops in at Korean restaurant Anju in Dupont Circle for their *ssam board*; and visits Eddie's Little Shop in Alexandria for *The Emma*, a reimaged caprese with house-made mozzarella.

Stream episodes at weta.org/signaturedish. For more on the restaurants and dishes featured, visit restaurants.wetaguides.org. Follow the series via [@signaturedishbc](https://www.instagram.com/signaturedishbc) on Instagram.



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The Lincoln Memorial under construction

Emmy Award-Winning Stories on *WETA Arts*

Monday, May 12, 9:30 p.m. WETA PBS; 8:30 p.m. WETA Metro; tune in or stream

Marking the conclusion of its twelfth season, in May the arts and culture production *WETA Arts* reprises three Emmy Award-winning segments from past seasons. First, explore the craftsmanship and community of cosplay at Awesome Con, Washington D.C.'s Comic Con, which hosts a three-day celebration of pop culture that attracts more

than 60,000 attendees. Next, follow Arlington's Ashley Tillery, a self-taught photographer who specializes in street portraiture, as she goes out on a shoot on Independence Day. And dive into the surprising, complex story of the creation of an iconic edifice, the Lincoln Memorial.

WETA Arts repeats May 26; stream episodes at weta.org/arts.



WETA

It's Academic Playoffs

10-11 a.m. Saturdays, repeating 7-8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; tune in or stream

It's playoff time on the high school quiz show *It's Academic*, which features talented students from around the D.C. area competing in a single-elimination knowledge tournament. Filmed in WETA's television studio in Shirlington, Virginia, the playoffs, and then semifinals, air on Saturday mornings from late April into June, repeating in the evening and culminating in this season's competition final on June 14 on WETA PBS and WETA Metro. Emmy Award-winning journalist Hillary Howard, at left, hosts the series. Stream the programs at weta.org/itsacademic.

Funding for *It's Academic* is provided by George Mason University.

Miss Austen on Masterpiece

Sundays at 9 p.m. starting May 4
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
tune in or stream

New *Masterpiece* drama *Miss Austen*, starring Keeley Hawes, takes a literary mystery — Cassandra Austen notoriously burning her famous sister Jane’s letters — and reimagines it as a witty, heart-breaking story of sisterly love. The four-part drama (with two episodes airing May 18) begins in 1830, years after Jane has died. Cassandra races to see her friend Isabella who is about to lose her home following her father’s death. Cassandra is ostensibly there to help, but her real motive is to find a stash of private letters which, in the wrong hands, could destroy Jane’s reputation. The mission transports Cassandra back to her youth: we meet young Cassy and Jane as they navigate the infatuations, family feuds and dashed hopes that shaped their lives and laid the foundations for Jane’s stories. The production, released in this year of Austen’s 250th birth anniversary, is based on Gill Hornby’s international best-selling novel “Miss Austen.” The cast includes Rose Leslie (*Game of Thrones*; *Vigil*), Phyllis Logan (*Downton Abbey*; *Shetland*), Kevin McNally (*The Crown*), and Max Irons (son of Jeremy).



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With WETA Passport, binge-watch *Miss Austen* on *Masterpiece* as of the May 4 broadcast premiere; and also enjoy classic productions of Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Mansfield Park*, *Emma* and *Persuasion*, available now for binge-viewing.

Great Performances: “Broadway’s Best” in May

Fridays at 9 p.m. on
WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
tune in or stream

New offerings on arts showcase *Great Performances* this month include four star-studded “Broadway’s Best” productions featuring drama, comedy and music:

- ***Next to Normal* (May 9)** — The Tony- and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, recorded in 2024 at Wyndham’s Theatre, stars Caissie Levy (Broadway’s “Frozen”) in an intimate portrait of a modern family. The show explores illness, loss, grief and family as a suburban wife and mother lives with bipolar disorder and is haunted by her past.
- ***Yellow Face* (May 16)** — Tony-winning playwright David Henry Hwang’s Broadway comedy from Roundabout Theater Company stars Daniel Dae Kim (*Lost*; *Hawaii Five-0*) as an Asian American playwright who protests yellowface casting in the blockbuster musical “Miss Saigon,” only to mistakenly cast a white actor as the Asian lead in his own play. The repercussions resonate in this comedic farce about identity.
- ***Girl from the North Country* (May 23)** — A Tony Award-winning musical features 20 reimagined songs by Bob Dylan. In 1930s Duluth, Minnesota, a group of wayward travelers intersect in a guesthouse filled with music, life and hope. Written and directed by playwright Conor McPherson, the musical features Dylan songs including “Forever Young,” “All Along the Watchtower,” “Hurricane,” and “Like a Rolling Stone.”
- ***Kiss Me, Kate* (May 30)** — Tony Award-winner Stephanie J. Block stars in her West End debut, alongside Adrian Dunbar (*Ridley*). The classic musical comedy, filmed in 2024 from the Barbican, features Cole Porter songs “Another Op’nin’, Another Show,” “So in Love,” “Brush Up Your Shakespeare,” “Too Darn Hot” and more.



Stephanie J. Block and Adrian Dunbar in *Kiss Me, Kate*

JOHANPERSOON



BRENT WILLSON

Independent Lens: Who Is Michael Jang?

**May 19, 10 p.m. WETA PBS;
May 25, 1 p.m. WETA Metro;
tune in or stream**

For 50 years, San Francisco-based commercial photographer Michael Jang has been sitting on a hidden collection of images taken when he was in his 20s. Although Jang spent his career as a commercial photographer, many of his underground candid snapshots observing various communities and subcultures received little notice. Then in 2021, at the age of 70, Jang decided to bring his work into the public eye. This *Independent Lens* film chronicles the work of this elusive artist at a flashpoint in his career. With storefronts across San Francisco boarded up at the height of the pandemic, Jang used them as blank canvases on which to showcase life-size reproductions of his vintage prints. His work popped up throughout the city, including in Chinatown, where images of his Chinese American family took on a deeper meaning amid the rise of anti-Asian hate in the city. The documentary captures Jang's artistic exploits.



COURTESY FOUR IN A BILLION PICTURES

Ravi & Geeta Patel with their parents

Independent Lens: Meet the Patels

**May 17, 8 p.m. WETA World;
May 18, 12:30 p.m. WETA PBS;
tune in or stream**

WETA reprises a charming, wistful 2016 romantic-comic documentary that follows Indian American actor-comedian Ravi Patel's experience with the tradition-minded semi-arranged Hindu marriage system in America. Filmed by his sister Geeta Patel, this warm, brutally honest

production reveals how, for a Patel, love is truly a family affair. Fresh from a breakup with his secret girlfriend, and alarmed that he's nearly 30 and remains single, Ravi decides to enter the worldwide Patel matchmaking system to find a marriage partner. A well-oiled machine, the network is alerted to Ravi's availability by his parents. During a whirlwind of dates across North America, Geeta and her camera follow Ravi. The 90-minute film explores the questions: What makes a lasting marriage? What is love? How do we find it — and keep it?

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Visit weta.org/asian-pacific for listings across WETA channels.

WETA celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a slate of special programming that includes documentaries, biographies, independent films and more. Below are programs on WETA PBS.

The Vietnam War Saturdays, 8pm; Rpts Sundays 2pm
Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Tuesdays, 8pm
American Masters: Waterman – Duke: Ambassador of Aloha
 Sat 5/3, 11pm; Rpts Sun 5/4, 12:30pm
Antiques Roadshow: Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage
 Mon 5/5, 8pm; Rpts Tue 5/6, 3pm
Your Serve or Mine? Sat 5/10, 10pm; Rpts Sun 5/11, 12:30pm

American Masters: Tyrus Wong Tue 5/27, 9pm
Dora Fugh Lee: A Life in Art Sat 5/10, 11pm
Great Performances: Yellow Face Fri 5/16, 9pm
Independent Lens: Meet the Patels Sun 5/18, 12:30pm
Independent Lens: Who Is Michael Jang? Mon 5/19, 10pm
Lucky Chow, Season 7 Saturdays, 2pm

Find additional Heritage Month programs on WETA Metro and WETA World throughout May. The Peabody Award-winning WETA co-production *Asian Americans* airs 8 p.m. Thursdays on WETA World.

Independent Lens: Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's

**May 5, 10 p.m. WETA PBS;
May 10, 8 p.m. WETA Metro;
tune in or stream**

A new *Independent Lens* film captures the emotional reality of the caregiver experience via an intimate look into relationships transformed by Alzheimer's Disease. The film presents poignant stories about how family dynamics change when a loved one is diagnosed with the illness. Nearly 7 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's, and family and friends of those living with dementia provide 18 billion hours of unpaid care each year. *Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's* follows three families and the unique challenges of their loved ones' diagnoses, delving into their lived experiences and exploring how the disease impacts identities and roles in relationships — when one partner becomes a caregiver, or how both parent and child are transformed when the traditional role of provider is reversed.



Carlos Olivas and his son at their home in Sacramento, CA

ASH ADAMS

Bugs That Rule the World

**Wednesdays at 10 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
tune in or stream**

A new four-part PBS miniseries journeys into the world of insects, the planet's most populous but least appreciated creatures. From pollinators like moths, bees and butterflies that bring color to the field and food to our plates, to the clean-up crews that work the land and purify the soil, insects have been running the world since before the time of the dinosaurs. However, new investigations reveal that even in some of the planet's most remote corners, our long history of dependence on insects may now be on the verge of collapse. A worldwide insect "apocalypse" is highlighting the critical roles bugs play on the planet and the bleak picture of what a future without them would look like. Episodes airing this month are *Insect Apocalypse* (May 7); *Lifegivers* (May 14); *Eat or Be Eaten* (May 21); and *Beetlemania* (May 28).



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American Experience: Mr. Polaroid

**Monday, May 19 at 9 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
tune in or stream**

In a new *American Experience* program premiering this month, meet Edwin Land, the visionary scientist and inventor of the Polaroid camera. When it was introduced in 1948, the Polaroid revolutionized amateur photography with a camera that provided pictures instantly. By the 1970s, people around the globe were shooting over a billion Polaroids a year. The camera not only changed how we take pictures and capture memories, but it also helped earn Land a reputation as one of the most visionary and prolific inventors and entrepreneurs of the 20th century. His invention of a new product and a new and creative corporate culture would inspire the leaders of the 1990s tech boom, including Steve Jobs, who saw Land as both a guru and godfather.



EDWIN LAND; PHOTO: HARVARD UNIV., BAKER LIBRARY

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SENSE AND SENSIBILITY, BBC



Jane Austen Classics

WETA Passport features popular adaptations of author Jane Austen's beloved classic novels — enjoy acclaimed productions of *Emma*, *Mansfield Park*, *Persuasion*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility*. Binge-watch these dramas, available now with WETA Passport.



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Miss Austen on Masterpiece

Based on Gill Hornby's novel, a drama takes a true literary mystery — Cassandra Austen (Keeley Hawes) burning her sister Jane's letters — and reimagines it as a story of love, sacrifice and loss. Binge-watch 4 episodes with WETA Passport as of the May 4 premiere.



KUDDOS, ITV & MASTERPIECE



Grantchester on Masterpiece

With Series 10 of the popular drama premiering in June, catch up on the plot in Series 9, which chronicles the arrival of Rev. Alphy Kottaram as the new vicar. Robson Green and Rishi Nair star. Binge-watch the 8 episodes of *Grantchester, Series 9*, available now.



COURTESY/AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION



Alan Cumming—Train Journeys Scotland

The award-winning actor takes an epic tour aboard an iconic luxury train, the *Royal Scotsman*, through Scotland's majestic landscapes — exploring history and traditions of the destinations along the way. Binge-watch 4 episodes with WETA Passport starting May 1.



COURTESY/PBS/WALTER PRESENTS



Panda, Series 1 (French; English-subtitled)

In this Walter Presents international series, ex-cop Victor Pandaloni just wants a peaceful life in France's Camargue, running a beach shack and raising his son. But as crime threatens his world, he's back to work. Binge-watch 6 episodes now with WETA Passport.



COURTESY/PBS/WALTER PRESENTS



Pale Mountains (Italian, English-subtitled)

In South Tyrol's stunning Dolomites in northern Italy, a serial killer resurfaces, shaking the city of Bolzano to its core. A detective and a DA must set aside old wounds to chase the truth. Binge-watch 4 feature-length episodes with WETA Passport as of May 9.

Primetime

WETA PBS in May



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

■ Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
1 Thur	Queens of Mystery (Ep 5. <i>Smoke and Mirrors, Pt. 1</i>)		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 4 (Ep 1. <i>Fall From Grace</i>)			Twenty Twelve, Series 1 (Pt 5 of 6)
2 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Great Performances: Now Hear This: Barrios: Chopin of the Guitar		Voces: Mambo Legends: The Music Never Ends	
3 Sat	The Vietnam War (Pt 6 of 10. <i>Things Fall Apart; Jan 1968-July 1968</i>)			Feast Your Ears: The Story of WHFS 102.3 (to 11:07pm)		
4 Sun	Call the Midwife, Series 14 (Pt 6 of 8)		Miss Austen on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 4)		Marie Antoinette, Series 2 (Pt 7 of 8. <i>Madame Deficit</i>)	
5 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage		Signature Dish, Season 3: Latin American Kitchen	Get Out of Town, Season 2: Williamsburg, VA	Independent Lens: Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's	
6 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 8 encore: <i>Children of Exile</i>		Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana (Pt 2 of 3. <i>Juneau & Whitehorse: Sister Cities</i>)		Frontline: Antidote (to 11:30pm)	
7 Wed	Nature: Hummingbirds of Hollywood		NOVA: Ultimate Crash Test (Pt 1 of 2. <i>Countdown</i>)		Bugs That Rule the World (Pt 1 of 4. <i>Insect Apocalypse</i>)	
8 Thur	Queens of Mystery (Ep 6. <i>Smoke and Mirrors, Pt. 2</i>)		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 4 (Ep 2. <i>Stone Cold Dead</i>)			Twenty Twelve, Series 1 (Pt 6 of 6)
9 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Great Performances: <i>Next to Normal</i> (to 11:30pm)			
10 Sat	The Vietnam War (Pt 7 of 10. <i>The Veneer of Civilization; June 1968-May 1969</i>)				Your Serve or Mine?	
11 Sun	Call the Midwife, Series 14 (Pt 7 of 8)		Miss Austen on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 4)		Marie Antoinette, Series 2 (Pt 8 of 8. <i>The End of the Beginning</i>)	
12 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Never Seen That Before!		Signature Dish, Season 3: Here's the Beef	WETA Arts	Independent Lens: And So It Begins (to 11:30pm)	
13 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 encore: <i>Far From Home</i>		Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana (Pt 3 of 3. <i>Alberta - Canada's Changing Heartland</i>)		American Masters: Hopper: An American Love Story	
14 Wed	Nature: My Garden of a Thousand Bees		NOVA: Ultimate Crash Test (Pt 2 of 2. <i>Impact</i>)		Bugs That Rule the World (Pt 2 of 4. <i>Lifegivers</i>)	
15 Thur	Queens of Mystery, Series 2 (Ep 1. <i>Sparring with Death, Pt. 1</i>)		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 4 (Ep 3. <i>The Scarecrow</i>)			Warren (Pt 1 of 6)
16 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Great Performances: <i>Yellow Face</i>			
17 Sat	The Vietnam War (Pt 8 of 10. <i>The History of the World; April 1969-May 1970</i>)				Miles, Morale and Memories: Bob Hope and World War II	
18 Sun	Call the Midwife, Series 14 (Pt 8 of 8)		Miss Austen on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 4)		Miss Austen on Masterpiece (Pt 4 of 4)	
19 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk 14		American Experience: Mr. Polaroid		Independent Lens: Who Is Michael Jang?	
20 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 11 encore: <i>Larger Than Life</i>		Deadlock		Frontline: Hurricane Helene's Deadly Warning	
21 Wed	Nature: Equus: The Story of the Horse (Pt 1 of 2. <i>Origins</i>)		NOVA: Decoding the Universe (Pt 1 of 2. <i>Cosmos</i>)		Bugs That Rule the World (Pt 3 of 4. <i>Eat or Be Eaten</i>)	
22 Thur	Queens of Mystery, Series 2 (Ep 2. <i>Sparring with Death, Pt. 2</i>)		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 4 (Ep 4. <i>As If Nothing Happened</i>)			Warren (Pt 2 of 6)
23 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Great Performances: <i>Girl from the North Country</i> (to 11:30pm)			
24 Sat	The Vietnam War (Pt 9 of 10. <i>A Disrespectful Loyalty; May 1970-March 1973</i>)				American Experience: Mr. Polaroid	
25 Sun	National Memorial Day Concert 2025			National Memorial Day Concert 2025 (encore)		
26 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Charleston, Hour 2		Signature Dish, Season 3: Fan Favorites	WETA Arts	Independent Lens: Make Peace or Die: Honor the Fallen (to 11:30pm)	
27 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 11 encore: <i>Stranger Than Fiction</i>		American Masters: Tyrus Wong			American Anthems: Pocket Change
28 Wed	Nature: Equus: The Story of the Horse (Pt 2 of 2. <i>Chasing the Wind</i>)		NOVA: Decoding the Universe (Pt 2 of 2. <i>Quantum</i>)		Bugs That Rule the World (Pt 4 of 4. <i>Beetlemania</i>)	
29 Thur	Queens of Mystery, Series 2 (Ep 3. <i>The Modern Art of Murder, Pt. 1</i>)		Sherlock on Masterpiece: A Study in Pink (to 10:32pm)			Warren (Pt 3 of 6) (to 11:02pm)
30 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Great Performances: <i>Kiss Me, Kate</i> (to 12m)			
31 Sat	The Vietnam War (Pt 10 of 10. <i>The Weight of Memory; March 1973-Onward</i>)				Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: No Nukes (to 12m)	

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

Amanpour and Company airs late weeknights (check listings)

TV Listings

WETA PBS in May



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Program Key

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

R – Repeat of recent programming.



MASTERPIECE/ROBERT VIGLASKY PHOTOGRAPHY



Sundays at 9 p.m. starting May 4 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Miss Austen on Masterpiece presents a four-part series based on an enduring literary mystery, dramatizing the posthumous destruction of famed author Jane Austen's letters by her sister Cassandra.

1 Thursday

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

7:00 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. **Repeats next day, 7am**

- 8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – A young detective investigates crimes with her three mystery-writing aunts in their home of Wildermarsh. *Part 5 of 6: Smoke and Mirrors, Pt 1*. The stage adaptation of Aunt Jane's book endures numerous snafus before opening night; Mattie searches for new clues in the case of her missing mother. **Repeats Sun 5/4, 7pm, midnight**
- 9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 4** – Quirky Detective Senior Sergeant Mike Shepherd and his team investigate crimes in small-town New Zealand. *Episode 1 of 4. Fall From Grace*. A surprise drop-in interrupts the picnic that Kristin, Breen and Gina throw for Mike's birthday. The celebrations come to a halt, and the group realizes that the person is Kristin's ex-boyfriend. **Repeats Fri 5/2, 3pm**
- 10:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 1** – *Part 5 of 6. Culture Curator*. For the post of Curator of the Cultural Olympiad, three applicants are interviewed. Meanwhile, Sebastian Coe suggests that the Olympic Deliverance Commission team consider entering the London Marathon. **Repeats Fri 5/2, 4:30pm**
- 11:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** – Examine the global issues, domestic news and trends impacting the world. Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with thought leaders and influencers, with other interviews from Walter Isaacson, Michel Martin and Hari Sreenivasan. **Repeats next weekday, 5pm**

2 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 5/3, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/4, 11:30am; Mon 5/5, 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 6 of 10. Jonathan Darman. Author of Becoming FDR: The Personal Crisis That Made a President*. **Repeats Sun 5/4, 6:30pm**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: BARRIOS: CHOPIN OF THE GUITAR** – Explore Agustin Barrios' journey from rural Paraguay to global recognition as a guitar composer. Despite facing rejection and personal struggles, his innovative compositions and passion for Latin American folk music made him a 20th-century icon. **Repeats Sun 5/4, 5pm; Mon 5/5, 4pm**
- 10:00 VOICES: MAMBO LEGENDS: THE MUSIC NEVER ENDS** – Meet the Mambo Legends Orchestra, committed to keeping the sounds of the great Afro-Cuban bandleaders Machito, Tito Puente, and Tito Rodriguez alive.

3 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**
- 7AM PBS NEWS HOUR** – R
- 8AM BLOOMBERG WALL STREET WEEK**
- 9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – (Playoffs! Two episodes. See 7 p.m.)
- 11AM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**
- 11:30 KEVIN BELTON'S NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATIONS**
- 12N THE DOOKY CHASE KITCHEN**
- 12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION**
- 1:00 LIFE OF LOI: MEDITERRANEAN SECRETS** – Through May 10.
- 1:00 WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE** – Starts May 17.
- 1:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN**



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Monday, May 5, 8 p.m. on WETA PBS; 9 p.m. on WETA Metro
Antiques Roadshow: Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage spotlights items with Asian and Pacific Islands origins, including a Chinese wooden Guanyin figure, ca. 1200-1500 in Boston, Massachusetts.



AMANDA LEE FOR WETA

SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3 A WETA PRODUCTION

Mondays, May 5, 12 & 26; 9 p.m. WETA PBS; 8 p.m. WETA Metro
WETA restaurant series *Signature Dish* presents 3 new episodes.
Above: Host Seth Tillman in *Fan Favorites* (May 26) with The Duck & The Peach head chef Kat Petonito and pastry chef Rochelle Cooper. Watch a Season 3 marathon, May 26, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on WETA PBS.

- 2:00 LUCKY CHOW**
- 2:30 HOMEMADE LIVE!**
- 3:00 FRESH GLASS**
- 3:30 TRAVELS WITH DARLEY** – Through May 10.
- 3:30 GET OUT OF TOWN, SERIES 1** – *Laurel Highlands, PA* (May 17) and *Richmond, VA* (May 24).
- 4:00 COOK'S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**
- 4:30 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**
- 5:00 THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 5:30 THE LAST INDEPENDENT AUTOMAKER** – Explore the story of the rise and fall of American Motors Corporation (AMC). The six-part series traces AMC's history through more than four decades, taking an unvarnished look at the inner workings of a car company.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – Hear a summary of the day's international and national news. John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – It's the playoffs! The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. In the first half-hour, competing are Maret, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, and McLean high schools. In the second episode, competing are West Springfield, Wheaton, and Georgetown Day. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).**
- 8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Filmmakers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the Vietnam War. The 10-part 2017 series, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA, features eyewitness testimonies, bringing the war and its chaotic epoch to life. *Part 6 of 10. Things Fall Apart (January 1968-July 1968)*. Seeing the violence and brutality of the Tet Offensive unfold on television, Americans begin to doubt Johnson's promise of "light at the end of the tunnel." LBJ decides not to run again. The country is staggered by assassinations and unrest. **Repeats Sun 5/4, 1:58pm**
- 9:30 FEAST YOUR EARS: THE STORY OF WHFS 102.3** – Learn about the progressive radio station that was a keystone countercultural voice in the nation's capital and focal point for the music of the 1960s-1980s. Hear from renowned musicians, 'HFS deejays, record label veterans, journalists, historians and fans as they reflect on the station; the music; and the social, cultural and political upheaval of its era. **Repeats Sun 5/4, 3:27pm**
- 11:07 AMERICAN MASTERS: WATERMAN – DUKE: AMBASSADOR OF ALOHA** – Discover the inspiring story and impact of 5-time Olympic medalist Duke Kahanamoku. He shattered swimming records and popularized surfing while facing racism and other personal challenges. Jason Momoa narrates. **Repeats Sun 5/4, 12:30pm**
- 12:34AM FREE FOR ALL: THE PUBLIC LIBRARY – R**

4 Sunday

- 6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING** – See page 15.
- 9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**

- 9:30 TO DINE FOR WITH KATE SULLIVAN**
- 10:00 DW EUROMAXX – LIFESTYLE EUROPE**
- 10:30 MOTORWEEK**
- 11:00 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**
- 12N THE LAST INDEPENDENT AUTOMAKER – Part 1 of 6. R**
- 1:58 THE VIETNAM WAR – Part 6 of 10. Things Fall Apart (January 1968-July 1968). R**
- 3:27 FEAST YOUR EARS: THE STORY OF WHFS 102.3 – R**
- 5:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: BARRIOS: CHOPIN OF THE GUITAR – R**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – Hear a summary of the day's international and national news. John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – *Episode 6 of 10. Jonathan Darman. Author of Becoming FDR: The Personal Crisis That Made a President. R*
- 7:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1 – Part 5 of 6: Smoke and Mirrors, Pt 1. R**
- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14 – Part 6 of 8. It's September 1970 and the local trash strike leads to a refuse site established outside Nonnatus House. With Rosalind unwell, Joyce takes over her rounds, including a visit to a rude patient who resents being examined by her. **Repeats 1am****
- 9:00 MISS AUSTEN ON MASTERPIECE** – Known for burning Jane's letters, Cassandra Austen may have been protecting her famous sister's reputation. Immerse in this literary mystery, reimagined as a tale of sisterly love. Keeley Hawes stars. *Part 1 of 4*. In 1830, Cassandra arrives in Kintbury after hearing of her friend Eliza's husband's impending death. But her true motive is to search for the letters her sister Jane wrote to Eliza throughout their friendship. **Repeats 2am**
- 10:00 MARIE ANTOINETTE, SERIES 2 – Part 7 of 8. Madame Deficit. Marie Antoinette deals with personal grief after the death of her daughter Sophie and faces extortion over stolen love letters to Fersen. Political turmoil, a struggling economy, and Provence's personal attacks push Louis toward a nervous breakdown. **Repeats 3am****
- 11:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: MARYLAND ZOO, HOUR 3 – R**
- 12M QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1 – Part 5 of 6: Smoke and Mirrors, Pt 1. R**
- 1AM CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14 – Part 6 of 8. R**

5 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://www.pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CELEBRATING ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE** – View items from Asian-American, Asian and Pacific Islands creators, including a Hawaiian Kou bowl, a Gandhi presentation spinning wheel, and an 1888 Joseph Nāwahī painting. Which is \$250,000-\$300,000? **Repeats Tue 5/6, 3pm; Sun 5/11, 11pm**
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3: LATIN AMERICAN KITCHEN** – WETA's Emmy Award-winning restaurant series spotlights the diversity and distinct flavors of local Latin American cuisine, visiting casual haute-cuisine gems and open-air food trucks to enjoy short ribs, traditional wood-fire *lechón*, and more. Seth Tillman hosts. **Repeats Tue 5/6, 4pm**



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Wednesday, May 7 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Nature: Hummingbirds of Hollywood follows a woman's journey as she nurtures wounded hummingbirds, relating a tale of love, fragility, healing, and the beauty in profound acts of kindness.



THIS IS HOW IT ENDS LLC

Monday, May 12 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

Independent Lens: And So It Begins chronicles a historic political race in the Philippines as seen through the eyes of a courageous Nobel Prize-winning journalist, who cuts through the rhetoric.

- 9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN, SEASON 2** – *Encore: Williamsburg, VA.* Mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee step into history and holidays at Colonial Williamsburg and ride the rollercoasters of Busch Gardens surrounded by 10 million lights. **Repeats Tue 5/6, 4:30pm**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: MATTER OF MIND: MY ALZHEIMER'S** – A film offers an intimate view of three families confronting the unique challenges of Alzheimer's disease and reveals how roles evolve when a life partner or adult child becomes a caregiver. **Repeats Sat 5/10, 11:30pm; Sun 5/11, 4pm; Mon 5/12, 4pm**

6 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 8 encore: Children of Exile.* Gates retraces the ancestral journeys of David Chang and Raul Esparza – whose families fled their homelands – leading them to find lost parts of themselves along the way. **Repeats Wed 5/7, 3pm; Sat 5/10, 1am**
- 9:00 PATI JINICH EXPLORES PANAMERICANA** – Join D.C.-area chef Pati Jinich on a Pan-American journey exploring cultural connections as she travels from the top of Alaska through Alberta. *Part 2 of 3. Juneau & Whitehorse: Sister Cities.* Jinich explores Alaska's capital and the capital of Canada's Yukon Territory. She finds a pioneering culture of artistry and entrepreneurship thriving alongside the unforgiving wilderness. **Repeats Wed 5/7, 4pm; Sat 5/10, 2am**
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: ANTIDOTE** – *Frontline* presents the U.S. broadcast debut of an award-winning film exposing the cost of opposing Vladimir Putin. The program spotlights the stories of an investigative journalist and a political activist who stood up to the Kremlin – and the consequences. (90 min.)

7 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: HUMMINGBIRDS OF HOLLYWOOD** – Amid the glamour of Hollywood, a woman finds herself on a transformative journey as she nurtures wounded hummingbirds, unraveling a visually captivating tale of love, fragility, healing, and the delicate beauty in profound acts of kindness. **Repeats Thur 5/8, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: ULTIMATE CRASH TEST** – A first-of-its-kind experiment aims to stage a high-speed multi-vehicle pileup to gain new data on car safety. *Part 1 of 2. Countdown.* What really happens in a multi-vehicle car accident and how can an experiment be staged to study a complex collision without putting any lives in danger? **Repeats Thur 5/8, 4pm**
- 10:00 BUGS THAT RULE THE WORLD** – Explore the fascinating world of bugs, their beauty, and their ecological importance, from pollinators and insect predators to the clean-up crews purifying the planet. *Part 1 of 4. Insect Apocalypse.* Could a world without insects survive? Follow scientists investigating the role bugs play on our planet.

8 Thursday

- 8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – *Part 6 of 6: Smoke and Mirrors, Pt 2.* With another murder and a missing lead actress to contend with, the theater company is forced to switch up the cast. **Repeats Sun 5/11, 7pm, midnight**
- 9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 4** – *Episode 2 of 4. Stone Cold Dead.* A death by arrow at Brokenwood's Historic Village brings the team into contact with New Zealand's colonial past. **Repeats Fri 5/9, 3pm**
- 10:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 1** – *Part 6 of 6. Equestrian Controversy.* The ODC's plans for the equestrian center annoy famous film director Tony Ward (Tim McInnerny), who dumps a pile of horse manure in front of their offices. Ian Fletcher decides to challenge him face-to-face on a radio interview. **Repeats Fri 5/9, 4:30pm**

9 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats 5/10, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/11, 11:30am; Mon 5/12, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – *Episode 7 of 10. Marie Arana.* Author of *LatinoLand*. **Repeats Sun 5/11, 6:30pm**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NEXT TO NORMAL** – Experience this Tony- and Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway musical directed by Michael Longhurst from London's Donmar Warehouse. Grammy nominee Caissie Levy stars in the story of a suburban family struggling with the effects of mental illness. (2.5 hrs.)

10 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 3 listings.

- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – It's the playoffs in the long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio. In the first half-hour, competing are Magruder, George Marshall, and Rockville high schools. In the second episode, competing are Gonzaga, Blake, and National Cathedral. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at YouTube.com/wetapbs.**
- 8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the war in a series co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA. *Part 7 of 10. The Veneer of Civilization (June 1968-May 1969).* With the country at odds over the war, draft-age Americans face wrenching choices. After chaos roils the Democratic Convention, Nixon narrowly wins the presidency. In Vietnam, soldiers on all sides witness terrible savagery and unflinching courage. **Repeats Sun 5/11, 2pm**
- 10:00 YOUR SERVE OR MINE?** – In 1971 a small group of U.S. table tennis players made history by traveling to a then-isolated China. The first Americans to legally visit in more than 20 years, they opened up lines of communication that remain important today. **Repeats Sun 5/11, 12:30pm; Mon 5/19, 4pm**
- 11:00 DORA FUGH LEE: A LIFE IN ART** – Learn about the life and work of artist Dora Fugh Lee, who taught traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy at the Smithsonian Institution and The George Washington University. Today, her works are in the 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 12:30am; Sun 5/11, 1:30pm**
- 11:30 INDEPENDENT LENS: MATTER OF MIND: MY ALZHEIMER'S** – **R**
- 12:30AM DORA FUGH LEE: A LIFE IN ART** – **R**
- 1AM FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – *Season 8 encore: Children of Exile.* **R**

11 Sunday

6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, May 4 listings.

- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 12N THE LAST INDEPENDENT AUTOMAKER** – *Part 2 of 6.* **R**
- 12:30 YOUR SERVE OR MINE?** – **R**
- 1:30 DORA FUGH LEE: A LIFE IN ART** – **R**
- 2:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – *Part 7 of 10. The Veneer of Civilization (June 1968-May 1969).* **R**



BBC/CHAT TRUCK PRODUCTIONS

Thursdays at 10:30 p.m. starting May 15 on WETA PBS
Dark BBC comedy *Warren* stars Martin Clunes (*Doc Martin*) as a blunt, grouchy, impatient and abrasive driving instructor who finds himself facing unexpected disappointments in middle age.

- 4:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: MATTER OF MIND: MY ALZHEIMER'S – R**
- 5:30 AGING IN AMERICA: SURVIVE OR THRIVE** – Fifty years ago, there were 23 million Americans over the age of 65. Today there are 55 million. Using Dr. Robert Butler's Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Why Survive?* as a guide, this film explores critical topics such as ageism, health care, economic insecurity, and Alzheimer's disease. Martin Sheen narrates the documentary, which probes important public policy challenges.
- 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*. **R**
- 7:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – Part 6 of 6: *Smoke and Mirrors, Pt 2*. **R**
- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14** – Part 7 of 8. Joyce faces a disciplinary hearing over a recent complaint. Dr. Turner volunteers at a methadone clinic to treat heroin addiction. Meanwhile, the Turners get news of May's adoption hearing, and Sister Catherine is invited to take her first vows. **Repeats 1am**
- 9:00 MISS AUSTEN ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 2 of 4. Cassandra's determination to keep Jane's letters private is joined by a second objective: securing a home for Isabella. After a trip to town, Cassandra falls ill, and the past comes crashing in with her recollections of the difficult years. **Repeats 2am**
- 10:00 MARIE ANTOINETTE, SERIES 2** – Part 8 of 8. *The End of the Beginning*. Amid the Revolution's advance, Marie Antoinette struggles to support Louis's rule. When he succumbs to depression, she bravely steps up to rule in his place, proving she is the last man standing – ready for whatever comes next. **Repeats 3am**
- 11:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CELEBRATING ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE – R**
- 12M QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – Part 6 of 6: *Smoke and Mirrors, Pt 2*. **R**
- 1AM CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14** – Part 7 of 8. **R**

12 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE!** – Discover amazing items that *Roadshow* experts had never seen prior to the magical moment on the show's tour. Finds include a Michelin Bibendum ad figure, a World War I surgical kit, and a 19th-century southern basket. **Repeats Tue 5/13, 3pm; Sun 5/18, 11pm**
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3: HERE'S THE BEEF** – WETA's Emmy Award-winning restaurant series explores how D.C. chefs revive and reinvent a staple food, beef. Host Seth Tillman samples classic sandwiches (with a twist) and internationally inspired steaks, visiting a beloved neighborhood food truck, a classy-casual corner eatery and an upscale, elevated wood-fire kitchen. **Repeats Tue 5/13, 4pm**
- 9:30 WETA ARTS** – Enjoy three Emmy Award-winning segments from the WETA production's past seasons. First, explore the craftsmanship and community of cosplay at Awesome Con, Washington, D.C.'s three-day Comic Con celebration that attracts more than 60,000 attendees. Next, follow Arlington-based street photographer

Ashley Tillery as she goes on an Independence Day photo shoot. And learn about the surprising history of the creation of the Lincoln Memorial. **Repeats Tue 5/13, 4:30pm; Mon 5/26, 9:30pm; Tue 5/27, 4:30pm**

10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: AND SO IT BEGINS – A historic presidential race in the Philippines, between the son of Ferdinand Marcos and the incumbent woman VP, is seen through the eyes of a Nobel-winning journalist who cuts through the rhetoric despite the risks. (90 min.)

13 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 9 encore: 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 5/14, 3pm; Sat 5/17, 1am**
- 9:00 PATI JINICH EXPLORES PANAMERICANA** – Part 3 of 3. *Alberta – Canada's Changing Heartland*. In Canada's heartland, Alberta, Jinich dives into cowboy culture and learns how thriving immigrant communities in Edmonton and Calgary are reshaping Canadian identity. **Repeats Wed 5/14, 4pm; Sat 5/17, 2am**
- 10:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: HOPPER: AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY** – Discover the secrets behind the iconic and enigmatic works of artist Edward Hopper. Known for "Nighthawks" and other evocative paintings, Hopper has left a lasting impression on American culture. Meet the man behind the brush, and see how his marriage to artist Josephine Nivison Hopper shaped his art and career.

14 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: MY GARDEN OF A THOUSAND BEES** – A wildlife cameraman spends his time during the COVID pandemic lockdown filming the bees in his U.K. urban garden and discovers the many diverse species and personalities that exist in this insect family. **Repeats Thur 5/15, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: ULTIMATE CRASH TEST** – Part 2 of 2. *Impact*. Car safety experts create a first-of-its-kind remote controlled multi-vehicle pile-up. Now investigators are put to the test as they analyze the data and look for insights into driver behavior and vehicle design. **Repeats Thur 5/15, 4pm**
- 10:00 BUGS THAT RULE THE WORLD** – Part 2 of 4. *Lifegivers*. Dive into the colorful world of Earth's essential pollinators: bees, moths and butterflies. Scientists and others discuss what life would be like without these resilient creatures.

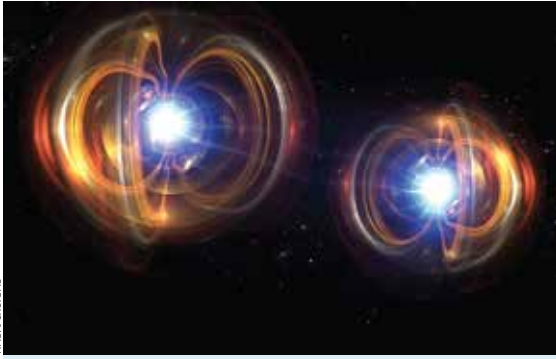
15 Thursday

- 8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 2** – In season 2, Florence Hall takes over the role of Sgt. Matilda Stone. *Part 1*



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Friday, May 16 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Great Performances: Yellow Face presents David Henry Hwang's comedy starring Daniel Dae Kim (*Lost; Hawaii Five-0*) as an Asian American playwright who protests yellowface casting in the musical *Miss Saigon*, only to then mistakenly cast his own play.



NASA/CXC/SAO

Wednesdays, May 21 & 28 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Two-part *NOVA* program *Decoding the Universe* explores what happens when we look at the world at the tiniest scales – and examines the quantum world, its discoveries and its possibilities.

of 6: Sparring with Death, Pt 1. Beth and Cat head to a luxury spa run by Dr. Angela Isherwood, who unexpectedly announces her retirement, names her successor, and is found dead that night. **Repeats Sun 5/18, 7pm, midnight**

9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 4 – Episode 3 of 4. *The Scarecrow.* The team must investigate family, friends and rival neighbors following a chilling discovery among a local farmer's crop. **Repeats Fri 5/16, 3pm**

10:30 WARREN – Martin Clunes (*Doc Martin*) stars in this dark comedy as cantankerous, blunt and impatient Warren Thompson, a pedantic driving instructor who suddenly finds himself in middle age with a job he doesn't enjoy and a family, including stepchildren, he never asked for. *Part 1 of 6. The Pond Lining.* Warren, always keen to outdo his annoying neighbor Ian, tries to outdo the latter's new pond lining.

16 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats 5/17, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/18, 11:30am; Mon 5/19, 7:30am**

8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 – Episode 8 of 10. *Candice Millard.* Author of *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President.* **Repeats Sun 5/18, 6:30pm**

9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: YELLOW FACE – Enjoy Tony-winner David Henry Hwang's comedy starring Daniel Dae Kim as an Asian American playwright who protests "yellowface" casting in the musical *Miss Saigon* only to mistakenly cast a white actor as the Asian lead in his own play. (2 hrs.)

17 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 3 listings.

6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND – John Yang anchors.

6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC – It's the playoffs in the long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio. In the first half-hour, competing are Jefferson, Lake Braddock, and South Lakes high schools. In the second episode, competing are Quince Orchard, Alexandria City, and Walter Johnson high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).**

8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR – Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the war in a series co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA. *Part 8 of 10. The History of the World (April 1969-May 1970).* When troop withdrawals begin, soldiers left in Vietnam ask what they are fighting for. News breaks of a shocking massacre at My Lai, and questions grow about the war's rectitude. The Cambodia invasion sparks large protests, with tragic consequences. **Repeats Sun 5/18, 2pm**

10:00 MILES, MORALE AND MEMORIES: BOB HOPE AND WORLD WAR II – Legendary entertainer Bob Hope and his troupe of performers traveled more than 80,000 miles during World War II to entertain U.S. troops, often performing near the frontlines in Europe and the Pacific. Interviews with Hollywood historians, authors, and combat veterans examine Hope's impact.

11:00 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 L.A. area, where anthems of a generation were brought to life. This film recalls the counterculture era in intimate interviews with many of the artists themselves. **Repeats Sun 5/18, 4pm**

1AM FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – Season 9 encore: *Far From Home.* R

18 Sunday

6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, May 4 listings.

11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

12N THE LAST INDEPENDENT AUTOMAKER – *Part 3 of 6.* R

12:30 INDEPENDENT LENS: MEET THE PATELS – In this wistfully comic film, Ravi Patel, whose tradition-minded Hindu family is not happy that he's single at almost 30, enters the semi-arranged marriage system in America. Explore the influence of culture and identity on an intense, personal, important part of one's life – love.

2:00 THE VIETNAM WAR – *Part 8 of 10. The History of the World (April 1969-May 1970).* R

4:00 LEGENDS OF THE CANYON – See last night's listing. R

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

6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 – Episode 8 of 10. *Candice Millard.* Author of *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President.* R

7:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 2 – *Part 1 of 6: Sparring with Death, Pt 1.* R

8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14 – *Part 8 of 8.* The challenges of midwifery hit close to home when a Mother and Baby Home is evacuated. Meanwhile, Nancy's wedding plans take a turn, and Sister Catherine takes her First Vows. **Repeats 1am**

9:00 MISS AUSTEN ON MASTERPIECE – *Part 3 of 4.* Through her feverish delirium, Cassandra guards Jane's letters from Mary Austen. As she drifts in and out of consciousness, she relives the dramatic events of her youth. Once better, Cassandra takes drastic action to secure Isabella's future. **Repeats 2am**

10:00 MISS AUSTEN ON MASTERPIECE – *Part 4 of 4.* Cassandra uncovers the truth about Isabella and Lidderdale's past. Dinah makes a reckless decision. Upon arriving back at Chawton, Cassandra takes a final step to protect Jane's legacy. **Repeats 3am**

11:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE! – R

12M QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 2 – *Part 1 of 6: Sparring with Death, Pt 1.* R

1AM CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14 – *Part 8 of 8.* R

19 Monday

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



MATTHEWURPHY

Friday, May 23 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Great Performances: Girl from the North Country presents a stage musical, set in the 1930s, that features 20 reimagined classic Bob Dylan songs. Above: Mare Winningham (left) and the cast.

- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 14** – Watch newly revealed treasures from all five stops of *Roadshow's* Season 29 Tour, including a German tin toy motorcycle, a Babe Ruth exhibition card, and a Patek Philippe dress watch. Guess the big find. **Repeats Tue 5/20, 3pm; Sun 5/25, 11pm**
- 9:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: MR. POLAROID** – Meet Edwin Land, a pioneering tech disruptor and inventor of a midcentury icon: the Polaroid camera. Introduced in 1948, it revolutionized amateur photography, making it instant and accessible to all. **Repeats Tue 5/20, 4pm; Sat 5/24, 10pm**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: WHO IS MICHAEL JANG?** – After working as a photographer for decades in obscurity and sitting on a treasure trove of images, elusive San Francisco artist Michael Jang uses guerrilla art tactics to share his stunning, previously unknown work with audiences.

20 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 11 encore: Larger Than Life*. Gates introduces actors Lea Salonga and Amanda Seyfried to ancestors who are every bit as dramatic as the characters the two have played on stage and screen – telling stories of relatives who survived heart-wrenching ordeals. **Repeats Wed 5/21, 3pm; Sat 5/24, 1am**
- 9:00 DEADLOCK** – A series moderated by Aaron Tang, Professor of Law at the University of California, Davis School of Law, aims to facilitate civil dialogue in an era overwhelmed by polarizing debates. *Deadlock* features a panel of influential figures from different spheres delving into complex ethical dilemmas based on real-life scenarios. **Repeats Wed 5/21, 4pm; Sat 5/24, 2am**
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: HURRICANE HELENE'S DEADLY WARNING** – *Frontline* explores how Hurricane Helene provided an ominous warning about America's lack of preparedness. With NPR, *Frontline* draws on a decade of reporting on how and why the U.S. is more vulnerable than ever to climate change-related storms.

21 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: EQUUS: THE STORY OF THE HORSE** – Anthropologist Niobe Thompson uncovers the history of mankind's relationship with the horse. *Part 1 of 2. Origins*. Explore the evolutionary journey of the horse, from its tiny forest-dwelling ancestor, the Dawn Horse, to the modern steed. Meet scientists unlocking the genetic basis of horsepower and decoding the animals' emotional intelligence. **Repeats Thur 5/22, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: DECODING THE UNIVERSE** – *Part 1 of 2. 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 Thur 5/22, 4pm**
- 10:00 BUGS THAT RULE THE WORLD** – *Part 3 of 4. Eat or Be Eaten*. Uncover the ruthless realm of some of the stealthiest insects in the animal kingdom, from praying mantises and aquatic insects to dragonflies.

22 Thursday

- 8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 2** – In season 2, Florence Hall takes over the role of Sgt. Matilda Stone. *Part 2 of 6: Sparring with Death, Pt 2*. Matilda now has two murders to solve, made more complicated by the fact that one of the victims was using a fake identity.
- 9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 4** – *Episode 4 of 4. As If Nothing Happened*. A resident with Alzheimer's at Sunset Manor, a rest home in Brokenwood, goes missing and the team must try to find him. **Repeats Fri 5/23, 3pm**
- 10:30 WARREN** – Martin Clunes (*Doc Martin*) portrays a difficult driving instructor in this dark comedy. *Part 2 of 6. The Rival*. Warren's business is failing as he loses pupils to a competitor, so he tries to recruit more students, which leads to disaster.



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

Saturday, May 24, 11 p.m. on WETA PBS; repeats May 25, 4 p.m. WETA reprises the performance special *The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song*, honoring songwriters Elton John and Bernie Taupin (above) and featuring musical artists' tributes.

23 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats 5/24, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/25, 11:30am; Mon 5/26, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – *Episode 9 of 10. Fredrik Logevall*. Author of *JFK and the Promise of Democracy*. **Repeats Sun 5/25, 6:30pm**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY** – Experience 20 reimagined classic Bob Dylan songs including "Forever Young," "Hurricane," and "Like a Rolling Stone" in this Conor McPherson musical set in 1934 Minnesota, where travelers intersect at a guesthouse filled with music, life and hope. (2.5 hrs.)

24 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 3 listings.

- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – It's the playoffs in the long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio. In the first half-hour, competing are Washington International, Landon, and Montgomery Blair high schools. In the second episode, competing are Poolesville, Westfield, and Washington-Liberty high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).**
- 8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the war in a series co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA. *Part 9 of 10. A Disrespectful Loyalty (May 1970–March 1973)*. South Vietnamese forces fighting on their own suffer a terrible defeat in Laos. After being re-elected in a landslide, Nixon strikes a peace deal with Hanoi that allows American prisoners of war finally to come home – to a bitterly divided country. **Repeats Sun 5/25, 2pm**
- 10:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: MR. POLAROID** – **R**
- 11:00 ELTON JOHN & BERNIE TAUPIN: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONG** – In this reprised WETA co-production, enjoy an all-star 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. **Repeats Sun 5/25, 4pm**
- 1AM FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – *Season 11 encore: Larger Than Life*. **R**

25 Sunday

6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, May 4 listings.
11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – **R**

- 12N THE LAST INDEPENDENT AUTOMAKER** – Part 4 of 6. **R**
- 12:30 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 groundbreaking rock group – revered by David Bowie – that you've never heard of...yet.
- 2:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Part 9 of 10. *A Disrespectful Loyalty* (May 1970–March 1973). **R**
- 4:00 ELTON JOHN & BERNIE TAUPIN: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONG** – **R**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – Episode 9 of 10. *Fredrik Logevall*. Author of *JFK and the Promise of Democracy*. **R**
- 7:00 ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY** – A WETA production spotlights Arlington National Cemetery, an active national cemetery, an extraordinary tourist destination, and a place of grief, reflection and healing for thousands of families whose loved ones are interred there. **Repeats tonight, midnight; Mon 5/26, 4pm**
- 8:00 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2025** – In this co-production of Capital Concerts and WETA, experience the 36th annual broadcast of America's national night of remembrance, live from the U.S. Capitol grounds, featuring stories and tributes woven with musical performances by world-renowned artists and the National Symphony Orchestra. See page 1 for details. **Repeats tonight, 9:30pm, 1am**
- 9:30 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2025** – **R**
- 11:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 14** – **R**
- 12M ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY** – **R**
- 1AM NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2025** – **R**

26 Monday

- 8AM-1:30PM SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3 MARATHON** – WETA reprises 11 episodes of the restaurant series before the season-ending episode tonight (9 p.m.)
- 1:30-7:00** [Regular afternoon/evening programming]
- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**



NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2025 A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

Sunday, May 25 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
National Memorial Day Concert presents a night of remembrance, music and stories live from the U.S. Capitol grounds, honoring the service of generations of America's men and women in uniform.

- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CHARLESTON, HOUR 2** – See *Antiques Roadshow's* finds from West Virginia, including a collection of Marilyn Monroe film stills; an 1860s British rainbow spatterware pot purchased for \$10; and an 1849 ship's log chronicling the journey from Boston to San Francisco during the Gold Rush. **Repeats Tue 5/27, 3pm**
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3: FAN FAVORITES** – WETA's Emmy Award-winning local restaurant series celebrates the distinctive dishes – from Italian caprese to duck rotisserie to Korean savory spreads – that define the new finds and old favorites of hungry Washingtonians. Seth Tillman hosts the series, which wraps up Season 3 tonight. **Repeats Tue 5/27, 4pm**
- 9:30 WETAARTS** – See the Monday, May 12, 9:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: MAKE PEACE OR DIE: HONOR THE FALLEN** – Suffering survivor's guilt, Marine veteran Anthony Marquez makes it his mission to reconnect with the Gold Star families of the fallen. By carving and hand-delivering a battlefield cross for each, he finds the path to heal himself. (90 min.)

27 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 11 encore: Stranger Than Fiction*. Gates spotlights the family trees of two award-winning writers: novelist Amy Tan and poet Rita Dove – traveling across China and the American South to uncover long-lost stories of the ancestors who inspired their work. **Repeats Wed 5/28, 3pm**
- 9:00 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.
- 10:30 AMERICAN ANTHEMS: POCKET CHANGE** – Musical artist Lee Brice creates a guitar jam for Ashley Ruiz, a "hope dealer" who pays for people's laundry costs in low-income communities.

28 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: EQUUS: THE STORY OF THE HORSE** – Part 2 of 2. *Chasing the Wind*. Discover how humans have partnered with the horse throughout the centuries, creating more than 350 breeds, from the Yakutian Horse to the Arab Horse, found all around the world. **Repeats Thur 5/29, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: DECODING THE UNIVERSE** – Part 2 of 2. *Quantum*. When we look at the world at the tiniest scales, things get very weird. In this episode, take a wild ride through the quantum world, from the discoveries that reveal its strange rules to the amazing technologies it unlocks – with more powerful possibilities to come. **Repeats Thur 5/29, 4pm**
- 10:00 BUGS THAT RULE THE WORLD** – Part 4 of 4. *Beetlemania*. As the world's most diverse and abundant species, the tiny yet mighty beetle plays crucial ecological roles in nearly every environment. Why are these colorful and ingenious creatures often regarded "the most important species on the planet"?

29 Thursday

- 8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 2** – Part 3 of 6: *The Modern Art of Murder, Pt 1*. Aunt Cat's art exhibit at Wildemarsh's trendiest new gallery is marred when the ex-husband of the gallery owner is discovered dead on a star artist's installation.

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- 9:00 SHERLOCK ON MASTERPIECE: A STUDY IN PINK** – The contemporary take on the Sherlock Holmes crime novels sets mysteries in present-day London and stars Benedict Cumberbatch as the Baker Street sleuth and Martin Freeman as his loyal sidekick Doctor Watson. A *Study in Pink*. When an unidentified woman, dressed all in pink, turns up murdered in an abandoned building, Sherlock must use the science of deduction to catch the killer.
- 10:32 WARREN** – Martin Clunes (*Doc Martin*) stars. *Part 3 of 6. The Unwanted House Guest*. Warren reluctantly agrees to take his annoying brother-in-law Colin out for a drink – and then must house him. Warren can't wait to get rid of Colin until he learns he's good at DIY projects.

30 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** — Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 5/31, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 6/2, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – Episode 10 of 10. Jeffrey Frank. Author of *The Trials of Harry S. Truman: The Extraordinary Presidency of an Ordinary Man*. **R**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: KISS ME, KATE** – Enjoy this classic Cole Porter musical featuring iconic songs "Another Op'nin', Another Show," "So in Love" and more. Tony-winner Stephanie J. Block and Adrian Dunbar (*Ridley*) co-star in a backstage romantic comedy directed by Bartlett Sher. (3 hrs.) **Repeats Sat 5/31, 1:30am**

31 Saturday

6AM-9AM See the Saturday, May 3 listings.

- 9AM AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY** – Join Miranda Esmonde-White to learn how gentle flexibility and range of motion exercises can improve posture, help reverse signs of aging, improve organ health, and increase energy. This program examines how sitting less and moving more is vital to every aspect of life.
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – It's the semifinals! Two episodes. (See 7 p.m.)
- 11AM RICK STEVES' ART OF EUROPE MARATHON** – Travel expert Rick Steves presents an ambitious sweep through the entire span of European art history in six episodes. Beginning in prehistoric Europe, Egypt, and ancient Greece, Steves weaves a compelling narrative through ancient Rome, medieval Europe, the Renaissance, the Baroque period and the Age of Revolution, and the Modern Age.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – It's the semifinals in the long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio. In the first half-hour, competing are Sandy Spring Friends, Bethesda Chevy-Chase and Georgetown Day high schools. In the second episode, competing are Rockville, Blake and Jefferson high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at YouTube.com/wetapbs.**
- 8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the war in a series co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA. *Part 10 of 10. The Weight of Memory (March 1973-Onward)*. Nixon resigns amidst Watergate, while a brutal civil war continues in Vietnam. North Vietnamese troops overtake Saigon with overwhelming force. For the next 40 years, Americans and Vietnamese from all sides search for healing and reconciliation.
- 10:00 BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN & THE E STREET BAND: NO NUKES** – A series of famous "No Nukes" benefit concerts from the rocker and his band were recorded at New York's Madison Square Garden in 1979. Released as a concert film in 1980, *No Nukes* has now been restored and updated, featuring 13 songs performed over the two-night gig.
- 12M MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** – Psychiatrist, neuroscientist and *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen explains how to supercharge memory and remember what matters most to you. The process of strengthening memory is based on overcoming risk factors that destroy the brain's capacities.
- 1:30AM GREAT PERFORMANCES: KISS ME, KATE** – **R**

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

WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS KIDS

- Clifford the Big Red Dog, 6am
- Sesame Street, 6:30am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 7am
- Curious George, 7:30am
- Sesame Street, 8am
- Milo, 8:30am
- Work It Out Wombats!, 9am, 9:30am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 10am, 10:30am
- Carl the Collector, 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
- Arthur, 4:30pm
- Odd Squad, 5pm
- Skillsville, 5:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 6pm, 6:30pm
- Lyla in the Loop, 7pm
- Nature Cat, 7:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 8pm
- Hero Elementary, 8:30pm
- Cyberchase, 9pm
- Let's Go Luna! 9:30pm
- Rosie's Rules, 10pm

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WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS, 8 AM - 3 PM

- Lyla in the Loop, 8am
- Carl the Collector, 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
- Molly of Denali, 1pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 1:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 2pm
- Alma's Way, 2:30pm

SUNDAYS ON WETA PBS, 6 AM - 9 AM

- Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, 6am
- Arthur, 6:30am
- Wild Kratts, 7am
- Alma's Way, 7:30am
- Lyla in the Loop, 8am
- Carl the Collector, 8:30am



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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12pm	Annika, Series 2 on Masterpiece	Green Planet runs 5/5-5/9; Britain By Beach, 5/12; Adrian Dunbar: My Ireland, 5/13-5/14; My Grandparents' War, 5/15-5/20; Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland, 5/21-5/26; Magpie Murders on Masterpiece starts 5/27					• 5/3, Professor T (UK); 1pm: Madame Blanc Mysteries; 2pm: The Trouble with Maggie Cole
12:30pm							
1pm	Ridley, Series 1 & 2	Call the Midwife, Series 12 runs through 5/2; Series 13 runs 5/5-5/14; Series 14 runs 5/15-5/26; Series 10 starts 5/27					• 5/10: Rick Steves' Europe marathon
1:30pm							• 5/17-5/24, noon-2pm: Attenborough nature docs; 2pm: Green Planet
2pm	• 5/4, 2-4pm: The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 • 5/11, 2-4pm: Queens of Mystery • 5/4-5/11, 4pm: Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries, Series 2 • 5/4-5/25, 5pm: Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1	• 5/5: Good Karma Hospital, Series 2 • Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets	Whitstable Pearl	Miss Friman's War	The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 & 4	Ridley, Series 1 & 2	• 5/31, noon-2pm: Green Planet; 2pm: Attenborough nature doc
2:30pm							
3pm	• 5/18-5/25, 2-3:30pm: The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 & 4 • 5/18-5/25, 3:30pm: Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries, Series 2 • 5/18-5/25, 4:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow	Marie Antoinette, Series 1	Annika, Series 2 on Masterpiece	• L'Opera • Sisi: Austrian Empress (starts 5/21)	Brit. Antiques Roadshow, 5/29: Mystery of Mr. E	• Prof. T (UK), Series 3 • Broadchurch, Series 1 (starts 5/9)	Hotel Portofino, Series 2 & 3
3:30pm							
4pm	• 5/4-5/11, 4pm: Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries, Series 2 • 5/18-5/25, 4:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow	Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece	Before We Die, Series 2	• School of Champions • Seaside Hotel, Series 9 (starts 5/21)	Doc Martin, Series 10 (except 5/29)	• Vienna Blood, Series 1 • Hope Street, Series 2 (starts 5/16)	• Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on Masterpiece • Whitstable Pearl (as of 5/10)
4:30pm							
5pm		BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	• Vienna Blood, Series 1
5:30pm		BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	• Hope Street, Series 2 (starts 5/17)
6pm	Donal's Irish Adventures	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	• 5/3-5/10, 6-8pm: Queens of Mystery
6:30pm	Ireland with Michael	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	• 5/17-5/31, 6pm: Ireland with Michael
7pm	Whitstable Pearl	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	• 5/17-5/31, 6:30pm: Donal's Irish Adventures
7:30pm							• 5/3-5/10, 8-10pm: The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3
8pm	• 5/4-5/11, 8-10:30pm: Attenborough nature specials	Whitstable Pearl	Foreign Favourites • 8pm: Miss Friman's War (starts 5/6) • 9pm through 5/13: L'Opera • 9pm starting 5/20: Sisi: Austrian Empress • 10pm through 5/13: School of Champions, Series 1 • 10pm starting 5/20: Seaside Hotel, Series 9	• 8pm: The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 (Series 4 starts 5/21) • 9:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow • 10pm: Doc Martin, Series 10 (except 5/28) • 9:30pm, 5/28: The Mystery of Mr. E (90 min.)	Ridley, Series 1 (Series 2 starts 5/15)	Masterworks Showcase • 8pm: Sherlock on Masterpiece (92 min. on 5/2; then double features) • 9:32pm, 5/2: British Antiques Roadshow	• 5/17-5/31, 7-8:30pm: The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 & 4 • 5/17-5/31, 8:30pm: Unforgotten, Series 4 • 5/17-5/31, 9:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow
8:30pm							
9pm	• 5/4-5/11, 10:30pm; 5/18, 10pm: Green Planet (Attenborough)	Annika, Series 2 on Masterpiece			• Professor T (UK), Series 3 • Broadchurch, Series 1 (starts 5/8)	• 9:32pm, 5/2: British Antiques Roadshow	
9:30pm							
10pm	• 5/18, 8-10pm: Attenborough nature specials	Before We Die, Series 2			• Vienna Blood, Series 1 • Unforgotten, Series 4 on Masterpiece (starts 5/15)	• 10pm, 5/2: Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on Masterpiece	• Doc Martin, Series 10
10:30pm	• 5/18, 11pm: Still Open All Hours (two episodes)						• DI Ray, Series 2 (starts 5/31)
11pm	• 5/25, 8pm-12am: Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	Ridley, Series 1 & 2
11:30pm		[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

WETA UK Highlights

Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys: Scotland

Sunday, May 25, 8 p.m.-midnight
on WETA UK

In a new travel series featuring Alan Cumming, the Emmy, Tony, Olivier and Golden Globe award-winning actor embarks on an epic adventure aboard the *Royal Scotsman*, an iconic luxury train that offers an unparalleled exploration of the majestic landscapes of Scotland.

Throughout the four-part series, Cumming experiences the lavish VIP treatment on the special train, dives into the culinary creativity that defines each day's delectable offerings, and delves into the rich history and traditions of the destinations along the route. Departing Edinburgh, the train winds through the Scottish Highlands and beyond; along the way, Cumming explores historic landmarks, ventures to islands, and visits gorgeous natural sites.



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Sherlock on Masterpiece

Fridays at 8 p.m. on WETA UK

On Friday nights starting May 2, WETA UK presents *Sherlock on Masterpiece*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's iconic sleuth Sherlock Holmes and Martin Freeman as the detective's faithful friend, Doctor Watson. In the BAFTA, Emmy and Peabody award-winning series, which sets the classic Sherlock Holmes mysteries in present-day London, Holmes and Watson probe crimes and battle villains as the investigative genius employs his signature deductive reasoning — alongside a remarkable lack of social grace.

May presentations include episodes from the drama's first three seasons, in addition to the special *The Abominable Bride*, which weaves a storyline between contemporary times and Victorian London.



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Broadchurch, Series 1

Thursdays at 9 p.m. starting May 8
on WETA UK

In the Peabody Award-winning drama, when an 11-year-old boy is murdered, the small town of Broadchurch on England's Dorset coast suddenly becomes the focus of a major criminal investigation in the full glare of the media spotlight. Newly arrived police team leader DI Alec Hardy (David Tennant) and his associate, local policewoman DS Ellie Miller (Olivia Colman), head the case, as the town's community members are drawn into the police inquiry, starting with the immediate family and then radiating outward. The powerful 2013 series explores the impact of the crime, including grief, loss and mutual suspicion as the police seek the killer. Jodi Whittaker and Andrew Buchan co-star.



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Tune in Sunday nights at 8 p.m., May 4, 11 and 18, for lineups of nature specials featuring Sir David Attenborough, marking the iconic broadcaster and natural historian's 99th birthday this month.

WETA Metro is the streaming and broadcast television channel that features popular PBS programming and engaging content curated for our local audience, including offerings spotlighting the Metro D.C. community. The channel is simulcast with WETA PBS most evenings. Each day on WETA Metro, enjoy local programs, news and public affairs offerings (such as *PBS News Hour*, weekdays at 6 p.m./11 p.m.), and lifestyle and culture shows.

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COURTESY AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION

Kaoly Asano leads the HERbeat ensemble

Megan Chao-Smith and Jennifer Weir. During the pandemic, the group holds grueling rehearsals and faces down hurdles to prepare for a historic performance in St. Paul, Minnesota. Buoyed by dynamic performances and do-or-die spirit, the film presents an uplifting story of music, cultural expression, and sisterhood.

Finding Her Beat

**Saturday, May 3 at 9:30 p.m.
on WETA Metro**

In this acclaimed film, a master of Japanese drumming and a Korean adoptee from North Dakota boldly convene an all-female troupe to perform Taiko, the Japanese drumming art that has been off-limits to women for centuries. Their rhythm revolution includes rock stars from the world of Taiko: Tiffany Tamaribuchi, Kaoly Asano, Chieko Kojima,



FLYING MIND

traveling with a Canadian researcher and patient advocate, a pioneering Israeli immunologist, and a renowned English surgeon to undergo a first-of-its-kind procedure in India. The experimental treatment, a partial bone marrow transplant followed by a live liver transplant, could save Katy's life and possibly advance traditional cancer treatment as we know it, creating a treatment option for others facing similar health challenges.

N of 1

**Saturday, May 10 at 9 p.m.
on WETA Metro**

Every medical innovation requires immeasurable courage from the first patient: *N of 1* follows Kayte, a 26-year-old from Alabama who is facing a rare and highly lethal liver cancer and has run out of medical options. She embarks on an international odyssey aimed at saving her life,



DENSHO: 1943

Armed with Language

Thursday, May 29 at 10 p.m. on WETA Metro

A documentary film tells the story of how a little-known military intelligence school in Minnesota played a pivotal role in the American war effort during World War II. The institution trained more than 6,000 Japanese Americans — the children of Japanese immigrants in America, or Nisei — to be translators, interrogators, and Japanese military specialists. Shortly before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the U.S. military saw the need to recruit and train service personnel in Japanese language and

culture. Primarily recruited from internment camps, these men and women served America while many of their families remained imprisoned by the nation. After decades of being classified, the story of their service, courage, sacrifice and patriotism is now being told.

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

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American Delivery

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

In the U.S., where more women die in childbirth than in any other wealthy nation, the joys of pregnancy and motherhood are often overshadowed by fear. Amid a growing maternal health crisis, especially for women of color, the film *American Delivery* explores glimmers of hope. The program interweaves stories of women and their families across the U.S. as they navigate the challenges of pregnancy, mental health, childbirth, and the postpartum period. It paints a portrait of the moment babies come into the world and the heroic efforts of families and communities to catch new mothers before they fall through the broken health safety net.



COURTESY AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION

Your Serve or Mine?

**Friday, May 9 at 8 p.m. on WETA World;
May 10, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS**

In 1971 a small group of U.S. table tennis players made history, by traveling to a then-isolated China. At the World Table Tennis Championships in Japan that year, a member of the American team had gotten on the wrong bus, boarding the Chinese team vehicle. And as improbable as it sounds, his brief attempt at conversation with the captain of the Chinese table tennis team — and the pictures taken of the two of them talking — led to an invitation for the Americans to visit the country. The first Americans to legally visit China in more than 20 years, they opened up lines of communication that remain vital today, succeeding where diplomats had failed.



COURTESY YOUR SERVE OR MINE?

Skydiving Over Sixty

**Thursday, May 29 at 9 p.m.
on WETA World**

"Skydiving really started becoming a sport in the 1950s; guys coming home from Korea and World War II thought to themselves, 'you know, if nobody was shooting at us, this could be fun!'" — so says one participant in the film *Skydiving Over Sixty* who has 32,000 jumps to his credit. The program follows a group of 110 elite senior athletes from all over the globe, between the ages of 60 and 90, as they hurtle through the sky attempting to break a skydiving world record. The goal is to build the largest freefall formation ever by a group of jumpers over 60. Through their courage, teamwork and shared passion, the group shatters expectations of aging.



COURTESY BLUE SKY PRODUCTIONS



DANIEL COREY

Front Row Washington: Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

Monday, May 26 at 9 p.m.

This month, *Front Row Washington* presents a Fairfax Symphony Orchestra October 2024 concert that featured Elena Kats-Chernin's piano concerto titled *Force Majeure*. Founded in 1957,

the FSO has been hailed by *The Washington Post* as a "crown jewel of the cultural landscape." The orchestra is led by Christopher Zimmerman, now in his 15th season, and performs at George Mason University. Also on the bill is the FSO's performance of Danish composer Carl Nielsen's *Symphony No. 4* ("The Inextinguishable") — written during World War I — from a May 2023 concert. Tune in to WETA Classical each Monday at 9 p.m. for live concert recordings from around Greater Washington.



DAVID RUANO/LICEL OPERA BARCELONA

Opera Matinee Presents Adams' Antony and Cleopatra

Saturday, May 24 at 1 p.m.

In May, *Opera Matinee* features the Metropolitan Opera's premiere of composer John Adams' *Antony and Cleopatra* — an adaptation of Shakespeare's play about power, political strife and burning romance. Gerald Finley and Julia Bullock star; and Adams conducts. Additional May opera presentations, Saturdays at 1 p.m., are a 2024 performance of Verdi's *Il Trovatore* (May 3), with Michael Fabiano, Rachel Willis-Sørensen and Ryan Speedo Green; a

Listeners' Choice opera — a 1966 performance of Puccini's *Turandot* (May 10) featuring Birgit Nilsson; Strauss's *Salome* (May 17), with Elza van den Heever and Peter Mattei; and Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* (May 31), with Andrey Zhilikhovskiy and Jack Swanson.



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Maurice Ravel

Choral Showcase: Ravel, Music for Ukraine & More

Sundays at 9 p.m.

Choral Showcase this month features music for Ukraine, presenting two new works on **May 4**: a reflective piece for a cappella choir from Lithuanian-American composer Žibuoklė Martinaitytė, and *Ukrainian War Requiem* from Benedict Sheehan. Then, on **May 11**, there's ancient music from 12th-century composer Hildegard von Bingen: her grandest work, *Ordo virtutum*, "The Play of the Virtues." The program on **May 18** celebrates Maurice Ravel's 150th anniversary with several works for chorus, including the complete ballet *Daphnis et Chloé*. And on **May 25**,

Music in Memoriam for Memorial Day features the ensemble Skylark performing *Clear Voices in the Dark*, a work combining Francis Poulenc's *Figure Humaine* ("The Human Face") with songs from the American Civil War.

Classical for Washington

The D.C. Music Scene: A Banquet of Choices

By Nicole Lacroix, On-Air Host

The other day, I was chatting with a WETA Classical listener about how lucky we are that the Washington area is home to so many distinguished performing arts groups. We concluded that these artistic organizations need our support now more than ever.

This conversation made me think about some of my favorite local musical experiences. For example, I and my 10-year-old grandson — an aspiring trombonist — went to the Kennedy Center to see National Symphony Orchestra principal trombone Craig Mulcahy solo in

Nino Rota's *Trombone Concerto*. I host the monthly *NSO Showcase* programs on WETA Classical; hopefully this performance will soon find its way to our airwaves. (This month's program, on May 7 at 9 p.m., presents the NSO performing symphonies by Gustav Mahler and William Grant Still.)

One of my favorite chamber music venues, St. Mark's Episcopal on Capitol Hill, has hosted memorable concerts by Chiarina Chamber Players, The Thirteen, and the Washington Bach Consort. All three local groups have been featured on WETA Classical performance showcase programs *Front Row Washington* (Mondays, 9 p.m., hosted by John Banther), and *Choral Showcase* (Sundays, 9 p.m., with Bill Bukowski). The latter is appointment listening if you love choral music; Washington is known as the "Choral Capital." In early May I'm honored to join the ensemble Choralis as guest host at its 2025 gala celebration of the choral arts in Washington.

In other local presentations, I'm excited to see Washington National Opera's production of Mason Bates' *The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs*, staged at the Kennedy Center Opera House through May 10. If you're an opera lover, WETA Classical's *Opera Matinee* (Saturdays, 1 p.m., with Linda Carducci), presents Metropolitan Opera performances live during their season, in addition to performances from elsewhere, including our own community.

Our WETA Classical podcast *Classical Breakdown*, hosted by John Banther, inspired me to explore the Boulanger Initiative's wonderful two-day WoCo Fest, celebrating women composers, at Strathmore Music Center. This year's event takes place May 30-31.

For more discoveries and inspiration surrounding our area's vibrant classical music offerings, check out WETA Classical's blog [classicalscore.org](https://www.weta.org/classicalscore.org) — a rich resource for concert previews and in-depth articles on music and musicians. From world-class orchestras at George Mason Center for the Arts to chamber music at the Library of Congress, to summer at Wolf Trap and at so many other local venues, we enjoy a banquet of artistic choices in the national capital area. Here at WETA Classical, we wish you *bon appétit!*



D.C.-based Chiarina Chamber Players

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Pianist-scholar-educator Dr. Leah Claiborne is among featured artists at the 2025 WoCo Fest

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June 6 & 7 | Concert Hall

Metropolis Full Film
with Cameron Carpenter, Organ
June 8 | Concert Hall

James Gaffigan conducts Film Music
by Korngold, Bernstein, Copland, Rota, and concertos by
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WNO PREMIERE
The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs

MUSIC Mason Bates
LIBRETTO Mark Campbell

May 2-10 | Opera House

This production of *The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs* is jointly owned by The Atlanta Opera, Austin Opera, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Utah Symphony & Opera, and Calgary Opera Association.

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MUSIC George Gershwin
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May 23-31 | Opera House

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