

# WETA

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## Masterpiece Favorites Return

New seasons of *Miss Scarlet* and  
*All Creatures Great and Small* start Jan. 11

And new seasons of *Signature Dish* + *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

# WETA Focus



**T**he arrival of the New Year heralds new programs, new seasons of long-running series, new productions — and change.

With the elimination of federal funding for public media — including WETA — by Congress in 2025, we have had to take stock of our resources and make the painful but necessary decision to end production of *PBS News Weekend* as of January 11. Producing live weekend news broadcasts is unfortunately now beyond our means. We value and appreciate the extraordinary, diligent work of the team that has produced this exceptional program at WETA since 2022. The PBS News team will continue to maintain digital publishing on weekends — including at [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour) — to

deliver timely news and information seven days a week.

Our program change — in addition to recent WETA and PBS News staff reductions — became necessary to make our public service sustainable. We remain committed to producing *PBS News Hour*, *Washington Week with The Atlantic* and additional outstanding news and public affairs programming as an essential part of our public media mission. Replacing *PBS News Weekend* as of January 17-18 are two new half-hour PBS News programs presenting informative content. The Saturday program, *Horizons from PBS News*, will feature stories in science, health and technology; and on Sundays, *Compass Points from PBS News* will illuminate foreign affairs stories. These weekly programs will be produced in-studio at WETA by PBS News during the week; learn more about them on the page opposite this column.

Your outpouring of support since the loss of our federal funding has been, and remains, *vital*. We will continue to pursue our important mission to inform and to educate.

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In other programming new to WETA this month, we premiere new seasons of *Masterpiece* dramas *All Creatures Great and Small* and *Miss Scarlet* — and feature classic detective dramas including *Inspector George Gently*.

Making their debut in January as well are new seasons of acclaimed genealogy and history series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*, produced in association with WETA, and our Emmy-winning local restaurant series *Signature Dish*. The series *History with David Rubenstein*, a WETA presentation, also rolls out a new season, featuring new captivating discussions of history with distinguished scholars and authors.

Much of the content noted above can be streamed on WETA+ or with WETA+ with PBS Passport, enabling you to watch these offerings at a time of your choosing.

Enjoy our new programming, and thank you for tuning in and streaming — and for your ongoing support.

  
Sharon Percy Rockefeller  
President and Chief Executive Officer, WETA

## WETA – ON THE AIR & ONLINE

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### WETA Metro

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COVER: ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL  
ON MASTERPIECE; CREDIT: PLAYGROUND  
ENTERTAINMENT AND MASTERPIECE

# PBS News Launches New Weekend Programs

**Horizons from PBS News** airs Saturdays at 6 p.m. starting Jan. 17  
**Compass Points from PBS News** airs Sundays at 6 p.m. starting Jan. 18

This month, WETA debuts two new 30-minute weekend productions from PBS News that will air weekly. *Horizons from PBS News* will focus on science, health and technology and is hosted by William Brangham; and *Compass Points from PBS News* will focus on foreign affairs and be hosted by Nick Schifrin. The weekly programs premiere, respectively, on Saturday,

January 17 and Sunday, January 18 in the weekend evening timeslot held by *PBS News Weekend*, which will present its final broadcast on Sunday, January 11. The new programs will also be distributed as video podcasts across PBS News' digital, podcast and social platforms.

"As we lay out the next chapter of PBS News' multi-platform programming, we are delighted to launch two new weekend broadcasts, both of which will build on existing editorial strengths of our newsroom and allow us to dive deeper into topics our audiences care about deeply," said PBS News senior executive producer and WETA senior vice president Sara Just, who will serve as senior executive producer of the new programs.

*Horizons*, airing weekly on Saturdays at 6 p.m., will feature experts and professionals in the world of science, health, technology and the environment and each week will explore a single issue such as the Artificial Intelligence race, advances in medicine, and the latest developments in climate science. The program will be hosted by Peabody and Emmy award-winning journalist and *PBS News Hour* correspondent William Brangham.

*Compass Points*, airing weekly on Sundays at 6 p.m., will take an all-encompassing look at a prominent international topic each week and provide timely analysis with a panel of experts including former government officials and journalists on issues such as America's power and influence abroad, the shifting world order under the Trump Administration, and what global conflicts and rising tensions could mean for America's interests. This program will be hosted by Peabody and duPont-Columbia award-winning journalist and *PBS News Hour* foreign affairs and defense correspondent Nick Schifrin.

The new programs — to be produced in WETA's television studio during each week — are productions of NewsHour Productions LLC, a wholly owned non-profit subsidiary of WETA. The primary news producer for PBS, NewsHour Productions produces *PBS News Hour*; *Washington Week with The Atlantic*; primetime and daytime breaking news and political specials; documentaries; and now *Compass Points* and *Horizons*. Although PBS News is ending production of *PBS News Weekend*, the PBS News team will continue to provide news reporting online throughout weekends.



William Brangham hosts *Horizons*



Nick Schifrin hosts *Compass Points*

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For program and membership inquiries, visit [weta.org](http://weta.org) or call 703-998-2724.

## WETA PBS Kids

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RCN 38

## WETA Online

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

## WETA Classical

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

## Stream on WETA+

WETA+ is a *free* and easy-to-use streaming service curated for the D.C.-area community by WETA programming staff. On WETA+, enjoy an extraordinary library of acclaimed PBS and WETA shows, on-demand. Watch your favorites and explore WETA+ exclusive program collections; discover new programming; and catch up on recent shows you missed — *all on your own schedule*. And stream all WETA television channels, *live*. **Find out more at [weta.org/wetaplus](http://weta.org/wetaplus).**

## WETA+ with PBS Passport

Expand your viewing options with WETA+ with PBS Passport, which offers access to an even wider array of dramas, documentaries and more. Watch everything available with WETA+, *and more*; access thousands of additional shows from the PBS library, and unlock early access to new series and seasons. Already have Passport? Use your login details to stream on WETA+. New to Passport? Easily create a login.

## How to Get Started

Visit [weta.org/plushelp](http://weta.org/plushelp) for instructions on how to download the WETA+ app. WETA+ is *free* on any device where it is available, including most TV streaming devices, smart TVs, mobile phones, tablets, and web browsers (go to [wetaplus.org](http://wetaplus.org)). If you need assistance accessing or setting up WETA+, or WETA+ with PBS Passport, email [plushelp@weta.org](mailto:plushelp@weta.org) or call 703-998-2724.



Geraldine McEwan stars as Miss Marple in the "Cozy Crime Solvers" collection



Enjoy history and genealogy series in the "Henry Louis Gates, Jr." collection

## WETA+ Program Collections to Explore, Curated by WETA Staff

- **Cozy Crime Solvers** — Watch cozy mystery dramas and celebrate the sleuths who solve cases. Offerings include *Grantchester*; *Poirot*; *Miss Marple*; *Magpie Murders* and *Moonflower Murders*; *Madam Blanc Mysteries*; *Miss Scarlet*; *Marlow Murder Club* and more. Available now to stream.
- **Honoring Holocaust Remembrance Day** — Watch histories and stories of the Holocaust. Programs include *Resistance: They Fought Back*, new *American Masters* episode *Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire*, and more. Available as of Jan. 26.
- **Become a Better Home Cook** — Get helpful hints from the team at *America's Test Kitchen* from *Cook's Illustrated*. The hosts deconstruct recipes and reveal secrets to foolproof cooking at home. Available as of Jan. 1.
- **New Foreign Favorites** — Enjoy recently added dramas from curated international collection *Walter Presents*. Titles offered include *French Roulette*; *Next to You*; *Women at War*; *Panda, Series 2*; and more. Available as of Jan. 1.
- **Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Collection** — Several of the distinguished scholar and WETA collaborator's series are now available to stream with Passport. Binge the productions *Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise*; *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*; *Finding Your Roots, Seasons 3-7*; and *Reconstruction: America After the Civil War*. The series *Africa's Great Civilizations* will soon be available as well.

# Watch Live TV, Anytime, Anywhere

## Binge programs and series on WETA+ with PBS Passport

### • *All Creatures Great and Small, Series 6* on *Masterpiece*

**Masterpiece** — Binge the 7-episode new season of the popular drama as of its Jan. 11 broadcast premiere. Return to the Yorkshire community of Darrowby in May 1945 to find the Skeldale House veterinary surgery in chaos, James busy with work and family life, Siegfried challenging, and Mrs. Hall trying to keep the peace. See page 4 for details.



### • *Miss Scarlet, Series 6* on *Masterpiece* — Binge the 6-episode new season, streaming now. Victorian-era private detective Eliza Scarlet (Kate Phillips) is succeeding professionally; but her personal life enters new territory as she attempts to follow her heart. Can she have it all? See page 4 for details.

**Bookish, Series 1** — Binge the 6-episode new sleuth drama as of its Jan. 11 broadcast premiere. In postwar London, literary enthusiast and bookseller Gabriel Book (portrayed by series writer Mark Gatiss) combines his day job with his favorite side interest — helping the police solve difficult murder cases. See page 5 for details.

**Astrid, Series 5** — Binge a new 8-episode season of the crime drama that follows an autistic woman who works in the Paris judicial police library and helps a detective, Commander Raphaelle, solve complex cases. In new episodes, the duo faces spies, cults, killers and more, and Lamarck makes a shocking return. The series, from curated international collection Walter Presents, is in French with English subtitles. Available to stream as of Jan. 2.

**• *Call the Midwife, Series 14*** — Catch up on the 8-episode Series 14 (2025) of the midwifery drama before new Season 15 episodes become available with Passport in February. In Series 14, set in 1970, Nonnatus House faces various complex social and health challenges as the new decade begins. Available to stream as of Jan. 22.



**Bookish**



**All Creatures Great and Small, Series 6**



**Astrid, Series 5**

# January Dramas on WETA PBS



PLAYGROUND ENTERTAINMENT AND MASTERPIECE

## *All Creatures Great and Small, Series 6* on Masterpiece

**Sundays at 9 p.m. starting Jan. 11  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
binge on WETA+ with PBS Passport**

**S**tarting January 11, *Masterpiece* premieres a new season of beloved drama *All Creatures Great and Small*, returning to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales for more heartwarming human and animal tales. In the seven new episodes, the series jumps forward in time to May 1945, revisiting Darrowby only to find

Skeldale House at sixes and sevens. As victory in Europe is declared, there is the promise of peace at last, but James is wishing for a greater sense of peace at the understaffed surgery as he juggles vet work with a busy family life and an exceptionally challenging, chaotic Siegfried.

James and Helen now live at Heston Grange, where Helen is enjoying time with young Jimmy and Rosie but has big changes to contend with at the farm. Tristan returns from several years at war and must re-adjust to life back home. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hall works hard to bring everybody back together and restore harmony at the surgery. We watch as our characters reconnect and find renewed purpose, as the world around them starts to breathe again and look to a brighter future. Binge Series 6 with WETA+ with PBS Passport as of the Jan. 11 broadcast premiere.



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## *Miss Scarlet, Series 6* on Masterpiece

**Sundays at 8 p.m. starting Jan. 11  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
binge on WETA+ with PBS  
Passport**

**I**n the new season — Series 6 — of *Miss Scarlet* on *Masterpiece*, airing starting January 11, Miss Eliza Scarlet is doing her best to have it all. In the six new episodes, her detective agency is thriving, but her personal life enters new

territory as she attempts to develop a relationship with Scotland Yard Inspector Alexander Blake. Eliza may be an expert at solving crimes, but she is a novice when it comes to love. Can she contend with the twin demands of her personal and professional life? Meanwhile, Moses returns from Paris and enters into a rivalry with Clarence.

Among Eliza's cases, a violent psychiatric patient is on the loose, leaving behind a murder, a mystery and an unidentified body; a high-society divorce leads to the disappearance of a racehorse; the new Detective Inspector of the London Police hires her for a case involving his uncle, who is also sought by Scotland Yard; and a foreign ambassador's death sparks political intrigue. Binge Series 6, available now on WETA+ with PBS Passport.

## Bookish

**Sundays at 10 p.m.  
starting Jan. 11**

**on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
binge on WETA+ with PBS Passport**

**A** new six-episode British crime drama written by and starring Mark Gatiss (*Sherlock*) follows a literary enthusiast and bookseller, Gabriel Book, who in post-World-War II London combines his day job with his favorite hobby — helping to solve knotty murder cases. His wartime was packed with espionage and secrets, and his peacetime is just as full of adventure. Book aids the police in criminal investigations, but the time he spends with the force is not without its dangers. For although he is happily married to his childhood best friend Trottie (Polly Walker, *Bridgerton*), Book is a gay man living at a time when homosexuality was illegal. Gabriel and Trottie take in former petty criminal Jack (Connor Finch), who proves a worthy assistant in the shop and in Book's sleuthing. Binge *Bookish* on WETA+ with PBS Passport as of the January 11 broadcast premiere.



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## Midsomer Murders, Series 24

**Thursdays at 8 p.m.  
starting Jan. 8 on WETA PBS**

**R**eturn to the picturesque fictional English county of Midsomer as *Midsomer Murders, Series 24* — in four episodes new to WETA — finds DCI Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon) and his trusty sidekick, DS Winter (Nick Hendrix), attempting to solve new perplexing crimes while also exploring the quirks of the delightful yet deadly region. This season, the dynamic duo is thrust into a series of intriguing new cases, investigating turmoil within an old-money family, the mysterious death of a treasure hunt organizer, and a village's fight against a wealthy American oilman to retain its title as "The Greenest Village in Midsomer." As always, Barnaby and Winter are joined by inimitable pathologist Dr. Fleur Perkins (Annette Badland).



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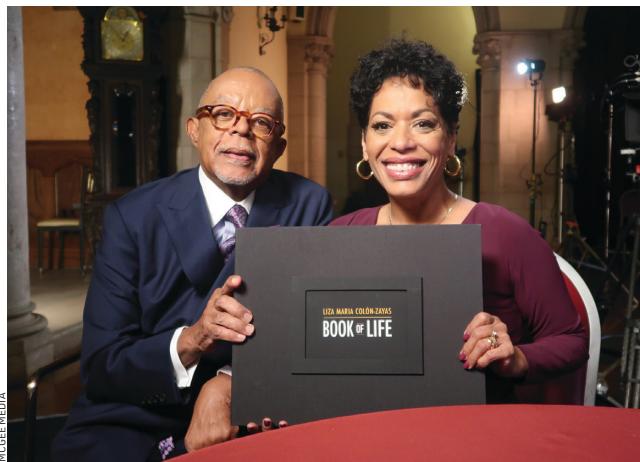
## Inspector George Gently

**Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.  
starting Jan. 22 on WETA PBS;  
binge on WETA+ with PBS Passport**

**D**etective drama *Inspector George Gently*, based on the "Inspector Gently" novels by Alan Hunter, stars Martin Shaw (*Death in Holy Orders*; and *Cranford*) as an incorruptible policeman transplanted from London to northeast England in the mid-1960s. Gently and his cocky young protégé, Detective Sergeant John Bacchus (Lee Ingleby, *Line of Duty*) of the (fictitious) North East Constabulary, investigate brutal crimes as they confront the social and political changes of the era. The storyline's setting is centered in Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland and County Durham. WETA presents eight seasons of the drama on Thursday nights starting January 22. Binge Series 1-4 of *Inspector George Gently*, now available for streaming on WETA+ with PBS Passport. Series 5-8 will stream as of March 1.



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Gates with actor/playwright Liza Colón-Zayas

## NEW SEASON

# finding your roots

with  
**HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.**

**New episodes of the series, produced in association with WETA,  
air Tuesdays at 8 p.m. starting Jan. 6 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
stream with WETA+; binge previous seasons on WETA+ with PBS Passport**

**T**wo-time Emmy Award-nominated genealogy series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* returns with a new season of 10 fascinating episodes that begin premiering January 6. The popular production, a collaboration with WETA, presents eight new episodes in January and February, with two more to follow in April, spotlighting the family stories of 20 new celebrity guests.

In the new Season 12 programs, Gates — the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University — and his team use genealogical detective work and cutting-edge DNA analysis to trace the family trees of guests, telling stories that illuminate America's fundamental diversity. The series' host, writer and executive producer, Gates guides each discovery. This month, program participants are actors **Darren Criss** and **America Ferrera** (Jan. 6); musician **Wiz Khalifa** and actor **Sanaa Lathan** (Jan. 13); actors **Liza Colón-Zayas** and **Delroy Lindo** (Jan. 20); and actor **Lizzy Caplan** and comedian **Hasan Minhaj** (Jan. 27). Upcoming episodes feature basketball superstars **Brittney Griner** and **Chris Paul**; journalist **Sara Haines** and actor **Tracy Letts**; musicians **Flea** and **Lizzo**; filmmaker **Spike Lee** and actor **Kristin Chenoweth**; actor **Danielle Deadwyler** and musician **Rhiannon Giddens**; and businessman **Barry Diller** and actor **Kate Burton**.

As the pages turn in each guest's Book of Life, revelations give way to complex questions about identity. Guests learn about their family's journey, and through Gates's discerning touch, they also learn what every family history shares — love, courage and sacrifice — and how our histories transcend borders. Along the way, viewers are transported from coastal Africa to rural Texas; from Muslim communities in northern India to the ancestral lands of the Cherokee Nation; from villages in the Philippines to George Washington's camp.

Assembling the extensive family trees and ancestral narratives alongside Dr. Gates are DNA expert CeCe Moore and lead genealogists Kimberly N. Morgan and Akosua Moore, who together have solved hundreds of mysteries and reconnected innumerable lost relatives over the course of the series.

*Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* Season 12 is a production of McGee Media, Inkwell Media, and Kunhardt Films, in association with WETA. Visit [pbs.org/FindingYourRoots](http://pbs.org/FindingYourRoots) to learn more about the series. Share your family histories via social media using hashtag *#FindingYourRoots*; and join the conversation with *@HenryLouisGates*.



Musical artist Lizzo with Gates

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Corporate support for Season 12 of *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* is provided by Gilead Sciences, Inc., Ancestry and Johnson & Johnson. Major support is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Support is also provided by Ford Foundation; Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation; W.K. Kellogg Foundation; Candace King Weir; by the Inkwell Society together with many of its members; and by public television viewers.

## Signature Dish, Season 4

**WETA restaurant series premieres four new episodes, Mondays starting Jan. 5, 9 p.m. WETA PBS, 8 p.m. WETA Metro; stream with WETA+**

**W**EWA's Emmy Award-winning restaurant series *Signature Dish* kicks off its fourth season this month with new episodes, highlighting diverse cuisines and special dishes from establishments around Greater Washington. In *Let's Brunch* (Jan. 5.), host Seth Tillman highlights D.C.'s favorite weekend activity. He visits McLean for grits and grillades; Georgetown for classic chicken-pot pie; and Shaw for a version of shakshuka made with a sweet potato curry.

Next, in *Taste of Thbai* (Jan. 12), Seth spotlights distinct regional offerings of Thailand, celebrating the depth and diversity of the nation's cuisine and delighting in its vibrant, complex flavors in visits to Ashburn, Rockville and Georgetown. *District of Duck* (Jan. 19) takes a deep dive into all things duck in D.C., revealing how local chefs elevate this classic bird. Seth visits the West End, the U Street Corridor, and Logan Circle to discover the inventive techniques that make duck irresistible, savoring a honey-glazed roast, crispy chicken-fried leg, and more. Wrapping up the month's episodes, in *Bar Bites* (Jan. 26), Seth revels in cocktail hour, uncovering standout happy-hour favorites across the District. He pairs bold drinks with unforgettable flavors, enjoying a pizzaiolo's specialty and unwinding in a casually chic wine garden sharing hearty tacos.

For restaurants and dishes, see the TV Listings. Watch for more *Signature Dish* episodes in coming months. Stream episodes on WETA+ or at [weta.org/signaturedish](http://weta.org/signaturedish). For more on the dishes spotlighted, visit [restaurants.wetaguides.org](http://restaurants.wetaguides.org). Follow the series on Instagram via [@signaturedishdc](https://www.instagram.com/@signaturedishdc).



Host Seth Tillman with Sense of Thai chef and owner Porntipa "Pat" Pattanamekar

JENNA SCHWARTZ FOR WETA



Seth gathers honey with Capitol Bee Care beekeeper Sean McKenzie for Blue Duck Tavern's signature dish

JENNA SCHWARTZ FOR WETA



## History with David Rubenstein

**New episodes of the WETA presentation air Fridays at 8:30 p.m. starting Jan. 9 on WETA PBS; stream with WETA+**

with a prominent author of history. Rubenstein, a Co-Founder and Co-Executive Chairman of The Carlyle Group, is the author of books that include *The American Story: Conversations with Master Historians*.

Season 7 guests in January are **Ron Chernow**, Pulitzer Prize-winner and author of *Mark Twain*; **Rick Atkinson**, Pulitzer Prize-winner and author of *The Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston 1777–1780*; **Geraldo Cadava**, Northwestern University professor and author of *The Hispanic Republican: The Shaping of an American Political Identity, from Nixon to Trump*; and **Fareed Zakaria**, CNN program host, *Washington Post* columnist, and author of *Age of Revolutions: Progress and Backlash from 1600 to the Present*. Upcoming episodes feature **Stuart Eizenstat**, **Harold Holzer**, **Tiya Miles**, **Doris Kearns Goodwin**, **Benn Steil**, **Ken Burns**, **Dana Bash**, **Andrew Ross Sorkin**, and **Marie Arana**. Programs repeat Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

# Primetime

## WETA PBS in January



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

Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
<b>1</b> Thur	Great Performances: From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2026			Great Performances: From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2026 (encore)		
<b>2</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 6	Independent Lens: We Want the Funk!			American Experience: The War on Disco (to 11:30pm)
<b>3</b> Sat	Public Defender		Defenders of Democracy: The Thin Blue Line		American Experience: The War on Disco	
<b>4</b> Sun	Lucy Worsley Investigates ( <i>Bloody Mary</i> )		<i>All Creatures Great and Small, Series 5</i> (Pt 7 of 7. <i>All God's Creatures</i> )		(10:04) <i>All Creatures Great and Small, Series 5</i> (Pt 7 of 7) (encore)	
<b>5</b> Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Red Butte Garden & Arboretum, Hour 1		Signature Dish, Season 4 (Ep 1. <i>Let's Brunch</i> )	Get Out of Town: Baltimore, MD	American Masters: Blake Edwards: A Love Story in 24 Frames (to 11:30pm)	
<b>6</b> Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 12: Pt 1 of 10. <i>American Dreams</i>			American Experience: Bombshell		The American Revolution: An Inside Look
<b>7</b> Wed	Nature: Hummingbirds of Hollywood		NOVA: Arctic Sinkholes		Weathered: After the LA Firestorm	
<b>8</b> Thur	Midsomer Murders, Series 24 (Ep 1 of 4. <i>The Devil's Work</i> )			British Antiques Roadshow	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Pt 12 of 13. <i>Murder in the Dark</i> )	
<b>9</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 7	The American Revolution (Pt 1 of 6. <i>In Order to Be Free</i> )			
<b>10</b> Sat	American Experience: Bombshell			Atomic Echoes: Untold Stories from World War II		The American Revolution: An Inside Look
<b>11</b> Sun	<i>Miss Scarlet, Series 6</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 6)		<i>All Creatures Great and Small, Series 6</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 7)		Bookish (Pt 1 of 6. <i>Slightly Foxed, Pt 1</i> )	
<b>12</b> Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Red Butte Garden & Arboretum, Hour 2		Signature Dish, Season 4 (Ep 2. <i>Taste of Thai</i> )	Get Out of Town: Lancaster, PA	Voces: American Sons	
<b>13</b> Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 12: Pt 2 of 10. <i>Great Migrations</i>		Lucy Worsley Investigates: William the Conqueror		Lucy Worsley Investigates: Madness of King George	
<b>14</b> Wed	Nature: Tusker: Brotherhood of Elephants		NOVA: What Are UFOs?		Secrets of the Dead: Plunderer: The Life and Times of a Nazi Art Thief (Pt 1 of 2)	
<b>15</b> Thur	Midsomer Murders, Series 24 (Ep 2 of 4. <i>Book of the Dead</i> )			British Antiques Roadshow	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Pt 13 of 13. <i>King Memes' Curse</i> )	
<b>16</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 7	The American Revolution (Pt 2 of 6. <i>An Asylum for Mankind</i> ) (to 11:05pm)			
<b>17</b> Sat	American Experience: Kissinger (Pt 1 of 2)			Newton Minow: An American Story		History with David Rubenstein, Season 7
<b>18</b> Sun	<i>Miss Scarlet, Series 6</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 6)		<i>All Creatures Great and Small, Series 6</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 7)		Bookish (Pt 2 of 6. <i>Slightly Foxed, Pt 2</i> )	
<b>19</b> Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Red Butte Garden & Arboretum, Hour 3		Signature Dish, Season 4 (Ep 3. <i>District of Duck</i> )	Get Out of Town: Williamsburg, VA	Becoming Thurgood: America's Social Architect	
<b>20</b> Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 12: Pt 3 of 10. <i>Caribbean Roots</i>		Breaking the Deadlock: A Matter of Life and Death		Frontline: 2000 Meters to Andriivka (to 12m)	
<b>21</b> Wed	Nature: San Diego: America's Wildest City		NOVA: Asteroids: Spark of Life?		Secrets of the Dead: Plunderer: The Life and Times of a Nazi Art Thief (Pt 2 of 2)	
<b>22</b> Thur	Midsomer Murders, Series 24 (Ep 3 of 4. <i>Claws Out</i> )			Inspector George Gently, Series 1 (Ep 1 of 3. <i>Gently Go Man</i> )		
<b>23</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 7	The American Revolution (Pt 3 of 6. <i>The Times That Try Men's Souls</i> )			
<b>24</b> Sat	American Experience: Kissinger (Pt 2 of 2)			Breaking the Deadlock: A Matter of Life and Death		History with David Rubenstein, Season 7
<b>25</b> Sun	<i>Miss Scarlet, Series 6</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 6)		<i>All Creatures Great and Small, Series 6</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 7)		Bookish (Pt 3 of 6. <i>Deadly Nitrate, Pt 1</i> )	
<b>26</b> Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Georgia State Railroad Museum, Hour 1		Signature Dish, Season 4 (Ep 4. <i>Bar Bites</i> )	Get Out of Town: Snowshoe, WVA	Independent Lens: Vivien's Wild Ride (to 11:30pm)	
<b>27</b> Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 12: Pt 4 of 10. <i>The Road We Took</i>		American Masters: Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire			Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On (to 11:30pm)
<b>28</b> Wed	Nature: Expedition Killer Whale		NOVA: Angkor: Hidden Jungle Empire		Secrets of the Dead: Queens of Combat	
<b>29</b> Thur	Midsomer Murders, Series 24 (Ep 4 of 4. <i>A Climate of Death</i> )			Inspector George Gently, Series 1 (Ep 2 of 3. <i>The Burning Man</i> )		
<b>30</b> Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 7	The American Revolution (Pt 4 of 6. <i>Conquer by a Drawn Game</i> )			
<b>31</b> Sat	American Masters: Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire			The Last Musician of Auschwitz		

**8:00** **8:30** **9:00** **9:30** **10:00** **10:30**

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

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

# TV Listings

WETA PBS in January



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

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

## Program Key

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

**R** – Repeat of recent programming.



FIRELIGHT FILMS

**Friday, Jan. 2 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**

WETA reprises *Independent Lens: We Want the Funk!*, chronicling the history of funk music, tracing its African and gospel roots and examining its rhythms and grooves and influence on music, fashion and more. Above: Songwriter/producer Marcus Miller.

## 1 Thursday

### WEEKDAYS IN JANUARY:

6AM NHK NEWSLINE  
6:30AM BBC NEWS  
7AM (Mondays:) PBS NEWS programming  
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](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

8:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: FROM VIENNA: THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION 2026 – The famed Vienna Philharmonic rings in the New Year with its annual concert from Vienna's Musikverein – conducted for the first time by Yannick Nézet-Séguin – with performances by the Vienna State Ballet and segments hosted by Hugh Bonneville. **Repeats tonight; Sat 1/3, 1am; Sun 1/4, 4:30pm**  
9:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: FROM VIENNA: THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION 2026 – (encore) R  
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](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 1/3, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 1/4, 11:30am; Mon 1/5, 7:30am**

8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 6 – In this WETA presentation, author/interviewer David Rubenstein talks with America's top scholars and writers, illuminating how history is made. *Steve Inskeep*. Co-host of NPR's *Morning Edition* and author of *Differ We Must: How Lincoln Succeeded in a Divided America*. **Repeats Sat 1/3, 7:30pm**

9:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: WE WANT THE FUNK! – Filmmaker Stanley Nelson explores the history of funk music, from early roots to 1970s urban funk and beyond, spanning African music, Soul, and Jazz to funk's rise into the public consciousness. The program also explores the genre's influence on New Wave and Hip-Hop music. **Repeats Sun 1/4, 3pm; Mon 1/5, 3pm**

10:30 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE WAR ON DISCO – Explore the gay, Black and Latino cultural forces that gave rise to 1970's disco music, and the "death to disco" backlash that tried to destroy it. A major departure from rock, disco's rise signaled a cultural shift that some found threatening. **Repeats Sat 1/3, 10pm; Sun 1/4, 2pm**

## 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 – (see 7 p.m. listing)  
10:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPE  
10:30 SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE, SEASON 9  
(starts January 17)  
11AM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED  
11:30 KEVIN BELTON'S NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATIONS  
12N JACQUES PÉPIN: HEART & SOUL  
12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION  
1:00 MY GREEK TABLE WITH DIANE KOCHILAS  
1:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN  
2:00 SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS (Signature Dish, Season 4  
starts January 10)  
2:30 PEOPLE OF THE NORTH (New Scandinavian Cooking,  
Season 10 starts January 17)  
3:00 RELISH  
3:30 FORK & HAMMER (Dream of Italy, Series 3 starts 1/17)



LORIAN REED-DRAKE, BBC STUDIOS

**Sunday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**

*Lucy Worsley Investigates* features the British historian exploring dramatic chapters in U.K. history. In *Bloody Mary*, Worsley seeks to learn if England's first ruling female monarch was as bloody as history suggests. Two additional episodes air January 13.



JENN SCHWARTZ FOR WETA

## SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4 A WETA PRODUCTION

**Mondays at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS (8 p.m. on WETA Metro)**

WETA's local restaurant series *Signature Dish* premieres new Season 4 episodes starting January 5. Above: Host Seth Tillman with chef Jenn Crovato at 1310 Kitchen and Bar (in *Let's Brunch*).

**4:00 COOK'S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**  
**4:30 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**  
**5:00 PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE**  
**5:30 THIS OLD HOUSE**  
**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.  
**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**  
**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – 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. Competing this week are West Springfield, Woodson, and Loudoun County high schools. *Stream on WETA+* and at [YouTube.com/wetaps](https://www.youtube.com/wetaps).  
**7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 6** – Steve Inskeep. R  
**8:00 PUBLIC DEFENDER** – An award-winning documentary examines the fault lines of American democracy through the lens of Heather Shaner, a seasoned and fiercely compassionate public defender in Washington, D.C.  
**9:00 DEFENDERS OF DEMOCRACY: THE THIN BLUE LINE** – A program chronicles the causes and consequences of the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, Congress, and the electoral certification process, featuring perspectives from police officers and family members of fallen officers.  
**10:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE WAR ON DISCO – R**  
**11:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE** – Celebrate the life and career of legendary actor Dick Van Dyke, known for iconic roles in *Mary Poppins*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, his classic CBS sitcom, and more. R  
**1:00AM GREAT PERFORMANCES: FROM VIENNA: THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION 2026 – R**

## 4 Sunday

**6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING**  
**9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**  
**9:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPE**  
**10AM DW EUROMAXX – LIFESTYLE EUROPE**  
**10:30 MOTORWEEK**  
**11AM FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**  
**11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**  
**12N AMERICAN MASTERS: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE – R**  
**2:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE WAR ON DISCO – R**  
**3:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: WE WANT THE FUNK! – R**  
**4:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: FROM VIENNA: THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION 2026 – R**  
**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. *Repeats Monday, 7am*  
**6:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 2** – A BBC parody series follows the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Delivery Commission. *Part 4 of 7. The Rapper.*  
**7:00 SCOTLAND: ESCAPE TO THE WILDERNESS** – British celebrities join wildlife cameraman and photographer Hamza Yassin to explore nature in Scotland. *Part 2 of 4. Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.* Hamza chaperones the House of Lords Peer and broadcaster on an emotional digital detox to Cairngorms National Park. Together, they see

some of Scotland's best-loved wildlife, from badgers to a herd of reindeer, and one of the U.K.'s most endangered species. *Repeats 12:35am*

**8:00 LUCY WORSLEY INVESTIGATES** – The historian reinvestigates some of the most dramatic chapters in British history. *Bloody Mary.* Does "Bloody Mary," England's first ruling female monarch, truly deserve her infamous reputation? Learn whether Mary I was as ruthless as history suggests – or if her notoriety stemmed from being a strong woman in a predominantly male political milieu. *Repeats 1:34am*  
**9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 5 ON MASTERSPIECE** – Part 7 of 7. *All God's Creatures.* Skeldale House prepares for Christmas – and Jimmy's first birthday. Mrs. Hall has figured out how to deliver the perfect holiday, but when her world is rocked by a worrying news bulletin, the Skeldale family does its best to support her. And a young boy arrives at the surgery with an abandoned fox cub.  
**10:04 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 5 ON MASTERSPIECE** – Part 7 of 7. (encore)  
**11:07 GREAT PERFORMANCES: FROM VIENNA: THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION 2026 – R**  
**12:35AM SCOTLAND: ESCAPE TO THE WILDERNESS** – Part 2 of 4. *Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.* R  
**1:34AM LUCY WORSLEY INVESTIGATES** – *Bloody Mary.* R

## 5 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). *Repeats next day, 7am*  
**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: RED BUTTE GARDEN & ARBORETUM, HOUR 1** – *Antiques Roadshow* celebrates an all-new Season 30, starting with a stop in Salt Lake City. Discoveries include German candy containers, ca. 1910; a Donegal Arts & Crafts carpet; and a 1937 first U.K. edition of "The Hobbit." Which find is valued at \$100,000? *Repeats Tue 1/6, 3pm; Sat 1/10, midnight*  
**9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4: LET'S BRUNCH** – In the Season 4 premiere of WETA's local restaurant series, host Seth Tillman spotlights D.C.'s weekend ritual – brunch. Seth begins at Neutral Ground Bar + Kitchen in McLean, VA for *grits and grillades*. Next, he revisits a childhood classic, *chicken pot pie*, at Georgetown's 1310 Kitchen and Bar. Last, he tastes *sweet potato shakshuka* at Unconventional Diner in Shaw. *Repeats Tue 1/6, 4pm; Sat 1/10, 2pm*  
**9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN** – Season 2 encore: *Baltimore, MD.* The WETA local travel and adventure series features mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee enjoying the sights, history, seafood and lodging of Baltimore. *Repeats Tue 1/6, 4:30pm; Sun 1/11, 2pm*  
**10:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: BLAKE EDWARDS: A LOVE STORY IN 24 FRAMES** – Explore the story of director, screenwriter and producer Blake Edwards, one of Hollywood's most iconic and influential figures – known for cinema classics such as *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Days*



MCREE MEDIA

## FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. PRODUCED IN ASSOCIATION WITH WETA

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

Genealogy series *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. a collaboration with WETA, enters Season 12, featuring new episodes starting January 6. The new season features 20 celebrity guests, including (above) actor-director America Ferrera.



ALAMY, BATTLE OF PRINCETON, 1777;  
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## THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION A FLORENTINE FILMS AND WETA PRODUCTION

**9 p.m. Fridays starting Jan. 9 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
WETA reprises *The American Revolution*, the Florentine Films and WETA production directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt. The series explores the story of America's struggle for independence and the implications of the new nation's founding.

of *Wine and Roses* and the *Pink Panther* series. Learn about his body of work, often in collaboration with his wife — actress and singer Julie Andrews. (90 min.)

## 6 Tuesday

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** — In this series produced in association with WETA, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 1 of 10. American Dreams.* Gates helps America Ferrera and Darren Criss uncover their immigrant roots — meeting revolutionaries in Honduras, a Dutchman who helped build New York, and a young woman from the Philippines who made an incredible journey. **Repeats Wed 1/7, 3pm; Sat 1/10, 11pm; Sun 1/11, 3pm**

**9:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: BOMBSHELL** — Learn how the U.S. government tried to minimize the horrific human toll of the 1945 atomic bombings using propaganda, censorship, and the co-opting of the press. Despite overwhelming odds, a group of intrepid reporters sought to reveal the truth. **Repeats Sat 1/10, 8pm**

**10:30 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: AN INSIDE LOOK** — Learn about the six-part Florentine Films and WETA documentary — directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt — that explores the country's founding struggle and its eight-year War for Independence. The full series repeats Fridays starting January 9. **Repeats Sat 1/10, 10:30pm**

## 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 1/8, 3pm; Sun 1/11, noon**

**9:00 NOVA: ARCTIC SINKHOLES** — Scientists investigate colossal explosions in Siberia and other evidence that rapidly melting soil in the Arctic is releasing vast amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. What are the implications for our climate future? **Repeats Thur 1/8, 4pm**

**10:00 WEATHERED: AFTER THE LA FIRESTORM** — One year after the devastating Los Angeles wildfires, survivors race to rebuild stronger. The program follows residents and fire leaders uniting to make L.A. a model for recovery. **Repeats Sun 1/11, 1pm**

## 8 Thursday

**8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 24** — In episodes new to WETA, DCI John Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon) probes perplexing crimes in the (fictional) English county of Midsomer with his associate DS Jamie Winter (Nick Hendrix). *Episode 1 of 4. The Devil's Work.* Ancient

families like the Shirewells thrive on tradition, but when the eldest son throws a bomb into five centuries of history, long-buried resentments resurface. **Repeats Fri 1/9, 3pm**

**9:30 BRITISH ANTIQUES ROADSHOW** — *Rpts Fri 1/9, 4:30pm*  
**10:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** — Essie Davis stars. *Part 12 of 13. Murder in the Dark.* Phryne's cousins and Aunt Prudence's entire household come under suspicion when a young girl is found drowned in a fountain on the eve of a fancy dress party. Phryne and her aunt work together to investigate.

## 9 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** — Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 1/10, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 1/11, 11:30am; Mon 1/12, 7:30am**

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** — In a new season of this WETA presentation, author/interviewer David Rubenstein talks with more of America's scholars and writers, illuminating how history is made. *Episode 1 of 13. Ron Chernow.* Award-winning biographer and past president of PEN America; author of *Mark Twain*. **Repeats Sat 1/10, 7:30pm**

**9:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** — The production of Florentine Films and WETA, directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt and written by Geoffrey C. Ward, chronicles the American War for Independence. *Part 1 of 6. In Order to Be Free.* Opposition in colonial North America to British policies over taxes, land and sovereignty escalates into violent confrontation. Fighting in Massachusetts ignites a war that gives common cause to 13 otherwise disunited colonies. **Repeats Sat 1/10, 1am; Sun 1/11, 4pm; Mon 1/12, 3pm**

## 10 Saturday

**6AM-6PM See the Saturday, January 3 listings.**

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

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** — **R**

**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** — The long-running high school TV quiz show is taped in WETA's television studio; competing this week are Saint Johns, Edison and Osbourn high schools. **Stream on WETA+ or [YouTube.com/wetaps](http://YouTube.com/wetaps).**

**7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** — *Episode 1 of 13. Ron Chernow.* **R**

**8:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: BOMBSHELL** — **R**

**9:30 ATOMIC ECHOES: UNTOLD STORIES FROM WORLD WAR II** — Two friends, connected by family histories on opposite sides of World War II, set out to explore the lasting trauma of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. This program unearths the human impact of nuclear warfare, one that extends across generations and national borders.

**10:30 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: AN INSIDE LOOK** — **R**

**11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** — *Episode 1 of 10. American Dreams.* **R**



BENTLY PRODUCTIONS AND ALLMEDIA INTERNATIONAL

### Thursdays at 8 p.m. starting Jan. 8 on WETA PBS

Popular drama *Midsomer Murders* in Series 24 features episodes new to WETA, presenting more crime investigations by Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon) and Winter (Nick Hendrix), joined by Dr. Perkins (Annette Badland) and Barnaby's wife Sarah (Fiona Dolman).



COURTESY VILLARREAL FAMILY

### Monday, Jan. 12 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

**Voces: American Sons** follows a group of Marines a decade after their deployment to Afghanistan as they struggle to overcome the trauma of combat and the loss of several of their comrades.

### 12M ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: RED BUTTE GARDEN & ARBORETUM, HOUR 1 – R

### 1AM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION – Part 1 of 6. *In Order to Be Free.* R

## 11 Sunday

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

### 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

### 12N NATURE: HUMMINGBIRDS OF HOLLYWOOD – R

### 1:00 WEATHERED: AFTER THE LA FIRESTORM – R

### 2:00 GET OUT OF TOWN – Season 2: Baltimore, MD. R

**2:30 SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE, SERIES 9** – The Emmy Award-winning series and host explore the emotional heart of travel, highlighting destinations and the people delivering a refreshing and enriching travel experience. *Episode 1 of 10. Route 66 – New Mexico.*  
Repeats Saturdays, 10:30am

### 3:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12 – Episode 1 of 10. *American Dreams.* R

### 4:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION – Part 1 of 6. *In Order to Be Free.* R

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

**6:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 2** – A BBC parody documentary series continues to follow the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Deliverance Commission. *Part 5 of 7. Catastrophisation.*

**7:00 SCOTLAND: ESCAPE TO THE WILDERNESS** – Part 3 of 4. Ben Miller. Actor and author Ben Miller (*Professor T*) accompanies wildlife expert Hamza on a rewilding adventure in rural Perthshire. Together, they discover the power of meditating in nature and explore a landscape engineered by beavers. *Repeats midnight*

**8:00 MISS SCARLET, SERIES 6 ON MASTERPIECE** – Miss Scarlet's detective agency is thriving, but her personal life enters new territory as she follows her heart. An expert at solving crimes yet a novice at love, can Eliza balance her professional and personal worlds? *Part 1 of 6. Secrets and Lies.* In a case centered around the fledgling world of psychiatry, a violent patient is on the loose, leaving behind a murder, a mystery and an unidentified body. Blake hires Eliza to help him solve the case. *Repeats 1am*

**9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 6 ON MASTERPIECE** – It's spring 1945, and Europe celebrates peace, but life at Skeldale House remains far from calm. As James balances family and work, Tristan adjusts to homecoming, and Mrs. Hall works to restore harmony for all. *Part 1 of 7. Gathering the Flock.* Things look very different at Skeldale House as James grapples with Siegfried's wild and chaotic energy. Tristan returns from war, and he and James take matters into their own hands. Amid the upheaval, there may be good news just around the corner. *Repeats 2am*

**10:00 BOOKISH** – A bookshop owner helps the police solve knotty murders in post-World War II London. The series was created by, and stars, Mark Gatiss (*Sherlock*). *Part 1 of 6. Slightly Foxed, Pt 1.* It's just a normal day in Book's Books, owned by Gabriel Books – a new assistant to train, customers to serve...and a murder to solve. *Repeats 3am*

**11:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON 2025** – The 6th annual WETA Arts presentation *Songs of the Season*, a WETA holiday tradition, features vocal performances of seasonal songs from 19 choral groups from around the national capital area.

**12M-4AM See the 7-11 p.m. listings.**

## 12 Monday

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

**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: RED BUTTE GARDEN & ARBORETUM, HOUR 2** – See stunning treasures from *Roadshow*'s visit to Salt Lake City. All-new finds include a 1970 Rolex "Red" Submariner watch; an 1834 Baltimore St. James Episcopal Church sampler; and 1961 Ed Ruscha drawings and letters. Which is the top find of the program? *Repeats Tue 1/13, 3pm; Sat 1/17, midnight*

**9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4: TASTE OF THAI** – In this episode of WETA's local restaurant series, host Seth Tillman dives deep into Thailand's regional flavors, starting with southern-coastal *Chumphon pad thai* at Sense of Thai in Ashburn, VA. Then, he enjoys a Bangkok night market favorite: *catfish dry curry* at Thai Chef in Rockville, MD, before ending up at Rimtang in Georgetown for some northern flavors with *nam prik ong*. *Repeats Tue 1/13, 4pm; Sat 1/17, 2pm*

**9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN** – Season 2 encore: *Lancaster, PA.* The WETA local travel and adventure series features mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee embracing the culture and food of the Amish and the Pennsylvania Dutch, visiting farming communities. *Repeats Tue 1/13, 4:30pm; Sun 1/18, 2pm*

**10:00 VOCES: AMERICAN SONS** – Meet a brotherhood of Marines a decade after their deployment to Afghanistan as they struggle to overcome the trauma of combat and the loss of comrades, including a close friend who was killed in action by an IED. *Repeats Wed 1/14, 4pm*

## 13 Tuesday

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** – In this series produced in association with WETA, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 2 of 10. Great Migrations.* Gates introduces rapper Wiz Khalifa and actor Sanaa Lathan to ancestors who left the American South in search of better lives in the North, forever transforming their families. *Repeats Wed 1/14, 3pm; Sat 1/17, 11pm; Sun 1/18, 3pm*

**9:00 LUCY WORSLEY INVESTIGATES** – The historian re-investigates dramatic chapters in British history. *William the Conqueror.* Nearly 1000 years after William of Norman's invasion of England, fresh perspectives are uncovering a series of hidden clues that reveal the Norman Conquest wasn't a seamless transition to a new era, but a national trauma that has been erased from collective memory.



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### Mondays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS (9 p.m. on WETA Metro)

*Antiques Roadshow* visits Salt Lake City and Savannah this month, kicking off new Season 30 episodes. Above, Lark Mason III appraises a Chinese export silver epergne, ca. 1890, on Jan. 12.



GINA POOLE/COURTESY WNET GROUP

**Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**

*Nature: Tusker: Brotherhood of Elephants* follows the lives of bull elephants near Mt. Kilimanjaro and in Kenya's Amboseli National Park, spotlighting the social bonds that form between males.

**10:00 LUCY WORSLEY INVESTIGATES** – *Madness of King George*. How did George III's mental illness change Britain? Historian Lucy Worsley uncovers Royal papers and explores how the assassination attempt on his life changed psychiatry forever.

## 14 Wednesday

**8:00 NATURE: TUSKER: BROTHERHOOD OF ELEPHANTS**

– Follow the lives of elephant bulls around Mount Kilimanjaro and Kenya's Amboseli National Park. Get a rare glimpse into the complexity of these giants, from their drive for dominance to the subtle social bonds that form between males. *Repeats Thur 1/15, 3pm; Sun 1/18, noon*

**9:00 NOVA: WHAT ARE UFOS?** – After decades in the shadows, UFOs are being studied seriously. Are they weather balloons, optical illusions, secret military technology, or something else? Follow scientists as they try to unravel the mystery of the strangest objects in our skies. *Repeats Thur 1/15, 4pm; Sun 1/18, 1pm*

**10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: PLUNDERER: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A NAZI ART THIEF** – The series investigates the secret networks of curators and dealers who profited off Nazi-looted art. The decades-long war crime of stealing masterpieces has never been fully exposed or resolved. *Part 1 of 2. Repeats Sun 1/18, 11pm*

## 15 Thursday

**8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 24** – *Episode 2 of 4. Book of the Dead*. When the author of a book that sparked a nationwide treasure hunt is found dead, Barnaby must unravel the clues to find the killer among a group of dedicated seekers. Guest stars include Selina Cadell (*Doc Martin*'s Mrs. Tischel). *Repeats Fri 1/16, 3pm*

**9:30 BRITISH ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**

**10:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Essie Davis stars. *Part 13 of 13. King Memes' Curse*. Murdoch Foyle is at large and is connected with the death of an antiques dealer. In investigating the murder, Phryne discovers Foyle's involvement in a bizarre reincarnation cult, inspired by Ancient Egypt. Phryne's hunt for Foyle leads her down a trail of woe before she realizes her own significance in his grand plan.

## 16 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). *Repeats Sat 1/17, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 1/18, 11:30am; Mon 1/19, 7:30am*

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** – *Episode 2 of 13. Rick Atkinson*. Bestselling and award-winning author of *The Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston 1777-1780*. *Repeats Sat 1/17, 7:30pm, 10:30pm*

**9:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – The production of Florentine Films and WETA, directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt, chronicles the

American War for Independence. *Part 2 of 6. An Asylum for Mankind*. As New Englanders work to force the British Army from Boston, Congress puts George Washington in command of a new Continental Army. In July 1776, Congress declares American independence, insisting on the people's right to resist tyranny. *Repeats Sat 1/18, 12:58am; Sun 1/18, 3:58pm; Mon 1/19, 2:59pm*

## 17 Saturday

**6AM-6PM See the Saturday, January 3 listings.**

**6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – See page 1.

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R

**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The long-running high school TV quiz show is taped in WETA's television studio; competing this week are Rockville, Churchill and, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes high schools. [Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetaps](http://Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetaps).

**7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** – *Episode 2 of 13. Rick Atkinson*. R

**8:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: KISSINGER** – The history series spotlights Henry Kissinger, the American diplomat and political scientist who served as U.S. Secretary of State (1973-1977) and National Security Advisor (1969-1975). *Part 1 of 2*. Explore Kissinger's life, from his childhood in Germany to his early life in America, from his stint in the Army to his rise to the top echelons of American foreign policy during the Vietnam War.

**9:30 NEWTON MINOW: AN AMERICAN STORY** – Meet a fierce advocate for the common good, former FCC chairman Newton Minow, who elevated television to higher standards and fought for civil rights while offering counsel to presidents, politicians, corporate leaders, academics and others.

**10:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** – *Episode 2 of 13. Rick Atkinson*. R

**11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** – *Episode 2 of 10. Great Migrations*. R

**12M ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: RED BUTTE GARDEN & ARBORETUM, HOUR 2** – R

**12:58AM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – *Part 2 of 6. An Asylum for Mankind*. R

## 18 Sunday

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

**11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R

**12N NATURE: TUSKER: BROTHERHOOD OF ELEPHANTS** – R

**1:00 NOVA: WHAT ARE UFOS?** – R

**2:00 GET OUT OF TOWN** – *Season 2: Lancaster, PA*. R

**2:30 SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE, SERIES 9** – *Episode 2 of 10. Route 66 – Arizona*. *Repeats Saturdays, 10:30am*

**3:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** – *Episode 2 of 10. Great Migrations*. R



### SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE A WETA PRESENTATION

**Sundays at 2:30 p.m. starting Jan. 11 on WETA PBS**

*Samantha Brown's Places to Love* presents a new 10-episode season of adventures featuring the Emmy-winning host exploring the emotional heart of travel. Episodes repeat 10:30 a.m. Saturdays. Above, Brown tastes balsamico in Modena, Italy.



**Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**

**NOVA: Asteroids: Spark of Life?** explores a new theory that violent asteroid collisions with Earth provided the essential ingredients – water, minerals and energy – that jumpstarted life on the planet.

**3:58 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – Part 2 of 6. *An Asylum for Mankind.* R

**6:03 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – See page 1. *Repeats Monday, 7am*

**6:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 2** – A BBC parody documentary series continues to follow the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Delivery Commission. *Part 6 of 7. Inclusivity Day.*

**7:00 SCOTLAND: ESCAPE TO THE WILDERNESS** – Part 4 of 4. *Richard Coles.* Hamza returns to his home turf to guide former pop star and broadcaster the Reverend Richard Coles on a trip to the remote Ardnamurchan peninsula, situated on Scotland's west coast. *Repeats midnight*

**8:00 MISS SCARLET, SERIES 6 ON MASTERPIECE** – Kate Phillips stars. *Part 2 of 6. Trafalgar Spring.* A high-society divorce sparks scandal when the settlement goes public and a prize racehorse vanishes. Each party blames the other in a case of hate, blackmail, and murder. *Repeats 1am*

**9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 6 ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 2 of 7. *Old Dog, New Tricks.* Tension sparks when James buys an X-ray machine for the practice, challenging Siegfried's traditional methods. Mrs. Hall learns more about Siegfried's shenanigans, and Mrs. Pumphrey seeks advice from the team when Tricki seems unusually distant. *Repeats 2am*

**10:00 BOOKISH** – Mark Gatiss stars. *Part 2 of 6. Slightly Foxed, Pt 2.* The investigation into Harkup's death continues; and Book discovers something surprising about the bomb site skeletons. *Repeats 3am*

**11:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: PLUNDERER: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A NAZI ART THIEF** – Part 1 of 2. R

**12M-4AM** See the 7-11 p.m. listings.

**19 Monday**

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

**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: RED BUTTE GARDEN & ARBORETUM, HOUR 3** – See a bounty of Utah treasures, including diamond and star sapphire jewelry; a 1952 Al Stohlman tooled leatherwork picture; and Kenner Star Wars action figures, ca. 1978. *Repeats Tue 1/20, 3pm; Sat 1/24, midnight*

**9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4: DISTRICT OF DUCK** – Host Seth Tillman savors D.C.'s finest duck dishes in this episode, starting at Blue Duck Tavern in the West End, where he joins beekeepers to harvest fresh honey for the signature *BDT* whole duck. Then, he tastes *Ghanian*-style tamarind duck leg at Dawa in the U Street Corridor. Last, he visits Logan Circle's Mallard for a playful, Southern-inspired Pennsylvania Pekin Duck. *Repeats Tue 1/20, 4pm; Sat 1/24, 2pm*

**9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN** – Season 2 encore: *Williamsburg*, VA. WETA's local travel and adventure series features mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee stepping into history and holidays at Colonial Williamsburg and riding the rollercoasters of Busch Gardens. *Repeats Tue 1/20, 4:30pm; Sun 1/25, 2pm*

**10:00 BECOMING THURGOOD: AMERICA'S SOCIAL ARCHITECT** – Explore the life and legacy of the nation's first African American Supreme Court justice. The film follows

Justice Thurgood Marshall, known as "Mr. Civil Rights," from his legal career with the NAACP to his 1967 appointment to the nation's highest court.

**20 Tuesday**

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** – In this series produced in association with WETA, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 3 of 10. Caribbean Roots.* Gates explores the Caribbean heritage of actors Liza Colón-Zayas and Delroy Lindo – meeting women and men who criss-crossed the globe to help their families move forward, often taking enormous risks. *Repeats Wed 1/21, 3pm; Sat 1/24, 11pm; Sun 1/25, 3pm*

**9:00 BREAKING THE DEADLOCK: A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH** – What is the role of government when people face life-and-death choices? Moderator Aaron Tang and a panel of experts with divergent views take on a hypothetical scenario that raises questions about reproductive rights and the right to die. *Repeats Wed 1/21, 4pm*

**10:00 FRONTLINE: 2000 METERS TO ANDRIIVKA** – *Frontline* and A.P. present a stunning portrayal of war in the trenches from the Oscar-winning team behind the film *20 Days in Mariupol*. Featuring combat bodycam-footage and powerful moments of reflection, the film follows a Ukrainian platoon trying to liberate a village from Russian occupation in the ongoing conflict. (2 hrs.)

**21 Wednesday**

**8:00 NATURE: SAN DIEGO: AMERICA'S WILDEST CITY** – Experience the hidden wonders of San Diego, the country's most biodiverse urban landscape, where humans and wildlife intersect in spectacular fashion. This film showcases nature's resilience and beauty amidst urban sprawl. *Repeats Thur 1/22, 3pm; Sun 1/25, noon*

**9:00 NOVA: ASTEROIDS: SPARK OF LIFE?** – What if asteroids, long feared as destroyers of life, were key to our existence? Explore a revolutionary new theory that these violent collisions provided the essential ingredients – water, minerals and energy – needed to jumpstart life on Earth. *Repeats Thur 1/22, 4pm; Sun 1/25, 1pm*

**10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: PLUNDERER: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A NAZI ART THIEF** – The series investigates the secret networks of curators and dealers who profited off Nazi-looted art. The decades-long war crime of stealing masterpieces has never been fully exposed or resolved. *Part 2 of 2. Repeats Sun 1/25, 11pm*

**22 Thursday**

**8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 24** – Episode 3 of 4. *Claws Out.* When a pet detective is found dead inside the kennel of a dog he is searching for, Barnaby and Winter are drawn into the world of dognapping, cat stealing and animal investigation. Guest stars include Andrew Scarborough (*Downton Abbey*). *Repeats Fri 1/23, 3pm*



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**Sundays at 7 p.m. starting Jan. 25 on WETA PBS**

*Inside the Tower of London* goes behind the scenes of the iconic London historical site, meeting Yeoman Warders (guards) and others to get a glimpse of life behind the great citadel's walls.



## 9:30 p.m. Thursdays starting Jan. 22 on WETA PBS

British drama *Inspector George Gently*, set in the 1960s, stars Martin Shaw as the eponymous police detective, an incorruptible lawman transplanted from the London Met to northeast England. Lee Ingleby portrays his junior partner, DS John Bacchus.

**9:30 INSPECTOR GEORGE GENTLY, SERIES 1** – A British crime drama based on the novels of Alan Hunter stars Martin Shaw as an incorruptible cop transplanted from London to northeast England in the mid-1960s. Lee Ingleby stars as DS John Bacchus, Gently's protégé. *Episode 1 of 3. Gently Go Man.* Embittered by the hit-and-run murder of his wife, Gently plans to collect his pension and fade into a lonely retirement. But after learning the whereabouts of his wife's killer, a criminal mastermind, Gently sets off for Northumbria, seeking justice.

## 23 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). *Repeats Sat 1/24, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 1/25, 11:30am; Mon 1/26, 7:30am*

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** – *Episode 3 of 13. Geraldo Cadava.* Professor at Northwestern University, co-editor-in-chief at Public Books, and contributing writer at *The New Yorker*; author of *The Hispanic Republican: The Shaping of an American Political Identity, from Nixon to Trump.* *Repeats Sat 1/24, 7:30pm, 10:30pm*

**9:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – The production of Florentine Films and WETA, directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt, chronicles the American War for Independence. *Part 3 of 6. The Times That Try Men's Souls.* British General Howe defeats General Washington at Long Island and in Manhattan, forcing the Americans to abandon New York City. After fleeing across New Jersey, Washington's army regroups before attacking an outpost at Trenton. *Repeats Sat 1/24, 1am; Sun 1/25, 4pm; Mon 1/26, 3pm*

## 24 Saturday

### 6AM-6PM See the Saturday, January 3 listings.

**6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – See page 1.

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R

**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The long-running high school TV quiz show is taped in WETA's television studio; competing this week are Sidwell Friends, Gaithersburg, and Woodgrove high schools. *Stream on WETA+ and at [YouTube.com/wetaps](http://YouTube.com/wetaps).*

**7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** – *Episode 3 of 13. Geraldo Cadava.* R

**8:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: KISSINGER** – Part 2 of 2. Discover how Henry Kissinger's anti-Communist zeal would shape U.S. foreign policy in Vietnam, China, Chile, and the Soviet Union during the second half of the 20th century. The documentary features historians and former colleagues.

**9:30 BREAKING THE DEADLOCK** – R

**10:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** – *Episode 3 of 13. Geraldo Cadava.* R

**11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** – *Episode 3 of 10. Caribbean Roots.* R

**12M ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: RED BUTTE GARDEN & ARBORETUM, HOUR 3** – R

**1AM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – Part 3 of 6. *The Times That Try Men's Souls.* R

## 25 Sunday

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

**11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R

**12N NATURE: SAN DIEGO: AMERICA'S WILDEST CITY** – R

**1:00 NOVA: ASTEROIDS: SPARK OF LIFE?** – R

**2:00 GET OUT OF TOWN** – Season 2: *Williamsburg, VA.* R

**2:30 SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE, SERIES 9** – *Episode 3 of 10. Route 66 – California.* *Repeats Saturdays, 10:30am*

**3:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** – *Episode 3 of 10. Caribbean Roots.* R

**4:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – Part 3 of 6. *The Times That Try Men's Souls.* R

**6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – See page 1. *Repeats Monday, 7am*

**6:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 2** – A BBC parody documentary series continues to follow the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Deliverance Commission. *Part 7 of 7. Loose Ends.*

**7:00 INSIDE THE TOWER OF LONDON** – A series goes behind the scenes at the iconic London historic site and explores its past. *Part 1 of 7. It's September 2021, and it's the fortress' first Platinum Jubilee in 1000 years, and the Tower is transforming its historic moat into a flower meadow installation to celebrate the queen's 70-year reign.* *Repeats midnight*

**8:00 MISS SCARLET, SERIES 6 ON MASTERPIECE** – Kate Phillips stars. *Part 3 of 6. The Delivery.* A treasure hunt brings Moses back to London from Paris. As Eliza welcomes Moses back to the fold, Clarence is determined to prove that he is every bit as good as his predecessor and a friendly rivalry ensues. *Repeats 1am*

**9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 6 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 3 of 7. Captain Farnon?* Tristan and Siegfried find themselves in competition to treat the horse of a wealthy family. Mrs. Pumphrey and James prepare Tricki for a special visitor, and Mrs. Hall uncovers a secret of Tristan's. *Repeats 2am*

**10:00 BOOKISH** – Mark Gatiss stars. *Part 3 of 6. Deadly Nitrate, Pt 1.* Screen stars descend on Archangel Lane to film their latest picture. But is all as rosy as it seems? Glamour and murder arrive at Book's door. *Repeats 3am*

**11:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: PLUNDERER: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A NAZI ART THIEF** – Part 2 of 2. R

**12M-4AM See the 7-11 p.m. listings.**

## 26 Monday

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

**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: GEORGIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM, HOUR 1** – Catch Roadshow's stunning season-topping find in this first hour from Savannah, GA. Treasures include a 1901 Alexander Fisher enamel; a 1992 Olga de Amaral "Lost Image VII" tapestry; and a signed 1936 first edition of "Gone with the Wind." *Repeats Tue 1/27, 3pm; Sat 1/31, midnight*

**9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4: BAR BITES** – In this episode, host Seth Tillman uncovers D.C.'s best cocktail-hour bites. First, he indulges in *montanara*, a light, fried pizza at Lucy Bar in the U Street Corridor. Next,



ERIC HEYER

### Monday, Jan. 26 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

*Independent Lens: Vivien's Wild Ride* follows the story of groundbreaking film editor Vivien Hillgrove, who after beginning to lose her sight must confront memories of loss and resilience while working to reinvent herself as an artist with a disability.



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**Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Secrets of the Dead: Queens of Combat* explores whether there were women hidden among the ranks of Ancient Rome's gladiators. A group of experts combines history, archaeology and forensic investigation in a quest to prove that women fought in the Arena.

Seth heads to Your Only Friend in Mount Vernon Square for their *Chicky Pep #2*. Then, he heads back to the U Street area to Lulu's Wine Garden, digging into their *carne asada* tacos with a delightful Southwestern twist.  
**Repeats Tue 1/27, 4pm; Sat 1/31, 2pm**

**9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN** – Season 2 encore: *Snowshoe*, WVA. The WETA local travel and adventure series features mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee visiting West Virginia's winter wonderland for snow tubing, snowboarding and the ultimate in cozy lodging.  
**Repeats Tue 1/27, 4:30pm**

**10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: VIVIEN'S WILD RIDE** – Legendary film editor Vivien Hillgrove faces fading vision and embarks on a journey of reinvention through her disability. Her story reveals how creativity, care, and community can reshape how we experience the world and our place within it. (90 min.)

## 27 Tuesday

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** – In this series produced in association with WETA, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 4 of 10. The Road We Took*. Gates maps the roots of actor Lizzie Caplan and comedian Hasan Minhaj – moving from shtetls in Eastern Europe to farmlands in northern India to meet ancestors whose bold decisions forever reshaped their family trees. **Repeats Wed 1/28, 3pm; Sat 1/31, 11pm**

**9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: ELIE WIESEL: SOUL ON FIRE** – Learn about the life and career of Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, Nobel Peace Prize-winner and author of "Night." After his liberation from Buchenwald, Wiesel became a writer in France before immigrating to America. Over the course of his decades-long career, Wiesel fought the "sin of indifference" by writing 57 books, teaching as a university professor, and championing human rights. **Repeats Sat 1/31, 8pm**

**10:30 SIMON SCHAMA: THE HOLOCAUST, 80 YEARS ON** – In this year marking the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the last World War II concentration camps, renowned historian Sir Simon Schama confronts the history of the Holocaust. **Repeats Wed 1/28, 4pm**

## 28 Wednesday

**8:00 NATURE: EXPEDITION KILLER WHALE** – Follow a team of scientists and filmmakers in Antarctica studying the most sophisticated hunting strategy in the animal kingdom – killer whales making waves to wash seals off floating ice. **Repeats Thur 1/29, 3pm**

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**9:00 NOVA: ANGKOR: HIDDEN JUNGLE EMPIRE** – Deep in the Cambodian jungle lie the ruins of Angkor, a marvel of urban engineering and seat of the once-mighty Khmer Empire. New discoveries are revealing how this ancient metropolis was built – and what likely led to its devastating collapse. **Repeats Thur 1/29, 4pm**

**10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: QUEENS OF COMBAT** – Combining history, archaeology, and forensic investigation, experts search for evidence that female gladiators fought alongside men in the arena in Ancient Rome.

## 29 Thursday

**8:00 MIDSOMER MURDERS, SERIES 24** – *Episode 4 of 4. A Climate of Death*. Locals have put the sleepy Goodman's Land on the map as "The Greenest Village in Midsomer." But when the entire village is bought by a Texas oilman, a string of grisly murders ensues. Guest stars include Nathaniel Parker (*The Inspector Lynley Mysteries*).  
**Repeats Fri 1/30, 3pm**

**9:30 INSPECTOR GEORGE GENTLY, SERIES 1** – *Episode 2 of 3. The Burning Man*. Gently and Bacchus investigate a burned body found in a wooded area. Their only clue is a gold ring inscribed with the name "Wanda," found in the victim's stomach.

## 30 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 1/31, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 2/1, 11:30am; Mon 2/2, 7:30am**

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** – *Episode 4 of 13. Fareed Zakaria*. Host of CNN's flagship international affairs show and columnist for *The Washington Post*; author of *Age of Revolutions: Progress and Backlash from 1600 to the Present*. **Repeats Sat 1/31, 7:30pm**

**9:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – The production of Florentine Films and WETA, directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt, chronicles the American War for Independence. *Part 4 of 6. Conquer by a Drawn Game*. After beating General Washington in battle, General Howe takes Philadelphia, forcing Congress to flee the city. But the Americans' surprising victory over General Burgoyne at Saratoga encourages France to openly support the United States. **Repeats Sat 1/31, 1am**

## 31 Saturday

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**6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – See page 1.

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R

**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The long-running high school TV quiz show is taped in WETA's television studio; competing this week are Blake, National Cathedral, and Osbourn Park high schools. [Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetaps](http://Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetaps).

**7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 7** – *Episode 4 of 13. Fareed Zakaria*. R

**8:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: ELIE WIESEL: SOUL ON FIRE** – R

**9:30 THE LAST MUSICIAN OF AUSCHWITZ** – Hear the story of cellist Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, who, alongside fellow prisoners, created music amidst the horrors of the Holocaust. The program reveals how music served as a lifeline, a form of testimony, and a means of resistance.

**11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 12** – *Episode 4 of 10. The Road We Took*. R

**12M ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: GEORGIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM, HOUR 1** – R

**1AM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – *Part 4 of 6. Conquer by a Drawn Game*. R

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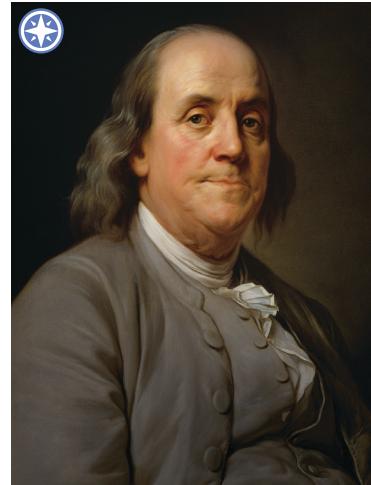
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## Benjamin Franklin

**WETA co-production airs Thursdays, Jan. 8 & 15 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro**

**W**EETA Metro, featuring PBS favorites and local content, presents an encore airing of the acclaimed 2022 film *Benjamin Franklin*, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA and directed by Ken Burns. The two-part, four-hour documentary explores the life and work of one of the most consequential and compelling figures in United States history, whose work and words unlocked the mystery of electricity and helped to create the United States. The story of this fascinating, iconic American — a prolific writer and publisher, groundbreaking scientist and inventor, a revolutionary and world-renowned diplomat, and signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution — reveals his remarkable life and contributions while scrutinizing his contradictions. Visit [pbs.org/benfranklin](http://pbs.org/benfranklin) to learn more.



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## Civilizations

**Saturdays, Jan. 17, 24 & 31 at 7 p.m. on WETA World**

**W**EETA World, devoted to telling stories that humanize complex issues, shares the best of public media in news, documentaries and more. This month, the nine-part 2018 series *Civilizations* explores the power of art from earliest civilizations to the present. Liev Schreiber narrates. The PBS/BBC co-production is an exploration of the premise that it is through the creative imagination that humanity expresses its most essential self. The series travels to six continents, visiting renowned cultural landmarks and exploring treasures (including, at right, masks from Benin). Principal contributors to the programs are Simon Schama (Columbia University); Mary Beard (University of Cambridge); and historian David Olusoga (University of Manchester).



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## Elinor Wonders Why

**1 p.m. weekdays on WETA PBS KIDS**

**W**EETA PBS Kids programming includes the animated children's series *Elinor Wonders Why*, which encourages preschoolers to follow their curiosity, ask questions when they don't understand, and find answers using science-inquiry skills. The main character Elinor, the most observant and curious rabbit in Animal Town, introduces kids ages 3-5 to science, nature and community through adventures with her friends Ari, a funny and imaginative bat, and Olive, a perceptive and warm elephant. They meet interesting, quirky characters, learning from each. The series also airs on WETA PBS, weekdays at noon.



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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>12pm</b>	• 1/4, 11am-5pm: Velvet, Series 2 (Pts 1-4)	MaryLand on Masterpiece runs 1/1-1/5 Mr. Bates vs The Post Office on Masterpiece runs 1/6-1/9 Ridley Road on Masterpiece runs 1/12-1/15 Marie Antoinette, Series 1 runs 1/16-1/27; Series 2 starts 1/28					• 1/3, 9am-12:30pm: <b>The London Parade 2026</b>
12:30pm	• 1/11, 11am-5pm: Velvet, Series 2 (Pts 5-8)					• 1/3: 12:30pm: <b>London Parade: A Tribute to 40 Years</b>	
<b>1pm</b>	• 1/18, 11am-5pm: Velvet, Series 2 (Pts 9-12)	Call the Midwife, Series 11 runs through 1/8; Series 12 runs 1/9-1/20; Series 13 starts 1/21				• 1/3, 1-6pm: Before We Die, Series 2 (5 eps)	
1:30pm						• 1/10-1/17, 12n-5pm: Midsomer Murders, Series 4	
<b>2pm</b>	• 1/25, 11am: Velvet, Series 2 (Pt 13)	• 2-4pm: the Gold on Masterpiece	Inspector George Gently, Series 3 & 4	• 2pm: Seaside Hotel, Series 10 • 2pm, starting 1/28: Murder in the Mountains, Series 1	• Sister Boniface Xmas, Pt 2 • The Good Karma Hospital (starts 1/8)	• Scotland: Escape to the Wilderness • 1/30: Secrets of the Dead	• 1/24-1/31, 12n-5pm: Midsomer Murders, Series 5
2:30pm	• 1/25, 12:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow	• 2pm starting 1/26: Miss Scarlet, Series 6 on Masterpiece		• 3-5pm: 1/7-1/21: Astrid, Series 3 (two episodes)	Death in Paradise, Series 14	L Worsley's Royal Palace Secrets: starting 1/9: From That Small Island: Story of the Irish	• 5pm starting 1/10: Rick Steves' Art of Europe
<b>3pm</b>	• 1/25, 1-4pm: Seaside Hotel, Series 10 (Pts 1-4)	• 3pm starting 1/26: All Creatures Great and Small, Series 6 on Masterpiece	• Magpie Murders on Masterpiece	• 3pm starting 1/28: Sisi: Austrian Empress, Series 2	RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 3	Secrets of the Dead; starting 1/23: Inside the Tower of London	
3:30pm		• 4pm: Happiness	• Moonflower Murders (starts 1/20)	• 4pm starting 1/28: Miss Friman's War, Series 2			
<b>4pm</b>	• 4pm, 1/26: Sanditon on Masterpiece	British Antiques Roadshow					
4:30pm							
<b>5pm</b>	1/4: You Are Cordially Invited; starting 1/11: Lucy Worsley Investigates	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	
5:30pm		BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	
<b>6pm</b>	• 6pm: Mary Berry Makes It Easy • 6:30pm: Ireland with Michael	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Ireland with Michael
6:30pm	• 1/4, 7pm: L Worsley's Holmes vs Doyle	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Mary Berry Makes It Easy
<b>7pm</b>	• 1/11, 7pm: A Christie: L Worsley on the Mystery Queen • Starting 1/18, 7pm: Rick Steves' Art of Europe	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	• Professor T (UK), Series 4 • D.I. Ray, Series 1 (starts 1/17)
7:30pm							
<b>8pm</b>	• Alan Carr's Adventures with Agatha • 1/28: Tower of London	Inspector George Gently, Series 3 & 4	Foreign Favourites	The Good Karma Hospital, Series 1	• Scotland: Escape to the Wilderness • 1/29: Secrets of the Dead	Masterworks Showcase	• Vienna Blood, Series 4 • Bookish (starts 1/24)
8:30pm			• 8pm: Seaside Hotel, Series 10 • 8pm starting 1/27: Murder in the Mountains, Series 1				
<b>9pm</b>	From That Small Island: The Story of the Irish		• 9-11pm 1/6-1/20: Astrid, Series 3 (two episodes)	Death in Paradise, Series 14	L Worsley's Royal Palace Secrets: starting 1/8: From That Small Island: Story of the Irish		Midsomer Murders, Series 5
9:30pm			• 9pm starting 1/27: Sisi: Austrian Empress, Series 2				
<b>10pm</b>	Secrets of the Dead		• 10pm starting 1/27: Miss Friman's War, Series 2	RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 3	Secrets of the Dead; starting 1/22: Inside the Tower of London		Foyle's War, Series 2 & 3
10:30pm							
<b>11pm</b>	Twenty Twelve (two eps)	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	
11:30pm		[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	
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# WETA UK Highlights

## From That Small Island: The Story of the Irish

Sundays at 9 p.m.  
starting Jan. 4 on WETA UK

Filmed on location in 17 countries worldwide, a four-part documentary tells the story of the Irish, tracing the ebb and flow of people into and out of Ireland. Who are the Irish? Where did they come from? Where do they go? Six million people live on the island of Ireland but over 80 million people worldwide say they are Irish. *From That Small Island*, narrated by Colin Farrell, offers a journey through time, exploring identity and the enduring spirit of a people. *From the Beginning* spotlights the earliest peoples, the coming of Christianity and the story of the Vikings; *Contested Identities* explores the transformation of Ireland and the Irish after the arrival of the Normans and sees the impact of the Tudors and the Protestant Reformation; *New Worlds* follows the first Irish diaspora to Europe in the 1600s and later to various destinations in the New World; and *From the Famine to the Future* chronicles 19th-century Irish emigration and its impact on America — and examines the role of the Irish in the world.



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## Murder in the Mountains

Tuesdays at 8 p.m.  
starting Jan. 27 on WETA UK

An Austrian crime drama from the curated international collection Walter Presents follows dedicated police investigators in the picturesque Austrian town of Kitzbühel, a tourist center of the Tyrol region. In Series 1's 13 episodes, the team tackles complex criminal cases where secrets unravel and danger lurks behind every mountain vista. The drama, originally titled SOKO Kitzbühel (an abbreviation for "Sonderkommission," or "special investigative team"), is centered on detectives Karin Kofler and Lukas Roither, who solve complicated murder cases in and around the resort town, home to many wealthy and powerful people. Kofler's father often joins in on the investigations. *Murder in the Mountains* is in German with English subtitles.



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## The Gold on Masterpiece

Fridays at 8 p.m.  
starting Jan. 2 on WETA UK

Inspired by the true story of the Brink's-Mat robbery that took place in London four decades ago, a 6-part *Masterpiece* drama follows the story of the heist and features an all-star cast: Hugh Bonneville (*Downton Abbey*), Jack Lowden (*Slow Horses*), Dominic Cooper (*Mamma Mia!*), Tom Cullen (*Downton Abbey*), Charlotte Spencer (*Sanditon*) and Emun Elliott (*Guilt*). In 1983, armed men broke into the Brink's-Mat security depot near London's Heathrow Airport and inadvertently stumbled across gold bullion worth £26m. What started as a "typical" armed robbery became the biggest theft in world history at the time.



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## ASMF Chamber Ensemble on *Front Row Washington*

Monday, January 19 at 9 p.m.

**O**n January 19 on Monday-evening broadcast *Front Row Washington*, hear from the chamber ensemble of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields in their October 2024 Chamber Music Maryland concert at Howard Community College's Smith Theatre. In the performance, the ensemble celebrates some composers who stood up against oppression. They open with an early Shostakovich work — his *Prelude and Scherzo for String Octet, Op. 11*, composed in 1924. The concert also features Czech composer Erwin Schulhoff's *Sextet for Strings*. Schulhoff's commitment to progressive ideals and music would cost him his life in the Würzburg concentration camp in 1942; much of his music was lost in World War II. Also on the broadcast is Mendelssohn's youthful *Octet for Strings*.



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**Composer Reena Esmail**

and others in “A Celebration of Women’s Voices” on **January 18** with The Cathedral Choral Society, Ensemble Horizons, and the Corvus Consort. And on **January 25**, hear canticles and masses by Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Palestrina. Tune in to *Choral Showcase*, Sunday nights at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.

## Women Composers & More on *Choral Showcase*

Sundays at 9 p.m.

**C**horal Showcase starts off 2026 with a few recent choral releases from the past year, beginning **January 4** with Haydn’s *Die Jahreszeiten*, “The Seasons” with Jordi Savall and Le Concert des Nations with La Capella Nacional de Catalunya. On **January 11**, Raphaël Pichon leads Pygmalion in a compelling new interpretation of Bach’s b-Minor Mass. The broadcast features music of Imogen Holst, Florence Price, Reena Esmail



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**Conductor Dalia Stasevska**

## Schumann and Sibelius on *NSO Showcase*

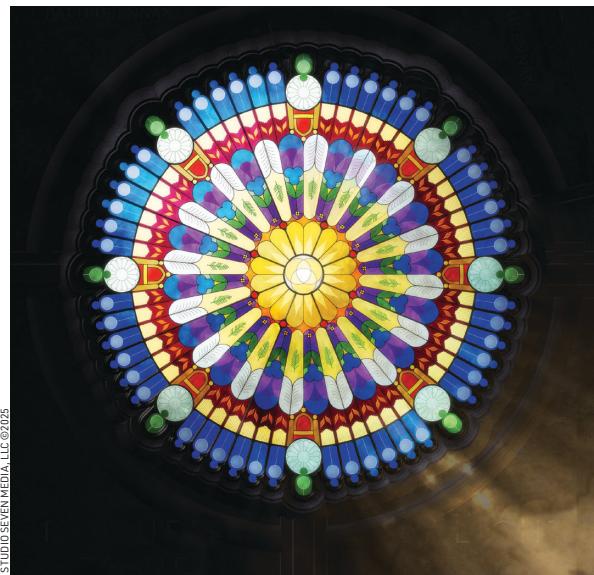
Wednesday, January 7 at 9 p.m.

**U**krainian-born Finnish conductor Dalia Stasevska conducts the National Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Jean Sibelius’ *Symphony No. 2* in January’s broadcast of *NSO Showcase*. Written at the turn of the last century, when Finland was rebelling against Russian rule, this “symphony of independence” as it is sometimes called, reflects a personal as well as universal struggle. Two Schumann pieces round out the program: the uniquely virtuosic *Concert Piece for Four Horns and Orchestra*, and the *Rhenish Symphony* celebrating the beauty of the Rhine River and Cologne Cathedral.

# Classical for Washington

## WETA Virtuoso Programming Explores the 2026 Grammy-Nominated Recordings

January 26-30 at 2 p.m. on WETA Virtuoso



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Patti Drennan's *Requiem of Light*

By James Jacobs, On-Air Host

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he nominations for the 2026 Grammy awards for classical music recordings include 42 albums in eight categories, which we will explore on our special program *Grammy Week* on WETA Virtuoso this month. More than half of the recordings in contention are of pieces by living composers, reflecting the profound changes taking place in the culture of the mainstream classical industry. Aside from an album of Telemann soprano arias and a few short 19th-century pieces included on compilations, all the other music is from the 20th century (which is increasingly feeling as remote as the 19th).

The field also shows how the traditional classical album format is evolving. The nominated performances of Ravel's *Bolero* by the Simón

Bolívar Symphony (conducted by Gustavo Dudamel) and Stravinsky's *Symphony in Three Movements* by the San Francisco Symphony (conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen) were released as *singles*. There are several thematic compilations, such as *Black Pierrot*, a 23-minute recital of songs by William Grant Still and Brittney "B.E." Boykin sung by baritone Sidney Outlaw. Boykin, who was born in Alexandria, Virginia and graduated from Spelman College in 2011, is also represented on another album in the same category, *In This Short Life*, featuring mezzo-soprano Devony Smith.

This makes Boykin the second-most-represented classical composer on this year's Grammys after Dmitri Shostakovich, whose cello and piano concertos, featuring Yo-Yo Ma and Yuja Wang, comprise this year's two most conventional nominated albums. The Mexican composer Gabriela Ortiz also makes a strong showing, with a nod for an album devoted to her work along with individual nominations for two of its compositions.

Other nominations with a local connection include Patti Drennan's *Requiem of Light* featuring The Clarion Choir conducted by Steven Fox; a collection of works by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor performed by the National Philharmonic; and Jeanine Tesori's *Grounded*, which premiered at the Kennedy Center in 2023 and was recorded in its revised version by the Metropolitan Opera.

Join my on-air colleague Marcus Pfeifer and me January 26-30 at 2 p.m. on WETA Virtuoso as we explore the nominated recordings in each category. Preview music in the spotlight before the Grammy ceremony takes place on February 1.



Composer, conductor and pianist B.E. Boykin

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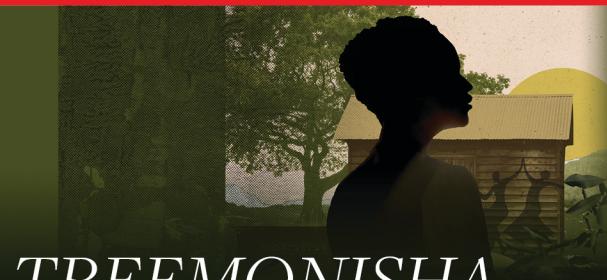


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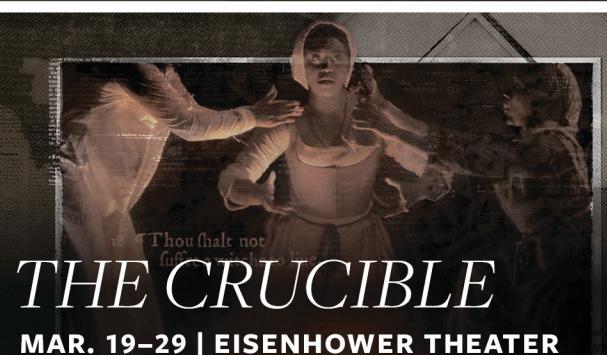
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