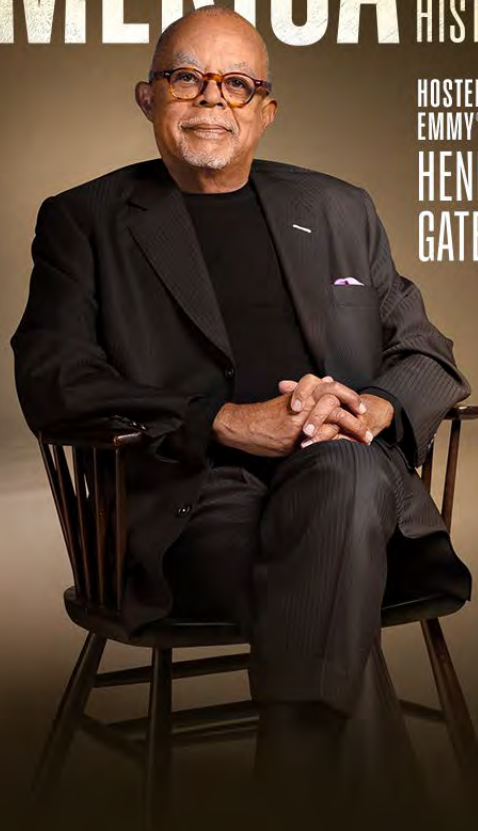


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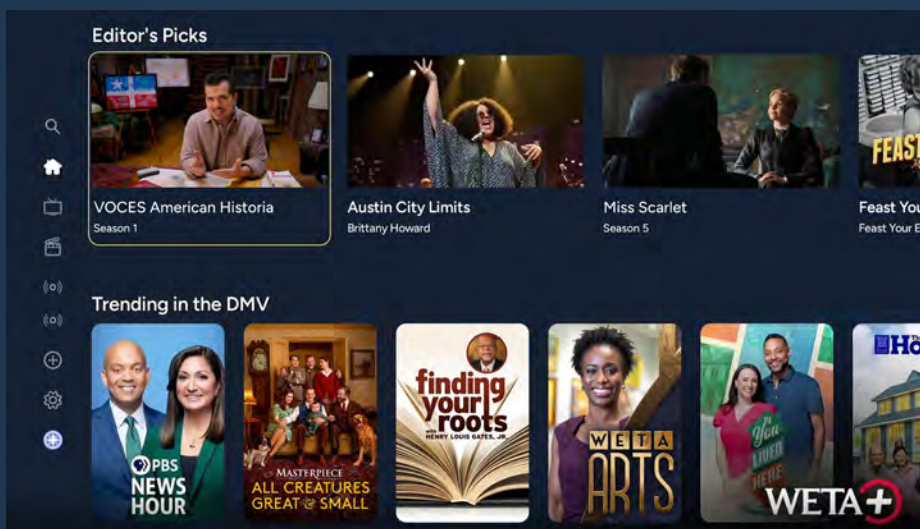
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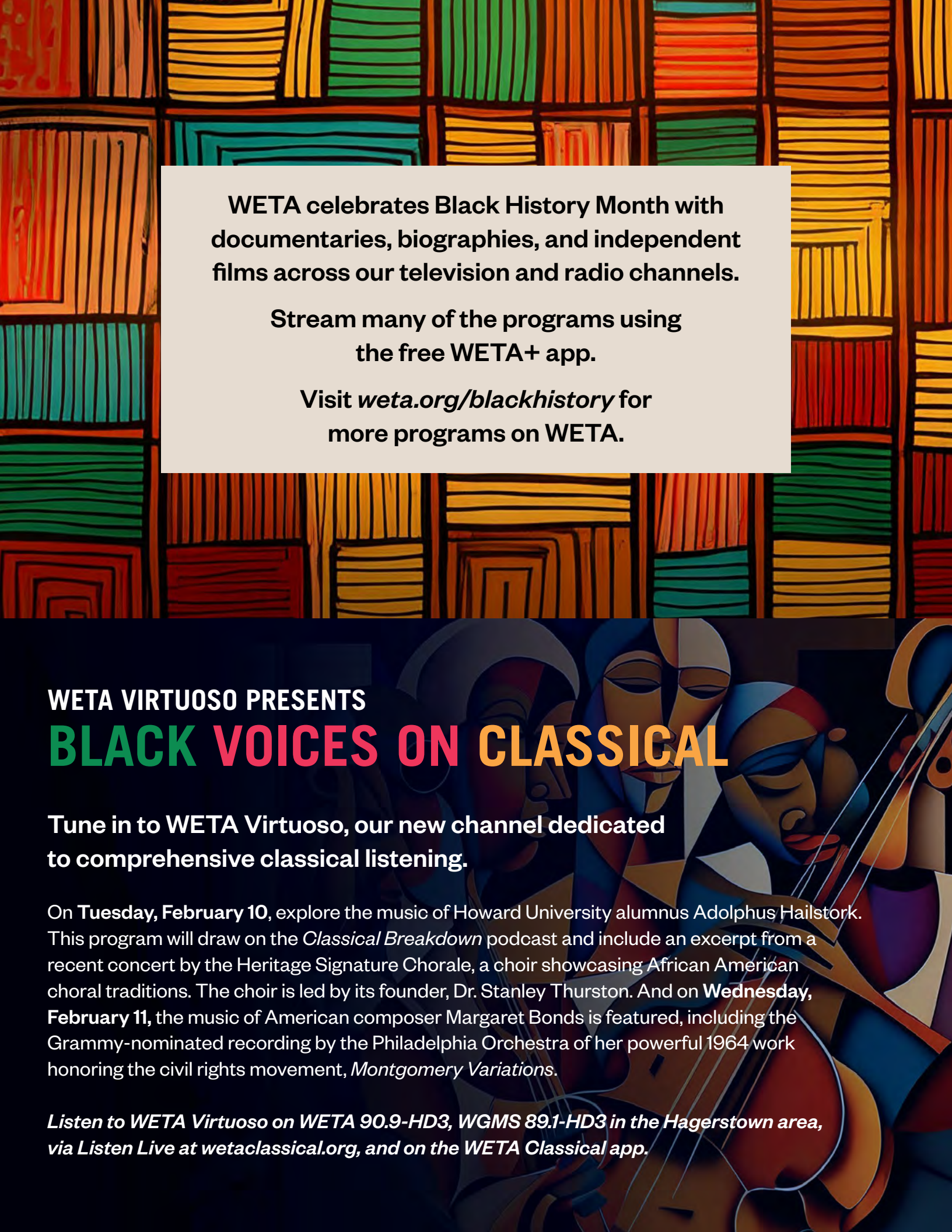
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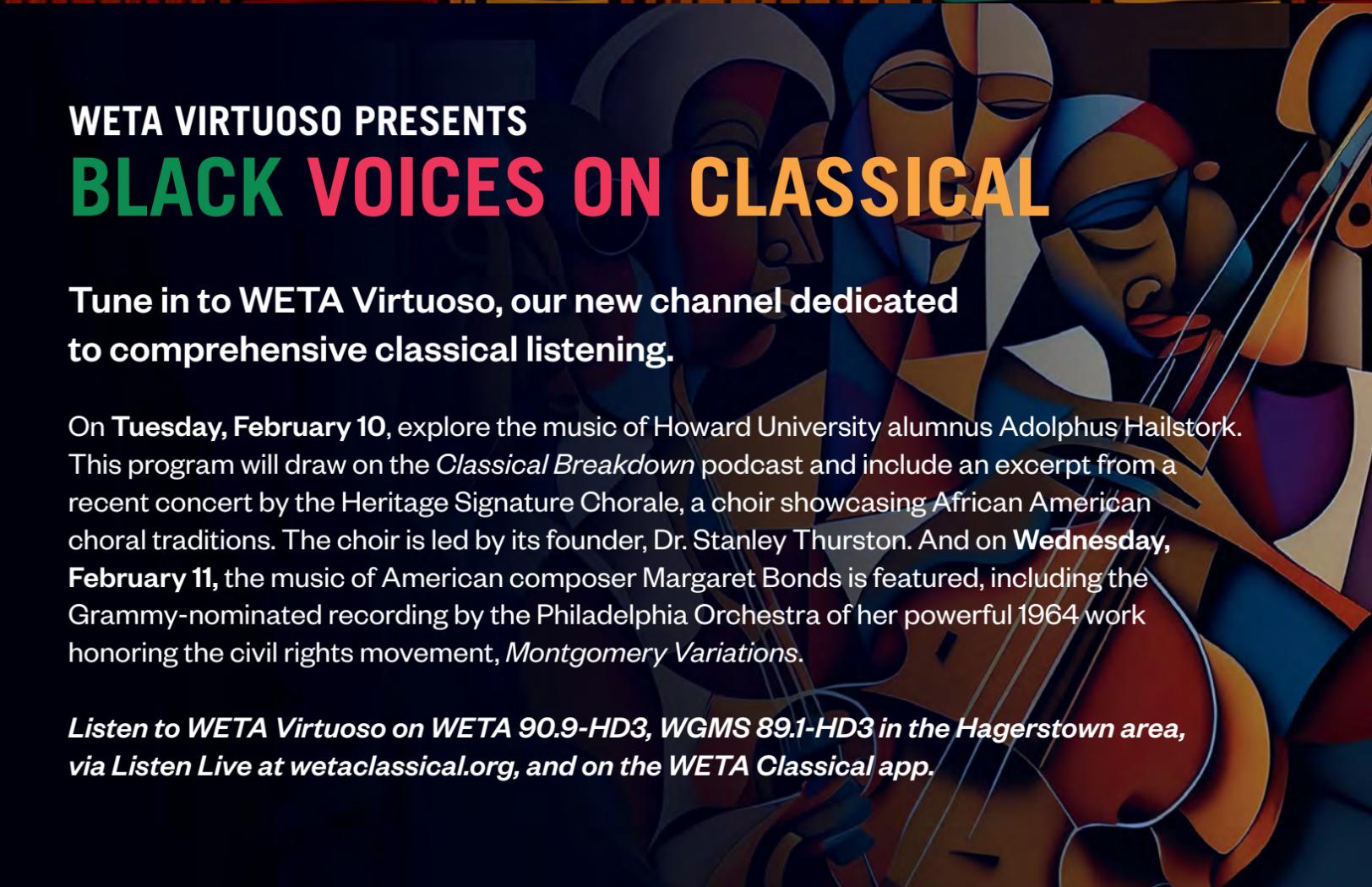
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Tune in to WETA Virtuoso, our new channel dedicated to comprehensive classical listening.

On **Tuesday, February 10**, explore the music of Howard University alumnus Adolphus Hailstork. This program will draw on the *Classical Breakdown* podcast and include an excerpt from a recent concert by the Heritage Signature Chorale, a choir showcasing African American choral traditions. The choir is led by its founder, Dr. Stanley Thurston. And on **Wednesday, February 11**, the music of American composer Margaret Bonds is featured, including the Grammy-nominated recording by the Philadelphia Orchestra of her powerful 1964 work honoring the civil rights movement, *Montgomery Variations*.

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Sunday, February 1

IN THEIR OWN WORDS: CHUCK BERRY

WETA Metro | 7:00 PM

Step into the world of Chuck Berry – exploring the life, the legend, the music, and the man who is regularly credited as the father of rock and roll. Meet the family who loved him, the players who were there for the rise, and the stars who bow to his inspiration and credit him for their own success.

Repeats Sat 2/7, 7pm on WETA World

OLYMPIC PRIDE, AMERICAN PREJUDICE

WETA World | 10:00 PM

The film documents the 18 African American athletes who defied both Jim Crow racism at home and Nazi propaganda abroad to win hearts and medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games.

Repeats Sat 2/7, 9:30 pm on WETA Metro

Daily, starting February 2

PHOEBE AND JAY

WETA PBS Kids (NEW) | 8:30 AM

Catch the brand-new PBS Kids show, Phoebe and Jay – an animated series focused on literacy and learning for kids ages 3-5! Follow the adventures of 6-year-old fraternal twins, Phoebe and Jay Yarber, as they encounter a variety of texts preschoolers normally see in their daily lives – from labels and signs to posters and more – to foster their early literacy skills and help them navigate the world around them.

Repeats weekdays, 9:30 am on WETA PBS

Monday, February 2

AMERICAN MASTERS: MARIAN ANDERSON: THE WHOLE WORLD IN HER HANDS

WETA World | 3:00 PM

Explore the life, career, art, and legacy of the African American contralto and civil rights pioneer in her own words from archival interview recordings. Marian Anderson's singing and speaking voice are heard throughout the documentary, providing a new understanding of the woman behind the music.

HARRIET TUBMAN: VISIONS OF FREEDOM

WETA PBS | 10:00 PM

Learn about the inspirational woman who repeatedly risked her own life and freedom to liberate others from slavery. Harriet Tubman was a conductor of the Underground Railroad, a Civil War scout, nurse, spy, and one of the greatest freedom fighters in our nation's history. **Repeats Tues 2/10, 3 pm on WETA World**

Tuesday, February 3

FINDING YOUR ROOTS: LOVE AND BASKETBALL

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 8:00 PM

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of basketball superstars Brittney Griner and Chris Paul – revealing that they are not the first extraordinary people in their family trees – while telling stories of courage, talent, and grit. **Repeats Sun 2/8, 9pm on WETA World**

BLACK AND JEWISH AMERICA: AN INTERWOVEN HISTORY

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

A four-part series traces the rich, complex relationship between Black and Jewish Americans. The premiere episode traces the early forces that shaped the Black and Jewish connection in the U.S. Journeys of exile, faith, resilience, terror, migration, early civil rights partnerships, and tests of solidarity define the relationship by the early 20th century. **Repeats Fridays 8 pm on WETA World**

Wednesday, February 4

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: FORGOTTEN HERO: WALTER WHITE AND THE NAACP

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Walter White — arguably the most influential Black man in mid-century America and the leader of the NAACP from 1929 to 1955 — has been all but forgotten. This documentary traces the life of this neglected civil rights hero and seeks to explain his disappearance from our history.

Repeats Thurs 2/26, 8 pm on WETA Metro



Thursday, February 5

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE RIOT REPORT

WETA Metro | 8:00 PM

When Black neighborhoods across the nation erupted in violence during the summer of 1967, President Lyndon Johnson appointed the bipartisan "Kerner Commission" to investigate. The commission's final report offered a shockingly unvarnished assessment of American race relations and examined the fraught social dynamics that simultaneously spurred the commission's investigation and doomed its findings to political oblivion.

Repeats Mon 2/16, 3 pm on WETA World

MAJOR TAYLOR: CHAMPION OF THE RACE

WETA World | 8:00 PM

Retraces the life and legacy of an American civil rights pioneer who set more than 20 world records in speed cycling during the heart of Jim Crow America. Major Taylor captured the world cycling championship, the American cycling crown, and set dozens of world speed cycling records – all while having to endure withering racial pressures.

ALLERGIC TO FAILURE: THE ROBERT COVINGTON STORY

WETA World (NEW) | 9:00 PM

The story of former NBA player Robert Covington, who defied odds by transitioning from HBCU student to a decade-long career in the highest level of professional basketball.

AMERICAN JUSTICE: THE PEOPLE VS NEWTON

WETA Metro | 10:00 PM

Black Panthers co-founder Huey Newton is accused of murdering a white policeman after a car stop in 1967 Oakland. A landmark trial ensues, and Newton's defense team calls out racism in the judicial system. With a death penalty looming, a shocking verdict is delivered that still reverberates today.

Repeats Mon 2/9, 7 pm on WETA World

Friday, February 6

MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Part 1. Building Black America. In this WETA co-production, host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. introduces the organizations, networks, and artistic impressions created by and for Black people in the fight for full citizenship.

GREAT MIGRATIONS: A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

WETA World | 8:00 PM

Part 1 of 4. Exodus. Hosted by scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., this documentary spotlights how Black migrations have shaped the United States. The premiere episode traces the first wave of the Great Migration (1910 – 1940), when more than a million Black Americans fled the Jim Crow South for the promised lands of the North.

Saturday, February 7

AMERICAN MASTERS: LITTLE RICHARD: THE KING AND QUEEN OF ROCK AND ROLL

WETA World | 8:00 PM

Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. Explore his far-reaching influence and advocacy for the rights of Black artists in the music industry.

GOSPEL

WETA PBS | 9:00 PM

The four-hour WETA co-production explores the rich history of Black spirituality through sermon and song. Hour 1. The Gospel Train. Travel north to Chicago, where southern migrants Thomas A. Dorsey, Mahalia Jackson, and Sister Rosetta Tharpe fused the blues and jazz with testimonies of God's goodness to create a genre that endures to this day.

VERSAILLES '73: AMERICAN RUNWAY REVOLUTION

WETA PBS | 10:00 PM

The film recounts the 1973 "Battle of Versailles" fashion face-off between American ready-to-wear designers and French couturiers at Chateau de Versailles that catapulted African American models onto the European stage and made a name for American designers overseas.

Monday, February 9

WETA ARTS

WETA PBS (NEW) | 9:30 PM

The Emmy award-winning WETA local production returns with a spotlight on Stanley J. Thurston, founder of the Heritage Signature Chorale, a choir showcasing African American choral traditions. Viewers also learn about an unexpected partnership between President Lincoln's Cottage and the D.C. Improv Comedy Club, featuring stand-up performances by comedians who are also lawyers.



Tuesday, February 10

BLACK AND JEWISH AMERICA: AN INTERWOVEN HISTORY

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

Episode 2. Strange Fruit. This episode spotlights how Black and Jewish communities collaborated in the early 20th century on music, movies, and the universal fight against fascism, navigating tensions while shaping culture, confronting injustice, and leaving a lasting social impact.

NOVA: LEE AND LIZA'S FAMILY TREE

WETA World | 9:00 PM

With the help of scientists and genealogists, this filmmaker and his family members search for their ancestors. Follow their journey as they hunt for new details of a history long obscured by the enduring legacy of slavery.

Wednesday, February 11

SLAVERY BY ANOTHER NAME

WETA World | 2:00 PM

The documentary challenges the widely held belief that slavery in the U.S. ended with Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the end of the Civil War. However, even though chattel slavery was abolished with the passage of the 13th Amendment in 1865, thousands of African Americans were pulled back into forced labor with shocking force and brutality.

AMERICAN MASTERS: JAMES BALDWIN: THE PRICE OF A TICKET

WETA World | 3:30 PM

A portrait of James Baldwin, one of the greatest American authors of the 20th century. The film uses rarely seen archival footage to meld intimate and eloquent interviews with family, friends, and colleagues, including Toni Morrison, Bobby Short, and Maya Angelou.

INDEPENDENT LENS: RACIST TREES

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Racial tensions ignite in this documentary when a historically Black neighborhood in Palm Springs, California fights to remove a towering wall of tamarisk trees. The trees form a barrier, believed by some to be a symbol of racism that segregates the community.

Thursday, February 12

DESIRE: THE CARL CRAIG STORY

WETA Metro | 8:00 PM

In this portrait of the legendary DJ, producer, and record label creator, we follow the life and career of musical pioneer Carl Craig. An ode to his beloved city, this documentary uses Detroit's decline and recovery as a backdrop for a career that encompasses genre-defying techno and performances.

Repeats Sat 2/14 10 pm on WETA PBS

AMERICAN MASTERS: ROBERTA FLACK

WETA Metro | 9:30 PM

Follow the music icon from a piano lounge through her rise to stardom. From "First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" to "Killing Me Softly," Flack's virtuosity was inseparable from her commitment to civil rights. Detailing her story in her own words, the film features exclusive access to Flack's archives and interviews with Rev. Jesse Jackson, Peabo Bryson, and more.

Repeats Sat 2/14, 8 pm on WETA World

Friday, February 13

MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Part 2. The Work of the Imagination. Featuring host Henry Louis Gates, Jr., this episode explores the genesis of the educational, economic, political, and cultural organizations that paved the way for Black life to flourish despite Jim Crow laws.

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Friday, February 13

GREAT MIGRATIONS: A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

WETA World | 8:00 PM

Part 2 of 4. Streets Paved in Gold. This episode explores the second wave of the Great Migration (1940-1970), highlighting how Northern and Western Black communities matured through migration and transformed the cultural and political power of Black America.

Saturday, February 14

GOSPEL

WETA PBS | 9:00 PM

Hour 2. The Golden Age of Gospel. The film traces the genre from the Lord's music to the mainstream.

AMERICAN MASTERS: THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MISS SCOTT

WETA Metro | 9:30 PM

Discover the story of jazz virtuoso and screen superstar Hazel Scott, the first Black American to have her own television show. The film traces her journey from civil rights pioneer during Jim Crow to the dissolution of her fame due to 1950s McCarthy-era blacklisting.

Sunday, February 15

FIGHT THE POWER: HOW HIP HOP CHANGED THE WORLD

WETA World | 10:00 PM

Part 1. The Foundation. Public Enemy's Chuck D narrates this classic docuseries about the birth of Hip Hop as social commentary. Discover the events that led to the birth of Hip Hop and its first socially conscious hit, "The Message," by Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five in 1982. *Part 2. Under Siege.* Explore the 1980s and the Reagan era with emerging Hip Hop creators like Public Enemy, KRS-One, Ice-T, and N.W.A.

Monday, February 16

LOCAL, U.S.A.: BUFFALO SOLDIERS, FIGHTING ON TWO FRONTS

WETA World | 8:00 PM

This film examines the profound and often-contradictory roles played by Buffalo Soldiers in U.S. history and how they fought on two sets of front lines: military conflicts abroad and civil rights struggles at home.

BECOMING FREDERICK DOUGLASS

WETA PBS | 10:00 PM

Discover how a man born into slavery became one of the nation's most influential leaders. Oscar-nominated filmmaker Stanley Nelson explores the role Frederick Douglass played in securing the right to freedom for African Americans.

Repeats Thurs 2/19, 8 pm on WETA Metro

Tuesday, February 17

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE HARVEST INTEGRATING: MISSISSIPPI'S SCHOOLS

WETA World | 3:00 PM

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Douglas A. Blackmon looks back at how school integration transformed his hometown of Leland, Mississippi. After the 1954 Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional, little more than token efforts were made to desegregate Southern schools. That changed dramatically on October 29, 1969, when the Supreme Court ordered that Mississippi schools desegregate fully and immediately.

NOVA: CRITICAL CONDITION: HEALTH IN BLACK AMERICA

WETA World | 8:00 PM

Oscar-nominated filmmaker Stanley Nelson investigates the dramatic health disparities in the U.S. and the health factors behind the health crisis facing Black Americans.



Tuesday, February 17

BLACK AND JEWISH IN AMERICA

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

Episode 3, The Grand Alliance, recalls the 1950s and 1960s “Grand Alliance” between Black and Jewish communities. From *Brown v. Board* to Freedom Summer, Jews were key allies in the Black-led civil rights movement. But by the end of the 1960s, fractures grew as overseas conflicts and the domestic realities of race and class pushed the communities apart.

Wednesday, February 18

INDEPENDENT LENS: BIKE VESSEL

WETA World | 2:00 PM

A heartwarming documentary tells the story of a 70-year-old defying health statistics after three open heart surgeries. A 350-mile cycling adventure with his son, the film’s producer, leads to a bonding experience and a hard look at the health inequities plaguing Black men.

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE BUSSING BATTLEGROUND

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Court-mandated social integration unleashes racial unrest throughout Boston in the 1970s as Black and white students are bused together.

Thursday, February 19

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: AMERICAN COUP: WILMINGTON 1898

WETA World | 3:00 PM

Tells the little-known story of a deadly race massacre and carefully orchestrated insurrection in North Carolina’s largest city in 1898 – the only coup d’état in the history of the United States.

HOLLYWOOD’S ARCHITECT: THE PAUL WILLIAMS STORY

WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

Nicknamed “Architect to the Stars,” African American architect Paul R. Williams was one of the most successful architects of his time. This program tells the story of how he used talent, determination, and even charm to defy the odds and create a celebrated body of work.

Friday, February 20

MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Part 3. The Growing Resistance. Host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. examines the social networks African Americans relied on during America’s Great Depression that would ultimately transform race relations and dismantle the oppressive realities of Jim Crow.

GREAT MIGRATIONS: A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

WETA World | 8:00 PM

Part 3 of 4. One Way Ticket Back. Examine how the reverse migration of Black Americans to the South – driven by mass movements, economic change, and an ongoing struggle for freedom and opportunity – continues to reshape the country.

AMERICAN MASTERS: SUN RA: DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

In her brilliant new biography, Christine Turner takes us on a journey through the life of Sun Ra, a jazz composer, bandleader, piano and synthesizer player, and poet known for his experimental music, “cosmic” philosophy, and theatrical performances. With his band, the Arkestra, he extended the boundaries of free-form jazz, put his own mark on the standards, and pursued forays into electronic music like no one else.

KING OF THEM ALL: THE STORY OF KING RECORDS

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 10:30 PM

Like a listening session with history, the documentary details the story of King Records, the scrappy Cincinnati label that reshaped American music.

Saturday, February 21

GOSPEL

WETA PBS | 9:00 PM

Hour 3. Take the Message Everywhere. In this episode, gospel goes mainstream – taking the good news everywhere.



Sunday, February 22

GO-GO CITY: DISPLACEMENT AND PROTEST IN WASHINGTON, DC

WETA World | 6:00 PM

Go-Go City follows protesters for racial justice as they took to the streets in the summer of 2020, pushing back against gentrification and rallying around the city's unique Go-Go music scene.

FIGHT THE POWER: HOW HIP HOP CHANGED THE WORLD

WETA World | 10:00 PM

Part 3. Culture Wars. Follow the unstoppable rise in popularity of Hip Hop – a force attacked by all sides of the political establishment during the 1990s Clinton years. *Part 4. Still Fighting.* Chuck D examines the evolution of Hip Hop as its artists turn into multimillionaires and successful entrepreneurs.

Monday, February 23

BLACK BALLERINA

WETA World | 3:00 PM

Sixty years ago, while pursuing their dreams of careers in classical dance, three ballerinas confronted racism, exclusion, and unequal opportunity in segregated mid-century America. In 2015, three young Black women pursued careers as ballerinas, facing many of the same obstacles as their predecessors. Explore larger issues of exclusion, equal opportunity, and change in the ethereal world of ballet.

INDEPENDENT LENS: THE INQUISITOR

WETA PBS | 10:00 PM

Explore the life and legacy of Barbara Jordan in *The Inquisitor*. Jordan was a groundbreaking Texas congresswoman whose sharp intellect and moral clarity transformed U.S. politics. From Nixon's impeachment to civil rights battles, her voice demanded accountability, while she faced private struggles of her own.

Repeats Wed 2/25, 7:30 pm on WETA World; Sat 2/28, 8 pm on WETA Metro

Tuesday, February 24

BLACK AND JEWISH IN AMERICA

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

Hour 4 of 4. Crossroads. Explore the evolving Black and Jewish alliance from the 1970s onward. From affirmative action and political milestones to Middle East tensions and rising hate, the film examines challenges, shared struggles, and the lessons of solidarity in a divided America.

Wednesday, February 25

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR: BEYOND THE MASK

WETA World | 3:00 PM

A documentary about the life and legacy of the first African American poet to earn national fame. Born to former slaves in Dayton, Ohio, Dunbar wrote short stories, novels, and hard-hitting essays critical of lynching and Jim Crow laws. He is best remembered for his poem "We Wear the Mask" and for lines from "Sympathy," which inspired the title of Maya Angelou's famous autobiography "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

Thursday, February 26

BECOMING THURGOOD: AMERICA'S SOCIAL ARCHITECT

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Explore the life and legacy of the nation's first African American Supreme Court justice. This film follows Justice Marshall, known as "Mr. Civil Rights," from his legal career with the NAACP to his 1967 appointment to the nation's highest court.

EVERLASTING: LIFE AND LEGACY OF MEDGAR EVERS

WETA World (NEW) | 8:00 PM

The film honors the life, work, and impact of one of Mississippi's most courageous voices. This powerful two-hour documentary features interviews with the Evers family, colleagues, and historians, offering a moving, personal look at his legacy in the fight for civil rights.



Friday, February 27

MAKING BLACK AMERICA: THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Part 4. Life Beyond the Veil. In the conclusion to the series, host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores how Black cultural and political movements – from Black Power to Black Twitter – embraced a radical consciousness that championed a new generation.

GREAT MIGRATIONS: A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

WETA World | 8:00 PM

Part 4 of 4. Coming to America. This episode tells the story of African and Caribbean immigrants in the United States, examining their profound impact on American culture and what it means to be Black in America.

Saturday, February 28

BLACK FIRE

WETA World | 7:00 PM

This documentary uncovers Washington, D.C.'s music and cultural heritage by highlighting the music, message, and art of the people behind Black Fire Records – a Black-owned independent jazz record label started in the nation's capital in the 1970s.

INDEPENDENT LENS: WE WANT THE FUNK!

WETA World | 8:00 PM

A syncopated voyage through the history of funk music – from African, soul, and early jazz roots through James Brown, Parliament Funkadelic, Labelle, and Fela Kuti – showing the genre's impact on new wave and Hip Hop.

GOSPEL

WETA PBS | 9:00 PM

Hour 4. Gospels Beyond Century. Explore how gospel and preaching achieved platinum-selling success.

INDEPENDENT LENS: RATIFIED

WETA Metro | 9:30 PM

A documentary film brings the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to life through Virginia's pivotal ratification battle. Led by Black women and supported by a multi-racial, multi-generational coalition, this documentary traces the legal, political, and deeply personal fight to enshrine gender equality in the U.S. Constitution, nearly a century after the ERA was first proposed.

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