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Honoring Memorial Day



America at 250 on WETA





WETA Focus

For decades, WETA has been one of the foremost producers of history programming for the PBS system, bringing to the American people countless acclaimed documentaries that illuminate our nation's stories. We also acquire and present a wide array of history and culture programs just for local viewers in the national capital area. As our country's 250th birthday approaches, from this wealth of content, WETA is curating a special collection of series and films — titled *25 for 250* — that explores our history, culture and communities.

Featuring fascinating offerings from filmmaker Ken Burns, scholar Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., history series *American Experience*, and much more — the collection will stream on WETA+ and grow each month with new additions through September. Many of the programs will also air on WETA PBS on Saturday nights. See pages 2-3 for May selections in the collection — and to learn about complementary content such as new and reprised episodes of our local arts and culture series *WETA Arts*, which this month revisits renovations at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

In additional programming marking the nation's semiquincentennial, on WETA Classical channel WETA Virtuoso in May, we debut an intriguing new months-long weekly series — *America 250: A Classical Portrait* — that explores the story of classical music in our nation since the colonial era. Details on this new WETA Classical production can be found on page 21.

Enjoy all of these engaging offerings as we begin ramping up our celebration of America's founding.

Among our other programs this month is the annual Capital Concerts and WETA co-production *National Memorial Day Concert*, a special night of remembrance created for the American public. The show honors and commemorates the service and sacrifice of our country's men and women in uniform and features powerful storytelling and musical performances. We have also scheduled an encore airing of our documentary *Arlington National Cemetery*, which spotlights the history, inner workings and meaning of the sacred place. Learn more on the page opposite this column.

In more May presentations, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with engrossing content across our television channels; we mark iconic naturalist Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a slate of his dazzling nature and paleontology films; and we roll out new episodes of our popular local restaurant series *Signature Dish*.

Thanks for tuning in and streaming, and thank you for your generous support of WETA.

Sharon Percy Rockefeller
President and Chief Executive Officer, WETA

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COURTESY CAPITAL CONCERTS

National Memorial Day Concert 2026

WETA co-production airs Sunday, May 24 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream with WETA+

On Sunday, May 24, Capital Concerts and WETA bring to the American people a national night of remembrance — a moving event hosted by award-winning actors Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. The 90-minute 2026 program marking Memorial Day honors America’s military men and women, and their families, for their courage and sacrifice across 250 years — and pays tribute to all who have given their lives in service to the nation. Featuring musical salutes and powerful stories of American heroes who have defended the United States since 1776, the 37th annual concert includes performances by pop artist Andy Grammer and country music stars Mickey Guyton and Jamey Johnson, along with the National Symphony Orchestra led by

renowned pops conductor Jack Everly. *National Memorial Day Concert* airs May 24 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS and WETA Metro, repeating at 9:30 p.m. Stream the concert with WETA+.

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

Arlington National Cemetery

WETA production airs Sunday, May 24 at 3 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream with WETA+

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

Visiting the cemetery in multiple seasons to follow the staff, mourners and tourists at the site, the film also follows soldiers of The Old Guard — the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment — who stand guard at The Tomb of the Unknowns and train the horses that pull the casket-bearing caissons. Away from the somber rituals of official ceremony, the film shares deeply personal stories, introducing several parents whose children are buried at the cemetery and examining the site’s emotional role in their lives.



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COVER: ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

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WETA Classical

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WETA Celebrates

Public media has always been home to extraordinary content spotlighting America, its people and its journey as a nation. WETA celebrates America at 250 with engaging curated content that explores our collective history and culture. Tune in to WETA PBS and WETA Classical for themed programming each month that shares America's stories.

WETA PBS explores America's Stories

• **WETA Arts** — *Monday, May 18 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS.* May's *WETA Arts* episode returns to the ongoing renovation at George Washington's Mount Vernon, the latest chapter in a preservation story more than 150 years in the making. When the estate fell into disrepair in the mid-19th century, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association stepped in to save the mansion, establishing a model for preserving historic sites nationwide. *WETA Arts* also reprises an episode on the origins of Mount Vernon, Monday, May 11 at 9:30 p.m.

• **Great Performances: Suffs** — *Friday, May 8 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS.* Part of the *Great Performances* series *Broadway's Best*, the acclaimed musical *Suffs* tells the story of the American suffragist movement and the friendships, heartbreak, and action that brought women together — and, in some cases, tore them apart. The production was recorded on Broadway in 2024.

• **American Masters: W.E.B. Du Bois: Rebel with a Cause** — *Tuesday, May 19 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS.*

A new two-hour documentary spotlights the remarkable life of the prolific scholar, author and civil rights pioneer who worked to expose the roots of systemic racism. Viola Davis narrates the film, which features readings by Common, Courtney B. Vance and Jeffrey Wright.

• **Independent Lens: Natchez** — *Monday, May 11 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS.* An award-winning documentary from Memphis-born filmmaker Suzannah Herbert illuminates an unsettling clash between history and memory in a small Mississippi town reliant on antebellum tourism to survive but caught between preserving tradition and confronting the realities buried beneath it.

WETA Classical showcases American music

Find details on pages 20-21 for special themed programming on WETA Virtuoso and WETA Classical.

• **America 250: A Classical Portrait** — A weekly series airing Wednesdays at 2 p.m. on WETA Virtuoso from May through early September features on-air host James Jacobs exploring the story of classical music in America over the past 250 years. Programs delve into composers, artists, history and institutions. Content from the series will air across WETA Classical platforms. Learn more on page 21.

• **Choral Showcase** — In May, WETA Classical's **weekly Sunday-night 9 p.m.** program spotlights American song and poetry throughout the month. See page 20.



Mount Vernon on WETA Arts

COURTESY MOUNT VERNON LADIES' ASSOCIATION



Great Performances: Suffs

JOAN MARCUS

America at 250

Curated 25 for 250 Collection on WETA+ and WETA PBS



WETA debuts the special curated collection *25 for 250* on streaming service WETA+ on May 1, featuring documentaries that explore America and its history. WETA will add five programs each month to the growing collection through September, with many of the titles also airing Saturday nights on WETA PBS. In *25 for 250*, watch for iconic series from Ken Burns and Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., along with critically acclaimed films from *American Experience*, *American Masters*, *Frontline* and more. The collection includes content available with WETA+ with PBS Passport.

- **The American Buffalo** — The 2-part, 4-hour 2023 film, a WETA co-production directed by Ken Burns, presents a biography and history of America's national mammal, exploring the near-decimation and ultimate return of the species — and its connection to Indigenous communities and the land. *The film airs Saturday, May 2, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. on WETA PBS.*
- **The Real Wild West** — A new four-part series reveals the unknown history of America's Wild West. Beyond gunslingers and lawmen, the programs explore stories of the diverse pioneers who shaped the West, including Black and Hispanic cowboys, female homesteaders, immigrants, and tribal leaders. *The series airs Saturday nights, May 9 (9 p.m.) and May 16 (8 p.m.) on WETA PBS.*

- **American Muslims: A History Revealed** — A new series of six short documentary films reveals and explores the early history of Muslims in America. The films are hosted by three leading American Muslim journalists who travel the country to piece together stories spanning more than 200 years. *The series airs Saturday nights, May 9 (11 p.m.) and May 16 (10 p.m.) on WETA PBS.*

- **Asian Americans** — The five-part, Peabody Award-winning 2020 series, co-produced by WETA, chronicles the diverse community's story in the United States through personal histories and individuals lives and spotlights its role in shaping the nation's history and identity. *The series airs Sundays at 5 p.m. starting May 3 (4-6 p.m. on May 24) on WETA PBS.*

- **The American Revolution** — The acclaimed 2025 history series, a Florentine Films and WETA production, was directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt. The 6-part, 12-hour film chronicles America's founding struggle and its origin story, exploring the 1775-1783 War for Independence. *Episodes air in double features on Saturdays starting May 30, 7 p.m. on WETA PBS.*



The American Buffalo

PHOTO BY CRAIG MELLISH



The American Revolution

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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.**

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. To start enjoying Passport, make a qualifying donation of \$8 monthly or \$96 per year at weta.org/wetaplus.

How to Get Started

Visit 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). If you need assistance accessing or setting up WETA+, or WETA+ with PBS Passport, email plushelp@weta.org or call 703-998-2724.

WETA+ Program Collections to Explore, Curated for You by WETA Staff

- **25 for 250** — WETA celebrates America’s 250th birthday with a special curated collection of documentary films and series that explore the nation’s history and culture. Launching May 1, the collection will start with 5 series and grow over time, adding 5 additional programs each month through September. See page 3 for details and May programs.

- **Happy 100th Birthday David Attenborough** — Celebrate renowned natural historian and, as of May 8, *centenarian* Sir David Attenborough with some of his engaging nature and paleontology programs, including the new documentary *Life on Earth: Attenborough’s Greatest Adventure*, spotlighting the making of his iconic, groundbreaking 1979 BBC series. Available May 6.



Asian Americans

- **The Ambassador’s Table: Meet Embassy Chefs** — Add to your world food knowledge before D.C.’s Embassy Week this month with these selected episodes of the engaging series *The Ambassador’s Table*. The short documentaries explore how ambassadors and chefs use the culinary arts as a tool of diplomacy throughout D.C.’s embassy community. Available beginning April 29.

- **Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month** — Enjoy a collection of programming celebrating the history, stories and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, including the 5-part, Peabody Award-winning WETA co-production *Asian Americans*. Available May 1.

- **New Foreign Favorites** — Watch new seasons of some of WETA’s popular foreign language dramas, including *The Nordic Murders, Series 6* (May 1); *Velvet Collection, Series 2* (May 8); *Murder in the Mountains, Series 3* (May 22); and *The Wagner Method, Series 4* (May 29). Available on WETA + with PBS Passport.

Watch Live TV, Anytime, Anywhere

Binge programs and series on WETA+ with PBS Passport



- **Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 2** — Season 2 of the Revolutionary War drama joins Season 1 on Passport. Based on Alexander Rose's book "Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring," the series centers on Abe Woodhull (Jamie Bell), a colonial farmer who bands together with friends to fight for America's independence from Britain. Binge-watch 10 Season 2 episodes, available May 2.

- **Utopia** — An Australian comedy reminiscent of Britain's *Twenty Twelve* and *WIA* follows the working lives of a team in the fictional Nation Building Authority, a newly created government organization that oversees major infrastructure projects from conception to completion. Binge-watch five seasons of the drama (40 episodes), available May 1.

- **Nick Knowles: Heritage Rescue** — Many of the United Kingdom's finest castles and palaces are in disrepair, and their stories and splendor are in danger of disappearing. In this restoration series, host Nick Knowles and a team of artisans and master craftsmen work to return the treasured but troubled historic buildings to their former glory. Binge-watch 6 episodes as of May 1.

- **I Fought the Law** — A British true-crime drama, based on Ann Ming's non-fiction book *For the Love of Julie*, details a couple's campaign to overturn the 800-year-old British double jeopardy law after the murder of their daughter. Sheridan Smith and Daniel York Loh star. Binge-watch the 4-part streaming-only series, available May 10.

- **Quincy Jones, Music Man** — A documentary profiles the recording industry legend (1933-2024) whose work sold more than 150 million records worldwide — including the best-selling album ever, Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, and the fastest-selling U.S. pop single in history, *We Are the World*. Jones worked alongside a wide array of legendary musical artists and left an indelible mark on the music industry. Available May 1.



I Fought the Law



Utopia



Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 2



Independent Lens: Third Act

Monday, May 25 at 10 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream with WETA+

Generations of artists call Robert A. Nakamura the godfather of Asian American film, but Tadashi Nakamura calls him Dad. What begins as Tad's documentary about his father's career and legacy takes a turn with Robert's Parkinson's diagnosis and evolves into something more profound.

An official selection of the 2025 Sundance Film Festival, *Third Act* — a collaboration between father and son — reflects on both inherited trauma and a lifetime of storytelling. Born in the U.S. to Japanese immigrant parents and growing up in Los Angeles, the elder Nakamura spent years in an American internment camp after Pearl Harbor — and then a lifetime reckoning with how his family was treated. The film reveals how trauma reverberates across generations. *Third Act* becomes both a personal farewell and a meditation on what it means to live with — and ultimately make meaning from — the past.



American Muslims: A History Revealed

Saturdays, May 9, 11 p.m. + May 16, 10 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream with WETA+

A series of six short documentary films spotlights the untold early history of Muslims in the United States. *American Muslims: A History Revealed* is hosted by three leading American Muslim journalists: (left, l-r:)

Malika Bilal, Aymann Ismail, and Asma Khalid. Over the course of the series, they travel the country to trace stories spanning more than 200 years, weaving together key moments in U.S. history with the lived experience of Muslims today. The films explore, for example, how enslaved African Muslims challenged slavery; and how immigrant communities were established in the Midwest in the early 1900s — and highlight figures such as Muhammad Khan, an Afghan immigrant who served in the Union Army, to uncover the integral role Muslims played in shaping America.

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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

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

Asian Americans 5 parts: Sundays, 5pm (+4pm on May 24);
Repeats Fridays 4pm (+3pm on May 29);
stream on WETA+ with PBS Passport

American Muslims: A History Revealed 6 parts; Saturdays,
May 9, 11pm + May 16, 10pm

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Tuesdays, 8pm;
Jamie Chung (May 12); Amy Tan (May 19);
Chrissy Teigen (May 26)

Independent Lens: Light of the Setting Sun Mon 5/18, 10pm
Antiques Roadshow: Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage
Mon 5/25, 8pm; Rpts Tue 5/26, 3pm

Dora Fugh Lee: A Life in Art Mon 5/25, 9pm

Independent Lens: Third Act Mon 5/25, 10pm

Secrets of the Dead: China's Bronze Kingdom Wed 5/27, 10pm

Lucky Chow Season 7 Saturdays, 10:30am starting May 16

Indian as Apple Pie Saturdays, 5pm starting May 16

Find additional Heritage Month programs on WETA Metro and WETA World in May.
Stream programs in an Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month collection on WETA+.

Signature Dish, Season 4

New episodes air Mondays, May 11 & 18, 9 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream with WETA+

WETA's Emmy Award-winning restaurant series *Signature Dish* premieres two more new Season 4 episodes. In *Taqueria Time* (May 11), host Seth Tillman goes beyond tacos, beginning his journey at La Tingeria in Falls Church, VA to enjoy the namesake *tostadas de tinga*. Next, he heads to Taqueria Xochi in Navy Yard, DC to savor a stacked Pueblan sandwich: the *chicken cemita*. Last, he visits Ixtapalapa in Gaithersburg, MD to sample the festive Mexican soup *pancita*. In *BBQ Bonanza* (May 18), Seth journeys across the Bay Bridge to enjoy a pork belly sandwich at Bark Barbecue Cafe in Stevensville, MD. Then he heads to DCity Smokehouse in Anacostia to dig into *The Big Snoop*, their loaded twist on the classic half-smoke. And he wraps up at Smokecraft in Arlington, VA for a modern take on cedar plank salmon. Watch for more new *Signature Dish* episodes in the fall. Stream episodes with WETA+ or at weta.org/signaturedish. Follow the series on Instagram via [@signaturedishdc](https://www.instagram.com/signaturedishdc).



At Bark Barbecue Cafe: pitmaster & co-owner Berj Ghazarian with Seth Tillman

JENNA SCHWARTZ FOR WETA

Life on Earth: Attenborough's Greatest Adventure

Wednesday, May 6 at 8 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream with WETA+

A new documentary revisits the groundbreaking series that changed television and cemented Sir David Attenborough's legacy as the most influential wildlife filmmaker of our time. Fifty years after production began on the monumental, innovative nature film *Life on Earth*, this new program offers rare, behind-the-scenes insight into the making of the original BBC series. In 1976, Attenborough embarked on an ambitious three-year global odyssey to film the series; he and his team traveled to 40 countries to document more than 600 species and faced extraordinary challenges along the way. Written and presented by Attenborough, *Life on Earth* set out to explore how life on our planet evolved. Upon its broadcast by PBS stations in 1982, it became the first worldwide natural history blockbuster, mesmerizing viewers with incredible photography and transforming public perception of the natural world.

In celebration of Attenborough's 100th birthday (on May 8), WETA PBS presents paleontology and nature programs featuring the renowned natural historian, Wednesdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. throughout May.



David Attenborough during filming for the *Life on Earth* series

BBC

Rob Reiner: The Director

Tuesday, May 12 at 9 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream with WETA+

A documentary celebrates the extraordinary work of a filmmaker whose contributions to the silver screen entertained a broad audience for decades. *Rob Reiner: The Director* looks back at the American artist's remarkable career, covering his younger days portraying Mike Stivic (aka "Meathead") on the beloved sitcom *All in the Family* — and his role as one of the leading film directors of our time. In the program, film experts comment on Reiner's turn behind the camera; and the program shares clips from his extensive body of work, which includes *This Is Spinal Tap*, *Stand By Me*, *The Princess Bride*, *When Harry Met Sally*, *Misery* and *A Few Good Men*.



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Primetime

WETA PBS in May



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■ Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
1 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	PBS Arts Talk (Ep 4)	Great Performances: Now Hear This: The Iceland Sound		Great Performances: Now Hear This: The Composer Is You	
2 Sat	Enslaved: The Lost History of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Pt 5 of 6)		The American Buffalo (Pts 1 & 2 of 2. <i>Blood Memory/Into the Storm</i>) (to 1am)			
3 Sun	Call the Midwife, Series 15 (Pt 7 of 8)		MaryLand on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 3)		The Count of Monte Cristo on Masterpiece (Pt 7 of 8)	
4 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Grant's Farm, Hour 2		The American Revolution (Pt 5 of 6. <i>The Soul of All America</i>)			
5 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 10 encore (<i>In the Blood</i>)		The American Revolution (Pt 6 of 6. <i>The Most Sacred Thing</i>) (to 11:11pm)			
6 Wed	Life on Earth: Attenborough's Greatest Adventure		NOVA: Decoding the Universe (Pt 1 of 2. <i>Cosmos</i>)		Shared Planet (Pt 2 of 4. <i>Open Spaces</i>)	
7 Thur	Beyond Paradise, Series 1 (Pt 2 of 6)		Dalgliesh, Series 2 (Pt 1 of 6. <i>Death of an Expert Witness, Pt 1</i>)		Whitstable Pearl, Series 2 (Pt 1 of 6)	
8 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	PBS Arts Talk (Ep 5)	Great Performances: <i>Suffs</i> (to 11:30pm)			
9 Sat	Enslaved: The Lost History of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Pt 6 of 6)		The Real Wild West (Pts 1 & 2 of 4)			
10 Sun	Call the Midwife, Series 15 (Pt 8 of 8)		MaryLand on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 3)		The Count of Monte Cristo on Masterpiece (Pt 8 of 8)	
11 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Grant's Farm, Hour 3		Signature Dish: <i>Taqueria Time</i>	WETA Arts (March encore)	Independent Lens: Natchez (to 11:30pm)	
12 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 encore (<i>Far From Home</i>)		Rob Reiner: The Director		Frontline: The President vs. the Fed	
13 Wed	Nature: Attenborough and the Sea Dragon		NOVA: Decoding the Universe (Pt 2 of 2. <i>Quantum</i>)		Shared Planet (Pt 3 of 4. <i>Forests</i>)	
14 Thur	Beyond Paradise, Series 1 (Pt 3 of 6)		Dalgliesh, Series 2 (Pt 2 of 6. <i>Death of an Expert Witness, Pt 2</i>)		Whitstable Pearl, Series 2 (Pt 2 of 6)	
15 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	PBS Arts Talk (Ep 6)	Great Performances: Irving Berlin's <i>Top Hat</i> (to 11:30pm)			
16 Sat	The Real Wild West (Pts 3 & 4 of 4)				American Muslims: A History Revealed (Pts 4-6 of 6) (to 11:30pm)	
17 Sun	Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets: Elizabeth 1, The Warrior Queen		MaryLand on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 3)		Downton Abbey, Series 1 on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 4) (to 11:30pm)	
18 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk 15		Signature Dish: <i>BBQ Bonanza</i>	WETA Arts (May)	Independent Lens: Light of the Setting Sun (to 11:30pm)	
19 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 11 encore (<i>Stranger Than Fiction</i>)		American Masters: W.E.B. Du Bois: Rebel with a Cause			
20 Wed	Nature: Attenborough's Wonder of Song		NOVA: When Whales Could Walk		Shared Planet (Pt 4 of 4. <i>Waters</i>)	
21 Thur	Beyond Paradise, Series 1 (Pt 4 of 6)		Dalgliesh, Series 2 (Pt 3 of 6. <i>A Certain Justice, Pt 1</i>)		Whitstable Pearl, Series 2 (Pt 3 of 6)	
22 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	PBS Arts Talk (Ep 7)	Great Performances: An Evening with Nicole Scherzinger			Great Performances: Now Hear This: Rising Stars (to 11:30pm)
23 Sat	Lincoln@Gettysburg		American Masters: W.E.B. Du Bois: Rebel with a Cause			
24 Sun	National Memorial Day Concert 2026 (encore airing at 9:30pm) + (<i>Downton Abbey, Series 1, Pt 2</i> at 11pm)					
25 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage		Dora Fugh Lee: A Life in Art	WETA Arts (May encore)	Independent Lens: Third Act (to 11:30pm)	
26 Tues	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 11 encore (<i>Dreamers One and All</i>)		American Experience: Seabiscuit		Frontline: The War Cabinet (to 11:30pm)	
27 Wed	Nature: Attenborough and the Jurassic Sea Monster		NOVA: Great Mammoth Mystery		Secrets of the Dead: China's Bronze Kingdom	
28 Thur	Beyond Paradise, Series 1 (Pt 5 of 6)		Dalgliesh, Series 2 (Pt 4 of 6. <i>A Certain Justice, Pt 2</i>)		Whitstable Pearl, Series 2 (Pt 4 of 6)	
29 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Great Performances: Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy			R. Stevens' Art of Europe: Beauty Through the Ages	
30 Sat	(from 7pm.) The American Revolution (Pts 1 & 2 of 6) (to 12m)					
31 Sun	Pavarotti 90: The Man Who Moved the World				Downton Abbey, Series 1 on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 4) (to 12m)	

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)

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TV Listings

WETA PBS in May

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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.



STEFFAN HILL/ACORN TV/AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION



Sundays at 7 p.m. starting May 3 on WETA PBS

British detective drama *Dalgliesh*, starring Bertie Carvel as the enigmatic police inspector, enters Season 2, featuring 6 episodes. Programs repeat Thursdays at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS.

1 Friday

WEEKDAYS IN MAY:

- 6AM** NHK NEWSLINE
- 6:30AM** BBC NEWS
- 7AM** (Mondays:) COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS
- 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 WORLD NEWS AMERICA
- 7:00** PBS NEWS HOUR – Each weeknight, the WETA production presents in-depth news reports and analysis of current events with a news summary, live studio interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett anchor. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**

- 8:00** WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – In WETA's weekly production, *The Atlantic* editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg moderates a roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major news stories from the nation's capital. Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 5/2, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/3, 11:30am; Mon 5/4, 7:30am**
- 8:30** PBS ARTS TALK – Artists and cultural icons discuss their craft and careers in thought-provoking conversations. *Episode 4. Misty Copeland with Nathaniel Mary Quinn. Repeats Sat 5/2, 7:30pm*
- 9:00** GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: THE ICELAND SOUND – Journey across Iceland with host Scott Yoo to uncover how volcanoes and tight-knit communities inspire artists and why the small nation produces extraordinary music. **Repeats Mon 5/4, 3pm**
- 10:00** GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: THE COMPOSER IS YOO – Follow host Scott Yoo's journey to compose a piece of music for the first time. Seeking counsel from other composers, Yoo revisits his heritage in search of ideas, performs landmark pieces for inspiration, and tests his work in progress. **Repeats Mon 5/4, 4pm**
- 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. **Repeats next weekday, 5pm**

2 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 the 7 p.m. listing.
- 10AM** SAVERS OF FLAVOR (starts May 23)
- 10:30** TRUE NORTH (May 2 & 9)
- 10:30** LUCKY CHOW (starts May 16)
- 11AM** AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED
- 11:30** SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4
- 12N** NEW SCANDINAVIAN KITCHEN
- 12:30** CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION
- 1:00** FORK & HAMMER
- 1:30** LIDIA'S KITCHEN
- 2:00** SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS
- 2:00** WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE (starts May 9)
- 2:30** KITCHEN CURIOUS WITH VIVIAN HOWARD
- 3:00** J SCHWANKE'S LIFE IN BLOOM
- 3:30** LIFE OF LOI
- 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
- 5:00** INDIAN AS APPLE PIE (starts May 16)
- 5:30** THIS OLD HOUSE
- 6:00** HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS – Dive into the world of science, health, technology, and environmental issues making headlines each week. *PBS News Hour's* William Brangham hosts in-depth discussions featuring leading experts. **Repeats Sunday, noon**
- 6:30** WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R
- 7:00** IT'S ACADEMIC – It's the playoffs! The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing this week are Jefferson, McLean, and Montgomery Blair high schools. **Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetaps. Repeats Mon 5/18, 3:30pm**
- 7:30** PBS ARTS TALK – *Episode 4. Misty Copeland with Nathaniel Mary Quinn. R*
- 8:00** ENSLAVED: THE LOST HISTORY OF THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE – *Part 5 of 6. Resistance.* Learn about the African resistance to slavery and about the Underground Railroad.



BBC STUDIOS

Wednesday, May 6 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Life on Earth: Attenborough's Greatest Adventure, airing as iconic naturalist Sir David Attenborough turns 100, explores the making of his groundbreaking series. Additional Attenborough programs air 8 p.m. Wednesdays in May – and Sunday afternoons on WETA PBS.



ACORN TV/AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION

**Thursdays at 10 p.m. starting May 7 on WETA PBS**

British crime drama *Whitstable Pearl* enters Season 2, starring Kerry Godliman as single mother and restaurateur Pearl, who runs a private detective agency in her coastal town, Whitstable. Series 2 (6 episodes) also features Howard Charles and Frances Barber.

- 9:00 THE AMERICAN BUFFALO** – A 2023 WETA and Florentine Films co-production directed by Ken Burns tells the story of the near extinction and improbable rescue of America's national mammal. *Part 1 of 2. Blood Memory.* Once numbering in the tens of millions and sustaining the lives of Native people, the American buffalo is driven to the brink of extinction. Filmmaker Ken Burns recounts the tragic collision of two opposing views of the natural world.
- 11:00 THE AMERICAN BUFFALO** – *Part 2 of 2. Into the Storm.* By the late 1880s, the buffalo are decimated, but a diverse and unlikely collection of Americans starts a movement that saves the national mammal from being lost forever.
- 1AM ASIAN AMERICANS** – *Part 1 of 5. Breaking Ground.* See the May 3, 5 p.m. listing.

3 Sunday

6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

- 9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**
- 9:30 EUROMAXX AT ITS BEST**
- 10AM DW EUROMAXX – LIFESTYLE EUROPE**
- 10:30 MOTORWEEK**
- 11AM FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 12N HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – R
- 12:30 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – Repeats 6pm
- 1:00 NOVA: ATHENS: BIRTH OF DEMOCRACY** – R
- 2:00 NATURE: WOODPECKERS: THE HOLE STORY** – R
- 3:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH'S LIFE JOURNEY** – In this reprised program, celebrate Sir David Attenborough (who turns 100 this May) via unique highlights of his incredible life, from his boyhood days as a fossil hunter, through his early days as a BBC host, to his revered status as the foremost natural history presenter in modern television.
- 4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – *Season 8 encore: Hidden in the Genes.* (Guests: Rebecca Hall and Lee Daniels) R
- 5:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – A Peabody Award-winning WETA co-production explores the impact of Asian Americans on the United States' past, present and future, told through individual lives and personal histories. *Part 1 of 5. Breaking Ground.* See how new immigrants from China, India, Japan, the Philippines and beyond, despite anti-Asian laws, build railroads, dazzle in Hollywood, and fight for equality. Repeats Fri 5/8, 4pm
- 6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – Join *PBS News Hour's* Nick Schiffrin and a panel of experts analyzing prominent international affairs topics. Repeats Mon 7am
- 6:30 TRUE NORTH** – *Episode 3 of 3. Running with the Big Dogs.* After losing her mother to a stroke, a woman originally from the DMV and now living in Puerto Rico finds her life's purpose by starting a free-range shelter for abused dogs at her home.
- 7:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – Enigmatic Inspector Adam Dalgliesh (Bertie Carvel) investigates more crimes in 1970s England. *Part 1 of 6. Death of an Expert Witness, Pt. 1.* Dalgliesh investigates the death of scientist

Dr. Edmund Lorrimer at Hoggatt's Forensic Laboratory and soon learns that the late doctor was not a popular figure. Repeats midnight; Thur 5/7, 9pm

- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 15** – *Part 7 of 8.* Despite the closure notice, a new cohort of junior doctors joins the midwives – including Timothy, who observes the contrast between clinical medicine and compassionate care at Nonnatus House. Violet announces her plan to shadow the midwives. Repeats 1am
- 9:00 MARYLAND ON MASTERPIECE** – Follow two estranged sisters who reunite to unearth the truth about their mother's sudden death and her double life. Suranne Jones and Eve Best star. *Part 1 of 3.* Sisters Becca and Rosaline receive unimaginable news about their mother. They fly to the Isle of Man to learn more. Repeats 2am
- 10:00 THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 7 of 8. The Duel.* As Edmond's campaign of revenge continues, Fernand's misdeeds are made public. Outraged by his father's downfall, Fernand and Mercedes' son Albert challenges Edmond to a duel. But with such high stakes, it may be time to reveal the truth. Repeats 3am
- 11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – *Season 8 encore: Hidden in the Genes.* (Guests: Rebecca Hall and Lee Daniels) R
- 12M-4AM** See the 7-11 p.m. listings.

4 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. Repeats next day, 7am
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: GRANT'S FARM, HOUR 2** – *Roadshow* harvests treasures at historic Grant's Farm in St. Louis, Missouri, including a 1960 Ansel Adams Portfolio III: Yosemite Valley; a Persian Qashqai Gabbeh rug, ca. 1935; and 1959 JFK boxers with signed photo. One find reaches \$40,000-\$60,000. Repeats Sat 5/9, 2am
- 9:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – The production of Florentine Films and WETA continues. *Part 5 of 6. The Soul of All America.* After Valley Forge and Monmouth, the French-American alliance changes the war and moves it to other theaters. Navies battle off England and in the Caribbean, while armies advance in Indian Country and the South. The British take Charleston. Repeats Tue 5/5, 3pm

5 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series produced in association with WETA, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 10 encore: In the Blood.* Gates explores the roots of actor Michael Douglas and writer-director Lena Dunham. Repeats Sun 5/10, 4pm
- 9:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – *Part 6 of 6. The Most Sacred Thing.* British General Cornwallis struggles to pacify the southern states. Supported by the French, Washington wins the decisive victory at Yorktown. With independence secured, Americans aspire for a more perfect union. (to 11:11pm) Repeats Wed 5/6, 3pm



RYAN WILKE

Wednesdays, May 6, 13 & 20, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
The miniseries *Shared Planet* continues with three episodes: *Open Spaces, Forests and Waters.* The programs, filmed around the globe, explore how sharing space with wildlife can benefit people. Above: A lion stalks gazelles on the savanna in Kenya.



Friday, May 8 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Great Performances presents *Suffs*, Shaina Taub's Tony-winning Broadway musical about the American women's suffrage movement. Above: Anastacia McCleskey, Laila Erica Drew and Nikki M. James.

6 Wednesday

- 8:00 LIFE ON EARTH: ATTENBOROUGH'S GREATEST ADVENTURE** – In 1976, Sir David Attenborough embarked on an ambitious journey to create a documentary series of unprecedented scale, changing his life and natural history filmmaking forever. Discover the story behind TV's first wildlife blockbuster: *Life on Earth*. **Repeats Thur 5/7, 3pm; Sun 5/10, 2pm; Mon 5/11, 4pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: DECODING THE UNIVERSE** – *Part 1 of 2. Cosmos*. How big is the universe? Will it ever end? Why is so much of it made of mysterious dark matter and energy? See how mind-bending discoveries over the past 50 years have revolutionized our understanding of the universe. **Repeats Thur 5/7, 4pm; Sun 5/10, 1pm**
- 10:00 SHARED PLANET** – In an ongoing miniseries, learn how people and wildlife thrive together, shaping a more hopeful future for our planet. *Part 2 of 4. Open Spaces*. Despite the loss of much of the world's grasslands on some continents, a new wave of optimism is rising. From Kenya to Mexico, witness how people and wildlife are finding a harmonious balance in Earth's most vulnerable landscapes.
- 12:30AM PBS ARTS TALK** – *Episode 5. Rhiannon Giddens with Elvis Costello. R.*
- 1AM ASIAN AMERICANS** – *Part 2 of 5. A Question of Loyalty*. See the May 10, 5 p.m. listing.

7 Thursday

- 8:00 BEYOND PARADISE, SERIES 1** – Kris Marshall and Sally Bretton star. *Part 2 of 6*. Humphrey and Martha throw themselves into work. Humphrey investigates one of his strangest cases ever: an entire family has vanished from its house, with the TV and lights left on and dinner half-eaten. Meanwhile, Martha prepares to open her new café. Local vineyard owner Archie, Martha's ex-fiancé, offers to become a partner in the café business.
- 9:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – *Part 1 of 6. Death of an Expert Witness, Pt. 1*. See the Sunday, May 3, 7 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:00 WHITSTABLE PEARL, SERIES 2** – Single mother Pearl (Kerry Godliman) runs a private detective agency – her longheld ambition – from her family restaurant in the coastal town of Whitstable. *Part 1 of 6. Babylon*. Returning home from visiting his son Kruz in France, Dan Tomlin crashes his car and wakes up in the hospital with Kruz missing and Dan's ex-wife accusing him of kidnapping the boy.

8 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 5/9, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/10, 11:30am; Mon 5/11, 7:30am**
- 8:30 PBS ARTS TALK** – *Episode 5. Rhiannon Giddens with Elvis Costello. Repeats Sat 5/9, 7:30pm, 12:30am*
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: SUFFS** – Witness the American women's suffrage movement in this Tony-winning Broadway musical. Created by Shaina Taub, the musical features a cast that includes Taub as Alice Paul, Tony-winner Nikki M. James as Ida B. Wells, and Tony-nominee Jenn Colella as Carrie Chapman Catt. (2.5 hrs.)

9 Saturday

- 6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 2 listings.**
- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – *Repeats Sunday, noon*
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – It's the playoffs! The long-running high school TV quiz show is taped in WETA's television studio; competing this week are St. Albans, Langley, and Burke high schools. **Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetapbs. Repeats Mon 5/18, 4pm**
- 7:30 PBS ARTS TALK** – *Episode 5. Rhiannon Giddens with Elvis Costello. R*
- 8:00 ENSLAVED: THE LOST HISTORY OF THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE** – *Part 6 of 6. Abolition*. The final episode of the series explores the politics that brought the enslavement of Africans in the West to an end. Divers search for *The London*, a ship that re-enslaved freed Africans from St. Lucia and illegally trafficked them to England.
- 9:00 THE REAL WILD WEST** – A miniseries reveals the unknown history of America's Wild West, spotlighting the diverse pioneers who shaped the country, including Black and Hispanic cowboys, female homesteaders, immigrants, and tribal leaders. *Part 1 of 4. Into the Wild*. Historians and others tell the untold stories of the Wild West, including the history of Native Americans who were there long before "the West was won."
- 10:00 THE REAL WILD WEST** – *Part 2 of 4. Wars for the West*. The U.S. provokes a war with Mexico, taking California and much of the Southwest. The United States then stretches coast to coast. The next great flashpoint isn't about land, but slavery, with abolitionists fighting to stop its spread to the new territories, leading to the Civil War. Once the war is over, the U.S. military turns to the western frontier; and the U.S. government forces Native American tribes onto reservations.
- 11:00 AMERICAN MUSLIMS: A HISTORY REVEALED** – A short-form documentary series explores essential stories of Muslims in America since the mid-1700s. *Part 1 of 6. Is This One of America's First Mosques?*; *Part 2 of 6. From Slavery to Freedom: The Untold Story of America's First Muslims*; *Part 3 of 6. Fighting for Freedom: The Little-Known Story of Muslims and the Civil War*.
- 12:30AM PBS ARTS TALK** – *Episode 5. Rhiannon Giddens with Elvis Costello. R.*
- 1AM ASIAN AMERICANS** – *Part 2 of 5. A Question of Loyalty*. See the May 10, 5 p.m. listing.

10 Sunday

- 6AM-1PM See the Sunday, May 3 listings.**
- 1:00 NOVA: DECODING THE UNIVERSE** – *Part 1 of 2. Cosmos. R*
- 2:00 LIFE ON EARTH: ATTENBOROUGH'S GREATEST ADVENTURE** – **R**
- 3:00 NATURE: MUSEUM ALIVE WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH** – Sir David Attenborough explores London's Natural History Museum and meets some of the most extraordinary creatures from the past. Advanced CGI puts Attenborough face to face with a saber-toothed tiger, a giant eagle, and a colossal snake. **Repeats Mon 5/11, 3pm**



Saturdays, May 9, 9 p.m. & May 16, 8 p.m. on WETA PBS
The four-part miniseries *The Real Wild West*, airing over two nights, explores the unknown history of America's West, spotlighting diverse people who shaped the country, including Black and Hispanic cowboys, female homesteaders, tribal leaders and more.



SIGNATURE DISH A WETA PRODUCTION

Mondays, May 11 & 18, 9 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8 p.m. on WETA Metro
WETA's local restaurant series *Signature Dish* presents two new Season 4 episodes, *Taqueria Time* and *BBQ Bonanza*. Above: Host Seth Tillman with chef David Peña at Falls Church's La Tingeria.

- 4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – Season 10 encore: *In the Blood*. **R**
- 5:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – Part 2 of 5. *A Question of Loyalty*. Meet an American-born generation that straddles the U.S. and their parents' original homelands in Asia. Loyalties are tested during World War II, when families are imprisoned in detention camps and brothers find themselves on opposite sides of battle lines. **Repeats Fri 5/15, 4pm**
- 6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Rpts Mon 7am**
- 6:30 UTOPIA** – An Australian comedy, set inside the offices of a newly created government organization, the "Nation Building Authority" (NBA), follows the working life of a team in charge of guiding major infrastructure projects. *Part 1 of 8. Wood for the Trees*. Attempts to sign an international development deal are compromised by Rhonda's decision to redesign the NBA's logo. Nat must find room for a community garden in a waterfront development. **Repeats 11pm**
- 7:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – Part 2 of 6. *Death of an Expert Witness, Pt. 2*. After a second murder, Dalgliesh and his team dig into the least likely of places to uncover a web of deceit, power struggles, and desperation. **Repeats 11:30pm; Thur 5/14, 9pm**
- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 15** – Part 8 of 8. As Sister Veronica weighs her future with the Order, Dr. Turner makes a final stand against the council's news before the maternity home closes. Elsewhere, the Mullucks campaign for the rights of thalidomide victims. **Rpts 12:30am**
- 9:00 MARYLAND ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 2 of 3. As Becca and Rosaline deal with the fallout from their mother's death, new revelations emerge, and the sisters cope in different and sometimes destructive ways. **Rpts 1:30am**
- 10:00 THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 8 of 8. *The Last Two*. With one enemy out of the way, Edmond works to ensure that the remaining two pay for their crimes against him. A possible future with Mercedes awaits, but after years of deceit, is he still the same man? **Repeats 2:30am**
- 11:00 UTOPIA** – Part 1 of 8. *Wood for the Trees*. **R**
- 11:30PM-3:30AM** See the 7-11 p.m. listings.

11 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: GRANT'S FARM, HOUR 3** – Catch a crop of *Roadshow* discoveries at Grant's Farm in St. Louis, including a Cartier Art Deco Tutti Frutti clutch, ca. 1925; a Carl Kauba cowboy bronze, ca. 1900; and a Sumerian cuneiform tablet, ca. 2150 BCE. One find has a value of up to \$100K. **Repeats Tue 5/12, 3pm**
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4: TAQUERIA TIME** – In a new episode of WETA's local restaurant series, host Seth Tillman explores local taquerias beyond just tacos, enjoying dishes that you've always been curious about.

From a hearty Pueblan *cemita* to a fiery, adventurous soup made with tripe, he uncovers the bold range of flavors in Mexican cooking. **Repeats Tue 5/12, 4pm**

- 9:30 WETA ARTS** – In an encore presentation, WETA's series spotlights recent large-scale restoration work at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Renovation of the mansion has revealed new insights about Washington – the private person behind the public figure. See May 18 for a new *WETA Arts* episode exploring more about the history of the estate. **Repeats Tues 5/12, 4:30pm**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: NATCHEZ** – In a Mississippi town, historic homes fuel a tourism economy rooted in antebellum nostalgia. Through tour guides, homeowners, and activists, the film *Natchez* captures how public history is performed and how unresolved racial tensions have shaped the town. (90 min.) **Rpts Sat 5/16, 11:30pm**

12 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series produced in association with WETA, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 9 encore: Far From Home*. Gates explores the ancestries of Cyndi Lauper and actors Jamie Chung and Danny Trejo, exploring records in Italy, Korea and Mexico to uncover ancestors whose stories were lost when their families immigrated. **Repeats Wed 5/13, 3pm; Sun 5/17, 4pm**
- 9:00 ROB REINER: THE DIRECTOR** – A documentary celebrates the extraordinary work of one of the leading film directors of our time. Experts comment on Reiner's legacy and share clips from his films, including *This Is Spinal Tap*, *Stand By Me*, *The Princess Bride*, *When Harry Met Sally*, *Misery* and *A Few Good Men*. **Repeats Wed 5/13, 4pm**
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: THE PRESIDENT VS. THE FED** – *Frontline* explores President Trump's unprecedented challenges to the Federal Reserve and what they mean for the economy as the central bank steers it through an increasingly precarious moment.

13 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH AND THE SEA DRAGON** – Join Sir David Attenborough as he pieces together the discovery of the Ichthyosaur, a fearsome fish lizard that lived during the age of dinosaurs. **Repeats Thur 5/14, 3pm; Sun 5/17, 2pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: DECODING THE UNIVERSE** – Part 2 of 2. *Quantum*. When we look at the world at the tiniest scales, things get weird. Take a wild ride through the quantum world, from the discoveries that reveal its strange rules to the amazing technologies it unlocks – with more powerful possibilities to come. **Repeats Thur 5/14, 4pm; Sun 5/17, 1pm**
- 10:00 SHARED PLANET** – Part 3 of 4. *Forests*. Forests are the lungs of our planet, yet millions of hectares vanish every year. Journey from Guatemala to Japan to meet the pioneers sharing space with wildlife and restoring the way we coexist and cultivate among the trees.



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Friday, May 15 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Great Performances presents *Top Hat*, an acclaimed musical based on the classic 1935 movie starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The production features a timeless Irving Berlin score that includes the songs "Cheek to Cheek" and "Puttin' on the Ritz."



NOAH COLLIER

Monday, May 11 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

Independent Lens: Natchez explores how tourism, memory, and race collide in a Mississippi town with an economy built on antebellum nostalgia. The film examines how public history is performed and how unresolved racial tensions have shaped the community.

14 Thursday

- 8:00 BEYOND PARADISE, SERIES 1** – Part 3 of 6. The community of Shipton Abbott is rocked when a beloved painting disappears in a seemingly impossible heist. Humphrey tries to find some common ground with Archie.
- 9:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – Part 2 of 6. *Death of an Expert Witness, Pt. 2*. See the Sunday, May 10, 7 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:00 WHITSTABLE PEARL, SERIES 2** – Part 2 of 6. *Night Terrors*. Housebound with a broken leg, Mike observes neighbors in the building complex opposite him. Witnessing a man's night terrors, he suspects a sinister plot against the man's wife.

15 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats 5/16, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/17, 11:30am; Mon 5/18, 7:30am**
- 8:30 PBS ARTS TALK** – Episode 6. Henry Winkler with Jimmy Kimmel. **Repeats Sat 5/16, 7:30pm**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: IRVING BERLIN'S TOP HAT** – Enjoy this acclaimed musical inspired by the 1935 movie starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and featuring a score by Irving Berlin that includes classic songs such as "Cheek to Cheek," "Let's Face the Music and Dance" and "Puttin' on the Ritz." (2.5 hrs.)

16 Saturday

6AM-6PM See the Saturday, May 2 listings.

- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Repeats Sunday, noon**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – It's the season final! The long-running high school TV quiz show is taped in WETA's television studio; competing for the championship are Poolesville, Montgomery Blair, and St. Albans high schools. **Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetapbs. Repeats Mon 5/18, 4:30pm**
- 7:30 PBS ARTS TALK** – Episode 6. Henry Winkler with Jimmy Kimmel. **R**
- 8:00 THE REAL WILD WEST** – Part 3 of 4. *Boom and Bust*. The new West is a land of unprecedented opportunity. Prospectors rush to gold fields. Boomtowns appear overnight and a transcontinental railroad, built through mountains of solid granite, allows travelers to cross the country in seven days. It is a century of ambition, greed, fame and fortune.
- 9:00 THE REAL WILD WEST** – Part 4 of 4. *Mayhem and Myth*. The Wild West is born out of the desperation following the Civil War. Outlaws and lawmen become legends. Although many seemingly eternal archetypes emerge, it is Buffalo Bill and his Wild West Show that create the myths of the West, and Hollywood begins turning facts into fiction.
- 10:00 AMERICAN MUSLIMS: A HISTORY REVEALED** – A short-form documentary series explores essential stories of Muslims in America since the mid-1700s. *Part 4 of 6. How South Asian Muslims and Mexican Americans*

United in the 1920s; Part 5 of 6. How Muslims Influenced Thomas Jefferson and America's Founders; Part 6 of 6. How Islam Influenced Black Americans in 1920s Chicago.

11:30 INDEPENDENT LENS: NATCHEZ – **R**

1AM ASIAN AMERICANS – Part 3 of 5. *Good Americans*. See the May 17, 5 p.m. listing.

17 Sunday

6AM-1PM See the Sunday, May 3 listings.

- 1:00 NOVA: DECODING THE UNIVERSE** – Part 2 of 2. *Quantum*. **R**
- 2:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH AND THE SEA DRAGON** – **R**
- 3:00 NOVA: DINOSAUR APOCALYPSE: THE NEW EVIDENCE** – Sir David Attenborough explores how a North Dakota fossil dig could reveal clues to what happened when an asteroid struck Earth and wiped out the dinosaurs.
- 4:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – Season 9 encore: *Far From Home*. **R**
- 5:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – Part 3 of 5. *Good Americans*. Learn how Asian Americans are simultaneously heralded as a model minority and targeted as the perpetual foreigner during the Cold War. It is also a time of bold ambition, as Asian Americans aspire to national political office. **Repeats Fri 5/22, 4pm**
- 6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Rpts Mon 7am**
- 6:30 UTOPIA** – Part 2 of 8. *Protected Species*. Tony is forced to step in when an endangered grass threatens to derail plans for a new container terminal. Rhonda is convinced that the NBA needs a major overhaul of its website.
- 7:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – Part 3 of 6. *A Certain Justice, Pt. 1*. Dalgliesh, Kate Miskin, and new DS Daniel Tarrant investigate the murder of an abrasive female barrister who successfully defended a shady young man on murder charges, only for him to begin dating her daughter. **Repeats 11:30pm; Thur 5/21, 9pm**
- 8:00 LUCY WORSLEY'S ROYAL MYTHS & SECRETS** – *Elizabeth I, The Warrior Queen*. Join British historian Lucy Worsley for an exploration of how Elizabeth I's image as a warrior queen, created by a series of myths and secrets about her victory over the Spanish Armada, shaped British national identity for centuries. **Repeats 12:30am**
- 9:00 MARYLAND ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 3 of 3. Everything comes to a head as Richard and Jim arrive on the Isle of Man. Mary's actions continue to have an impact on the entire family as they try to heal and reconnect. **Rpts 1:30am**
- 10:00 DOWNTON ABBEY, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** – WETA reprises the classic drama created by Oscar-winning writer Julian Fellowes (*Gosford Park*) depicting the lives of members of a noble family and the staff that serves them at their Yorkshire country manor. Hugh Bonneville, Dame Maggie Smith and Elizabeth McGovern star. *Part 1 of 4*. When *Titanic* sinks, Lord Grantham loses his immediate heirs and his daughter Mary loses her fiancé, throwing Downton Abbey into turmoil. The estate's new heir turns out to be a lowly lawyer with novel ideas about country life. **Rpts 2:30am**
- 11:30-4AM See the 7-11:30 p.m. listings.**



CARNIVAL FILM & TELEVISION LTD FOR MASTERPIECE

Sundays starting May 17 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

WETA reprises the acclaimed drama *Downton Abbey* on *Masterpiece*. The storyline, set during the years 1912-1925, follows members of a family of nobles and the staff that serves them at their Yorkshire estate. Above: Dame Maggie Smith is among the cast.

18 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 15** – Learn about never-before-seen items from *Roadshow's* 30th season, including a 1961 JFK Santa Claus Letter; a 1979 Ed Ruscha Stage Fright ink on paper; and a John Juzek violin, ca. 1950. Guess the big find. **Repeats Tue 5/19, 3pm; Sat 5/23, 2am**
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4: BBQ BONANZA** – In a new episode of WETA's local restaurant series, host Seth Tillman dives into the DMV's smoky flavors, from a rich Texas-style pork belly to a leveled-up version of a half-smoke. Along the way, he discovers the magic of fire and barbecue technique in every bite. **Repeats Tue 5/19, 4pm**
- 9:30 WETA ARTS** – The May episode highlights a sweeping renovation at George Washington's Mount Vernon – the latest chapter in a preservation story more than 150 years in the making. By the mid-19th century, the estate had fallen into near ruin. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association not only saved the mansion, but also established a model for preserving historic sites. **Repeats Tue 5/19, 4:30pm**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: LIGHT OF THE SETTING SUN** – After a family member suffers a mental breakdown, filmmaker Vicky Du traces generational trauma rooted in her family's displacement during China's 1949 revolution. (90 min.)

19 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series produced in association with WETA, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 11* **encore: Stranger Than Fiction**. Gates explores the family trees of two award-winning writers: novelist Amy Tan and poet Rita Dove. **Repeats Sat 5/23, midnight**
- 9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: W.E.B. DU BOIS: REBEL WITH A CAUSE** – Explore the life and legacy of the eminent Black scholar and civil rights pioneer. He was born just five years after the Emancipation Proclamation and passed away on the eve of the March on Washington in 1963. His legacy as an activist still resonates today. **Repeats Wed 5/20, 3pm; Sat 5/23, 9pm**

20 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH'S WONDER OF SONG** – Sir David Attenborough presents seven remarkable animal songs found in nature and explores the significance of each in the lives of their species. **Repeats Thur 5/21, 3pm; Sun 5/24, 2pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: WHEN WHALES COULD WALK** – A fossil graveyard in the Sahara Desert reveals a 43-million-year-old whale that had four legs and could walk. Follow scientists as they search for new clues to how mammals moved from land into the sea to become the largest animals on Earth. **Repeats Thur 5/21, 4pm; Sun 5/24, 1pm**
- 10:00 SHARED PLANET** – *Part 4 of 4. Waters*. From the reefs of Indonesia to an Idaho beaver dam, dive into stories of people setting a new standard for aquatic wildlife protection, key to a hopeful future for the largest and most essential habitat on our planet.

21 Thursday

- 8:00 BEYOND PARADISE, SERIES 1** – *Part 4 of 6*. Humphrey and the team face another of their strangest cases yet when a dead man is found in the center of a crop circle. When the investigation leads to the site of an illegal rave, the team is reunited with a familiar face who might be the key to the case. Meanwhile, Martha faces a professional challenge.
- 9:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – *Part 3 of 6. A Certain Justice, Pt. 1*. See the Sunday, May 17, 7 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:00 WHITSTABLE PEARL, SERIES 2** – *Part 3 of 6. The Offer*. After inheriting a beloved local pub from her mother, Molly Stratton puts it up for sale to the highest bidder instead of selling it back to the community – and begins receiving anonymous threats.

22 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 5/23, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/24, 11:30am; Mon 5/25, 7:30am**
- 8:30 PBS ARTS TALK** – *Episode 7. Misty Copeland with Twyla Tharp*.
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: AN EVENING WITH NICOLE SCHERZINGER** – In 2024, Nicole Scherzinger garnered Olivier and Tony awards for her star turn in London West End and Broadway reimaginings of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Boulevard*. In 2025, the former Pussy-cat Dolls singer returned to London for a solo concert at Royal Albert Hall that showcased her pop hits and Broadway classics.
- 10:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: RISING STARS** – Series host Scott Yoo visits Juilliard Pre-College to make music with some of tomorrow's virtuosos; and he travels to Singapore to meet rising star Chloe Chua, who reminds Yoo of the dedication and passion required to prepare for a professional career. (60 min.)

23 Saturday

- 6AM-6PM** See the Saturday, May 2 listings.
- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Repeats Sunday, noon**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN** – In this documentary series, a WETA co-production, David Rubenstein explores America's history through examinations of iconic national symbols: indelible artifacts, places and archetypes. *Stone Mountain*. Learn about the fate of the monument at Stone Mountain, Georgia, the Confederate Mount Rushmore, which reveals a nation wrestling with its past.
- 8:00 LINCOLN@GETTYSBURG** – In 1863, Abraham Lincoln utilized a high-tech command center; the telegraph gave him the power to wield control across distant battlefields and have his finger on the pulse of the nation. This flow of communication led to dramatic moments in the Civil War and shaped the words Lincoln would use in his famous speech at Gettysburg.
- 9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: W.E.B. DU BOIS: REBEL WITH A CAUSE** – **R**
- 11:00 HARRIET TUBMAN: VISIONS OF FREEDOM** – Go beyond the legend and meet the woman who repeatedly risked her own life and freedom to liberate others from slavery. One of the greatest freedom fighters in U.S. history, Tubman was an Underground Railroad conductor, a Civil War scout, and a spy.
- 12M FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – *Season 11* **encore: Stranger Than Fiction. R**
- 1AM ASIAN AMERICANS** – *Part 4 of 5. Generation Rising*. See the May 24, 4 p.m. listing.

24 Sunday

- 6AM-1PM** See the Sunday, May 3 listings.
- 1:00 NOVA: WHEN WHALES COULD WALK** – **R**



Wednesday, May 20 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
WETA reprises *Nature: Attenborough's Wonder of Song*, in which naturalist Sir David Attenborough presents seven of the most remarkable animal songs found in nature and explores the significance of each in the lives of their respective species.

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Friday, May 22 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Great Performances: An Evening with Nicole Scherzinger presents the Tony-winner's 2025 return to Royal Albert Hall in a solo show with full orchestra, performing pop hits and Broadway favorites, including songs from her role in *Sunset Boulevard*.

- 2:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH'S WONDER OF SONG – R**
3:00 ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY – A WETA production spotlights Arlington National Cemetery; an active national cemetery; a sacred space; an extraordinary tourist destination; and a place of grief, reflection, and healing for thousands of families whose loved ones are interred there.
- 4:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – Part 4 of 5. *Generation Rising*. A younger generation fights for equality in the fields, on campuses and in the culture, and new immigrants and war refugees expand the population and definition of Asian American.
- 5:00 ASIAN AMERICANS** – Part 5 of 5. *Breaking Through*. Revisit the turn of the millennium, when Asian Americans are empowered by growing numbers and rising influence but face a reckoning surrounding what it means to be an American in an increasingly polarized society.
- 6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS – Rpts Mon 7am**
6:30 UTOPIA – Part 3 of 8. *Very Fast Turnover*. Tony must investigate the feasibility of a very fast train but is hampered by staff turnover. Amy decides to conduct an office safety audit. **Repeats 1:30am**
- 7:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – Part 4 of 6. *A Certain Justice, Pt. 2*. As Dalgliesh's team sorts out the motives surrounding the victim's murder, they are running out of time to save her daughter from her dangerous fiancé. **Repeats 12:30am; Thur 5/28, 9pm**
- 8:00 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2026** – America's national night of remembrance, broadcast live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, honors the courage, sacrifice and service of generations of the nation's men and women in uniform – and features a special segment honoring those who have given their lives in service to the nation. The WETA co-production, hosted by Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise, presents the 2026 concert, featuring personal stories and tributes interwoven with musical performances by renowned artists and the National Symphony Orchestra. See page 1 for details on this year's show. **Repeats tonight; Mon 5/25, 3pm**
- 9:30 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2026** – (encore) **R**
- 11:00 DOWNTON ABBEY, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 2 of 4. Mary entertains three suitors, including a Turkish diplomat whose boldness leads to a surprising event. Downstairs, the former life of Carson, the butler, is unmasked – and Bates risks his health to remain valet. **Repeats 2am**
- 12:30AM DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – Part 4 of 6. *A Certain Justice, Pt. 2*. **R**
- 1:30 UTOPIA** – Part 3 of 8. *Very Fast Turnover*. **R**

25 Monday

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

- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: CELEBRATING ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE** – *Roadshow* spotlights items with Asian and Pacific Islands origins, including a Hawaiian kou bowl; a Gandhi presentation spinning wheel; and an 1888 Joseph Nawahi painting. Which is valued at \$250,000-\$300,000? **Repeats Tue 5/26, 3pm**
- 9:00 DORA FUGH LEE: A LIFE IN ART** – Learn about the life and work of artist Dora Fugh Lee, who taught traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy at the Smithsonian Institution and GWU. Today, her works are in the collections of the Smithsonian's National Gallery of Art, the National Museum of Asian Art, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and more. **Repeats Tue 5/26, 4pm**
- 9:30 WETA ARTS** – See the May 18, 9:30 p.m. listing. **Repeats Tue 5/26, 4:30pm**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: THIRD ACT** – Filmmaker Tadashi Nakamura chronicles the life of his father, Robert A. Nakamura, from World War II incarceration to becoming a pioneer of Asian American cinema. As Parkinson's and political unrest open old wounds, father and son confront art, memory and legacy. (90 min.)

26 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.,** – In this series produced in association with WETA, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 11 encore: Dreamers One and All*. Gates explores the ancestry of actor Sharon Stone and model Chrissy Teigen, traveling across Europe and Thailand. **Repeats Wed 5/27, 3pm**
- 9:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: SEABISCUIT** – In the 1930s, when Americans longed to escape the grim realities of Depression-era life, the racehorse Seabiscuit became a national hero – and one of the most remarkable thoroughbreds in history. **Repeats Wed 5/27, 4pm**
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: THE WAR CABINET** – *Frontline* spotlights the key players behind President Trump's expansive use of the U.S. military – from clashes with allies and actions against foreign leaders, to waging war in the Middle East – examining the inner circle of advisors and officials trying to project U.S. power. (90 min.)

27 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH AND THE JURASSIC SEA MONSTER** – Follow Sir David Attenborough and a team of forensic experts as they unearth the fossil of a giant Pliosaur, the largest Jurassic predator ever known. **Repeats Thur 5/28, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: GREAT MAMMOTH MYSTERY** – Sir David Attenborough explores a site in England with rare traces of Ice Age mammoths and Neanderthals. How did humans survive the frigid climate; and did they hunt the giant beasts? **Repeats Thur 5/28, 4pm**
- 10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: CHINA'S BRONZE KINGDOM** – The chance discovery of a jade artifact has led to the unearthing of an ancient city hidden in the mountains of Sichuan, with more than 10,000 items found so far.



Monday, May 25 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS; 9 p.m. on WETA Metro
Antiques Roadshow: Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage features items from Asian-American, Asian and Pacific Islands creators. Above: Lark E. Mason (right) appraises a Chinese wooden Guanyin figure, circa 1200-1500 CE, in Boston, Massachusetts.



PLAYGROUND ENT. & MASTERPIECE/CREDIT: HELEN WILLIAMS

Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on WETA PBS

WETA features an *All Creatures Great and Small, Series 6* marathon, presenting all seven 2026 episodes of the *Masterpiece* drama that follows a Yorkshire veterinary practice in the 1940s. In this season, characters reunite in Darrowby as the war in Europe ends.

28 Thursday

- 8:00 BEYOND PARADISE, SERIES 1** – *Part 5 of 6.* Panic spreads through Shipton Abbott when an arsonist targets three local businesses, scrawling “pig” at the scene of each fire. Humphrey and the team are baffled until they realize the fires follow an unusual pattern.
- 9:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – *Part 4 of 6.* *A Certain Justice, Pt. 2.* See the Sunday, May 24, 7 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:00 WHITSTABLE PEARL, SERIES 2** – *Part 4 of 6.* *The Gumshoe and the Femme Fatale.* Pearl is hired by a house cleaner who thinks that her life and that of her boss, a 1970s horror film actress, are in danger.

29 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 5/30, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 5/31, 11:30am; Mon 6/1, 7:30am**
- 8:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: BROADWAY MUSICALS: A JEWISH LEGACY** – In this encore presentation, explore the role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. Narrated by Joel Grey, the program spotlights the classic shows of Irving Berlin, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Lerner & Loewe, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim and others. **Repeats Sun 5/31, 2:30pm**
- 10:30 RICK STEVES’ ART OF EUROPE: BEAUTY THROUGH THE AGES** – Travel expert Rick Steves explores wonders of European art from the High Middle Ages to the modern era through a selection of his favorite “art bites” segments from his travel series.

30 Saturday

- 6AM-9AM See the Saturday, May 2 listings.**
- 9AM-6PM ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SEASON 6 MARATHON** – WETA reprises the sixth (most recent) season – all 7 episodes – of the popular drama. It’s spring 1945, and the Allies celebrate victory and peace in Europe, but life at Skeldale House remains far from calm. James must balance family and work, Tristan must adjust to homecoming, and Mrs. Hall works to restore harmony for all.
- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**

- 7:00 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 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. *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.
- 12M MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** – Psychiatrist, neuroscientist and *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen explains how to supercharge memory and remember what matters most to you. (2 hrs.)

31 Sunday

- 6AM RICK STEVES’ ART OF EUROPE MARATHON** – The travel expert presents an ambitious sweep through European art history. Beginning in prehistoric Europe, Egypt, and ancient Greece, Steves weaves a compelling narrative through ancient Rome, medieval Europe, the Renaissance, the Baroque period and the Age of Revolution, and the Modern Age. **Repeats tonight, 1:30am**
- 9:30 HEAL YOUR GUT, SHARPEN YOUR MIND WITH STEVEN GUNDRY** – Dr. Gundry explores the science of the gut-brain connection, revealing how brain fog, memory loss, anxiety, weight gain, and even neurodegeneration can all stem from a single source: a compromised gut. He offers practical steps to repair the microbiome, reduce inflammation, reclaim sharper thinking, make weight control easier, and more.
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 12N COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Rpts Mon 7am**
- 12:30 THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND** – In an encore presentation, the Smothers Brothers and musical artist Judy Collins host a musical journey through the evolution of modern American folk music. **Repeats midnight**
- 2:00 BOUNDARY STONES SPECIAL** – WETA presents video selections from its Emmy Award-winning local history series *Boundary Stones* (visit boundarystones.weta.org).
- 2:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: BROADWAY MUSICALS: A JEWISH LEGACY** – **R**
- 4:30 LUCY WORSLEY INVESTIGATES: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – Historian Lucy Worsley investigates the 18th-century split between Britain and its 13 American colonies. *Part 1 of 2. The Break-Up.* Worsley explores the tensions and turning points that led to America’s declaration of independence in 1776. *Part 2 of 2. A Messy Divorce.* Worsley examines how the American Revolution affected Britain.
- 7:00 DALGLIESH, SERIES 2** – *Part 5 of 6. The Murder Room, Pt. 1.* Marcus and Caroline struggle to convince their brother, Neville, to renew their family’s lease on a museum. Neville’s car is torched on the museum grounds, and he perishes inside. There are several suspects, including his siblings. **Repeats Thurs 6/4, 9pm**
- 8:00 PAVAROTTI 90: THE MAN WHO MOVED THE WORLD** – A tribute concert filmed in September 2025 at Italy’s Arena di Verona celebrates what would have been late tenor Luciano Pavarotti’s 90th birthday. Featuring renowned opera and pop artists – including Andrea Bocelli, José Carreras, trio Il Volo and cellist Hauser – the concert showcases the diverse musical sides of Pavarotti and features testimonies and video clips.
- 10:00 DOWNTON ABBEY, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 3 of 4.* Growing into his role as heir, Matthew brings out the rivalry between sisters Mary and Edith. Servants Thomas and O’Brien scheme against Bates, while head housemaid Anna is increasingly attracted to him. Lady Violet’s winning streak in the flower show is threatened.
- 12M THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND** – **R**

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A Life Reimagined: The George Masa Story

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



COURTESY/AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION

Both WETA Metro and WETA World feature programming celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month — visit weta.org/asian-pacific to learn more. In *A Life Reimagined: The George Masa Story*, filmmaker Paul Bonesteel unravels the mysterious life of George Masa, a Japanese immigrant whose extraordinary photographs helped define the identity of the Great Smoky Mountains. Joined by a circle of historians, naturalists and artists, Bonesteel traces Masa's journey from a small village in Japan to the rugged peaks of North Carolina, where Masa found both purpose and hardship. Filmed across Japan, the Pacific Northwest and the Blue Ridge, the program is a story of passion, loss and the redemptive power of art and place.

POV: Who's Afraid of Nathan Law?

**Friday, May 15 at 8:30 p.m.
on WETA World**



JOHN PALMER/COURTESY POV

A film from documentary showcase *POV* spotlights courage, resilience and youthful idealism. Directed by Joe Piscatella, *Who's Afraid of Nathan Law?* explores a story of Hong Kong's Umbrella Revolution — a democracy movement protesting China's 2014 decision to selectively pre-screen candidates for an upcoming election of Hong Kong's chief executive. At 21, Nathan Law was among the movement's leaders. By 23, he became Hong Kong's youngest elected lawmaker. At 26, he was "Most Wanted" under a National Security Law enacted by Beijing. The 90-minute film offers a close look at the city's most famous dissident — now in self-exile — to uncover what happens to freedom when an authoritarian power goes unchecked.

America's Awesome Kids

**Live-action mini-documentaries air
on WETA PBS Kids starting May 22**



COURTESY/GBH

The PBS Kids series *America's Awesome Kids*, a collection of 25 live-action mini-documentaries produced by GBH Kids and PBS stations nationwide, including WETA, showcases kids coast-to-coast, sharing their interests and skills and how they are making a positive impact in their communities. The segments premiere on WETA PBS Kids beginning May 22, airing during the series *Alma's Way* through June. WETA helped to spotlight Kingsley (right), 8, of Washington, D.C.; in his segment, he visits the Air and Space Museum as an aspiring astrophysicist — and celebrates the Chinese New Year by performing a traditional dragon dance and making dumplings with a friend. See Kingsley on pbskids.org as of May 22 and during *Alma's Way* on June 19.

British Television at Its Best

The WETA UK channel is devoted to the best in British television programming, presenting beloved classics and contemporary series around the clock, seven days a week. WETA UK offers a full schedule of fine entertainment programming – featuring drama, mystery and comedy – in addition to documentary series and news reports.

MAY P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/3-5/10: Magpie Murders on Masterpiece • 5/17-5/31: Guilt, Series 2 & 3 on Masterpiece 	Tom Jones on Masterpiece runs through 5/4; The Forsytes on Masterpiece airs 5/5-5/12; Professor T (UK), Series 1 airs 5/13-5/20; Series 2 airs 5/21-5/28; Series 3 starts 5/29					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/2, 11am-8pm: Downton Abbey, Series 1 Marathon • 5/9, 11am-8pm: Downton Abbey, Series 2, Parts 1-6 • 5/16, 11am: Downton Abbey, Series 2, Part 7 • 5/16, 12:30pm-7:30pm: Downton Abbey, Series 3, Parts 1-5 • 5/23, 11am: Downton Abbey, Series 3, Parts 6-7 • 5/23, 3pm: Downton Abbey, Series 4, Parts 1-3 • 5/30, 11am-6pm: Downton Abbey, Series 4, Parts 4-8 • 5/30, 6-8pm: <i>The Great Escaper</i> on Masterpiece 			
12:30pm		Marie Antoinette, Series 1 airs 5/1-5/12; Series 2 airs 5/13-5/22; RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 1 starts 5/25								
1pm										
1:30pm										
2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Creatures Great and Small, Series 3, 4 & 5 on Masterpiece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm: Wolf Hall on Masterpiece • 5/11, 3pm: The Real Story of Mr Bates vs the Post Office • 3pm as of 5/18: The Count of Monte Cristo on Masterpiece • 4pm: Miss Austen on Masterpiece • 4pm as of 5/18: World on Fire, Series 1 on Masterpiece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/5, 2pm: Inspector George Gently, Series 6 (90 min) • 2pm as of 5/12: The Chelsea Detective, Series 1 • 5/5, 3:30pm: Dalgliesh (3pm thereafter) • 5/5, 4:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow • 4pm as of 5/12: Whitstable Pearl, Series 2 	Astrid, Series 4	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/8, 2-4pm: Alan Carr's Adventures with Agatha • 2pm as of 5/15: Nick Knowles' Heritage Rescue • 3pm as of 5/15: Highclere: Behind the Scenes • 4pm as of 5/15: Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Rides: Scotland 				
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6pm		Twenty Twelve, Series 1 & 2								
6:30pm		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By				
7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8pm: Nature (feat. David Attenborough) + Life on Earth: Attenborough's Greatest Adventure (5/10, 90 min.) • 9pm: Enslaved: Lost History of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (9:30pm on 5/10) • 9pm as of 5/17: Nick Knowles: Heritage Rescue • 5/3, 10pm: Kerry: Tides of Time • 10pm as of 5/17: Highclere: Behind the Scenes 	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip				
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WETA UK Highlights

Nick Knowles: Heritage Rescue

Thursdays at 8 p.m. starting
May 14 on WETA UK

Many of the U.K.'s finest castles and palaces are close to crumbling, their stories and splendor in danger of disappearing with them. In this contemporary restoration series, host Nick Knowles follows skilled master craftsmen aiming to return these treasured historic buildings to their former glory. In *Heritage Rescue's* six episodes, the team works at iconic Castle Howard, featured in many TV shows and movies; Brighton Pavilion, a former seaside retreat for King George IV; ornate Eastnor Castle in the Malvern Hills; the medieval Gothic Exeter Cathedral; Powderham Castle, at risk of rain damage; and the grand country house Wentworth Woodhouse. Knowles is best known for hosting BBC home renovation program *DIY SOS*.



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Downton Abbey Marathons

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays on WETA UK

WETA UK presents marathon airings of beloved *Masterpiece* drama *Downton Abbey* each Saturday this month at 11 a.m., starting with Season 1 on May 2. The marathons continue into June on WETA UK, running through the sixth and final season. The indelible production, created and written by Julian Fellowes, follows a family of nobles and the staff that serves them at their Yorkshire estate during the period 1912-1925. *Downton Abbey* is the most-watched, most-acclaimed drama in PBS history and features a superb cast that includes Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Michelle Dockery, and (above) Dame Maggie Smith. The full drama also streams on WETA+ with PBS Passport.



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Highclere: Behind the Scenes

Thursdays at 9 p.m. starting
May 14 on WETA UK

The inhabitants of the fictional Downton Abbey are known and loved all around the world through the popular television series of the same name, but how do their real-life contemporary counterparts live in the actual manor? The five-part miniseries *Highclere: Behind the Scenes* follows the highs and lows of the current Lord and Lady Carnarvon (right) and their loyal staff, offering access to Highclere Castle as it comes out of years of closures due to the pandemic. To keep the family-owned estate running — the nobles adopt a busy calendar of events, including a charity gala, the annual Country Show and Battle Proms, holiday celebrations, and more. Lesley Nicol (*Downton Abbey's* Mrs. Patmore) narrates.



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[Note: In a WETA UK schedule change, *Dalgliesh, Series 2* now airs Monday nights starting May 25.]



Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center Plaza

Listener's Choice: *Don Carlo* on *Opera Matinee*

Saturday, May 16 at 1 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera concludes its 2025-2026 season this month; among the presentations is this year's "Listener's Choice," airing May 16. Featured is ***Great Met Broadcasts: Don Carlo***, a 1950 recorded performance of Giuseppe Verdi's intense telling of political intrigue, power struggle and forbidden love during the reign of King Phillip II of Spain. Tenor Jussi Björling sings the title role. Additional 1 p.m. Saturday presentations from the Metropolitan Opera are Tchaikovsky's ***Eugene Onegin*** (May 2); Donizetti's ***La Fille du Régiment*** (May 9); Puccini's ***Turandot*** (May 23); and Gabriela Lena Frank's ***El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego*** (May 30).



Hanzhi Wang

Accordion Baroque on *Front Row Washington*

Monday, May 4 at 9 p.m.

F*ront Row Washington* on May 4 presents an early celebration of World Accordion Day (May 6) with a concert by internationally renowned accordionist Hanzhi Wang, who has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center and gives masterclasses and lectures while traveling. The artist plays music from the Baroque period (roughly 1600-1750) that predates the accordion's invention in 1822 and even its predecessor, the Chinese free-reed *sheng*. In this Chamber Music Maryland concert from 2019, Wang performs solo works by J.S. Bach, Scarlatti, and Rameau, and orchestral works too — Grieg's *Holberg Suite* and Alfred Schnittke's *Revis Fairy Tale*.

American Songs & Poems on *Choral Showcase*

Sundays at 9 p.m.



Poet Walt Whitman

This month, as WETA Classical begins presenting the special series *America 250: A Classical Portrait* (see page 21), *Choral Showcase* celebrates American song, beginning **May 3** with music for peace by Samuel Barber, Amy Beach, and Richard Danielpour. A series of American masses opens the **May 10** program with original settings by Leonard Bernstein, Libby Larsen, and Alan Hovhaness. American poetry is highlighted on **May 17** with Florence Price, Gregory Hutter, and Randall Thompson reimagining poems by Vachel Lindsay, Sara Teasdale, and Robert Frost. On **May 31**, poet Walt Whitman is honored in works by Nico Muhly, Mason Bates, Frederick Delius, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Also, a Memorial Day program on **May 24** features Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, and new Requiem music.

Classical for Washington

America 250: A Classical Portrait

Wednesdays at 2 p.m. starting May 6 on WETA Virtuoso

This May, WETA Classical embarks on a four-month journey through the story of classical music in the United States. *America 250: A Classical Portrait* unfolds each week on our air and at wetaclassical.org, tracing the arc of American musical life from the colonial era to the present day — from the earliest settlers who brought European traditions to the New World, to the composers who transformed those traditions into something entirely their own. It is a story shaped by discovery, independence, and imagination: composers responding to a vast and unfamiliar continent, a young nation finding its cultural footing, and generations of artists whose work reflects the full richness of American life. WETA Classical's James Jacobs hosts the series; below, he offers a look at the four May programs.

— Jim Allison, Vice President and General Manager
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A Classical Portrait debuts

By James Jacobs, On-Air Host

The first four chapters of *America 250: A Classical Portrait* will trace the story of American music from before the founding of the United States to the establishment of many of the nation's classical music institutions that still endure today. The first two programs will be as concerned with the idea of America as much as its reality.

From the New World (May 6) begins by tracing how what was known of Indigenous music and culture in the 17th and 18th centuries fired the European imagination. Stories will spotlight European musicians coming to America seeking a “fresh start” as we explore the beginnings of American versions of music for the military, the church, and a concert culture. This tension between the desire to maintain European tradition and to break new musical ground on new soil will be a recurring theme in the series.

In *The Revolution in Music* (May 13) we'll explore how Enlightenment and Revolutionary ideas inspired music on both sides of the Atlantic, and the unexpected connections between the country's “Founding Fathers” and the musical “fathers” of the Classical Era. (Did you know Benjamin Franklin wrote a string quartet and invented an instrument used by Mozart, Beethoven and Richard Strauss? And that the same man who created the character of Figaro, the basis for two of the most popular operas of all time, ran guns for the American colonists?)

In the next two chapters, *The Federal Era* (May 20) and *The Birth of American Institutions* (May 27), we explore the musical culture of the brand-new United States. So many of the roots laid down in the nation's first few decades are still flowering, from choral societies to opera companies to orchestras and concert halls, establishing the new country as a home away from home for the greatest European musicians, thus paving the way for a true American classical music.

Join me each Wednesday at 2 p.m. on WETA Virtuoso as we trace the story of American classical music.



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WETA Classical's James Jacobs is host of the series spotlighting classical music in America

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