



LGBTQ+ Pride Month



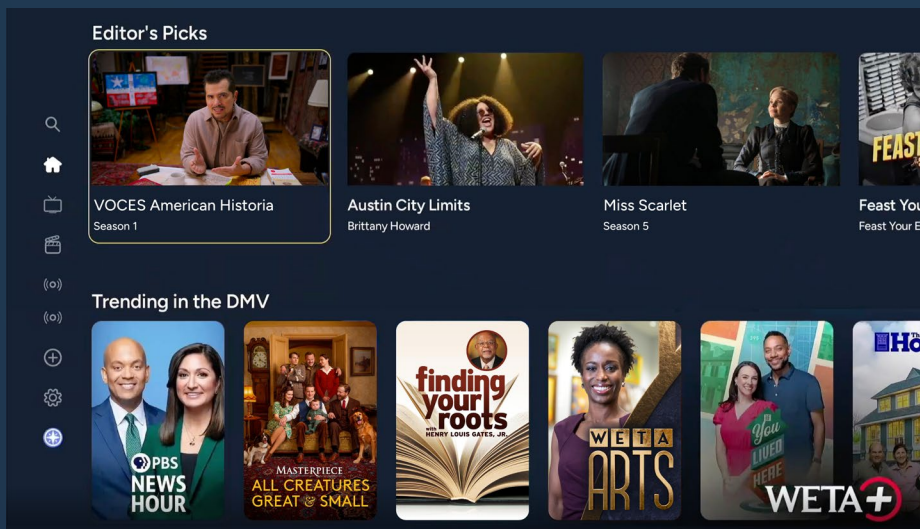
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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

PRIDELAND

WETA World | 7:00 PM

Join actor Dyllon Burnside as he explores what it means for LGBTQ Americans to live openly and true to themselves in today's South.

IN SEARCH OF WALT WHITMAN

WETA Metro | 8:00 PM

This engaging film tells the story of Walt Whitman's remarkable life (1819-1892), the turbulent era in which he lived, and the timeless poetry he created. Interweaving narration and dramatic readings with captivating period music, insights from scholars, and photography filmed in key locations, this documentary brings to life Whitman's unique character and poems. *Part 1. The Early Years (1819-1860)*. Whitman's rise from a hardscrabble boyhood in rural Long Island and Brooklyn to write "Leaves of Grass" in 1855.

IN SEARCH OF WALT WHITMAN

WETA Metro | 9:30 PM

Part 2. The Civil War and Beyond (1861-1892). Whitman moves to Washington to care for sick and injured Civil War soldiers but is disillusioned by the Gilded Age after the war.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: CASA SUSANNA

WETA World | 8:00 PM

In the 1950s and '60s, an underground network of transgender women and cross-dressing men found refuge at a modest house in the Catskills region of New York called Casa Susanna. Told through memories of those who visited, the film provides a moving look at a secret world where the persecuted found freedom, acceptance, and often the courage to live out of the shadows.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

DESIRE: THE CARL CRAIG STORY

WETA Metro | 9:30 PM

Take an inside look at techno producer, DJ, and record label creator Carl Craig. Set against Detroit's decline and recovery, this documentary follows his career as a musical pioneer whose unique techno music has been performed in top classical venues worldwide.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

AMERICAN MASTERS: JANIS IAN: BREAKING SILENCE

WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

This film tells the story of singer and songwriter Janis Ian, from her Jewish childhood on a chicken farm in New Jersey to the release of her groundbreaking album "Breaking Silence," which she used to come out publicly about her gay marriage.

Repeats Sat 6/20, 8 p.m. on WETA World

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

WETA Metro | 8:00 PM

See the rise and lasting legacy of Little Richard, a legend from rock's golden era. Learn about his influence on famous musicians and his fight for the rights of Black artists.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

LOU'S LEGACY: A REPORTER'S LIFE AT THE WASHINGTON BLADE

WETA PBS | 9:00 PM

A documentary tells the story of two D.C. icons – journalist Lou Chibbaro Jr. and performer Donnell Robinson, also known as "Ella Fitzgerald." It follows Lou's nearly five-decade career at the Blade and Ella's return to the stage after a three-year break due to Covid. The film explores the history of D.C.'s gay community and the current backlash against LGBTQ rights.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

DISCO: SOUNDTRACK OF A REVOLUTION

WETA Metro | 8:00 PM

Part 1: Rock the Boat. The first episode explores the roots of disco and how it grew out of a desire for inclusion, visibility, and freedom among persecuted Black, gay, and minority ethnic communities in New York City.



THURSDAY, JUNE 18

DISCO: SOUNDTRACK OF A REVOLUTION

WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

Part 2. Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now. Experience the pinnacle of 1970s disco culture against the backdrop of Black power and sexual liberation. As disco conquers the mainstream, Black women and gay men rise as superstars and icons.

DISCO: SOUNDTRACK OF A REVOLUTION

WETA Metro | 10:00 PM

Part 3. Stayin' Alive. From the basement bars of '70s New York to the peak of the global charts, discover the story of disco: its rise, fall, and legacy. Featuring iconic tracks and remarkable footage, this is a powerful revisionist history of the disco age.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE WAR ON DISCO

WETA Metro | 8:00 PM

Examine the cultural conflict that emerged with the rise of disco music. Disco, which began in underground Black and gay clubs, became America's most popular genre by the late 1970s, surpassing rock. Many rock fans criticized disco for its repetitive rhythms and focus on pleasure, calling it superficial. However, the backlash reflected deeper cultural divisions, with some attributing the hostility to racism and homophobia. Tensions culminated on July 12, 1979, when a riot occurred at "Disco Demolition Night" during a Chicago baseball game.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

ELTON JOHN & BERNIE TAUPIN: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONG

WETA PBS | 3:00 PM

In 1967, Elton John, then a young piano player, met lyricist Bernie Taupin, starting a songwriting partnership that still lasts today. The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song honors both artists.

THE CHANGING FACE OF ELTON JOHN

WETA PBS | 5:00 PM

This documentary follows the career of the iconic rock star through his ever-changing style. Born Reginald Dwight, Elton John transformed from a shy piano player into a flamboyant showman, identifying at times as straight, bisexual, and gay, alongside battles with addiction. Through it all, Elton John remains a global icon in the music industry.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

INDEPENDENT LENS: ASSEMBLY

WETA PBS | 10:00 PM

Artist Rashaad Newsome prepares to showcase "Assembly," a groundbreaking exhibit at New York's Park Avenue Armory. Combining visual art, performance, and artificial intelligence, the project centers the global evolution of vogue while honoring Black and queer resistance and calling for a more liberated future.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

BRIGHT SPARK: THE RECONCILIATION OF TREVOR SOUTHEY

WETA World | 6:00 PM

Trevor Southey dreamed of becoming the Michelangelo of Mormon art. After some success, it all came crashing down when Trevor's homosexuality was exposed. Thirty years later, he finds himself in the strange position of being invited to rejoin the church that once rejected him. Bright Spark explores conflicts of artistic vision, religious belonging, and sexual identity with honesty and compassion.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

THE INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9:00 PM

Meet Patrick O'Connell, a self-taught chef whose Virginia restaurant is considered one of the greatest dining experiences in America. This film follows Chef O'Connell's pursuit of the ultimate culinary accolade: a third Michelin star.

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