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Celebrating Musical Artistry

Dolly Parton: Here I Am • 60s and 70s Soul Celebration • Elvis '56
John Williams: The Berlin Concert • The Carpenters: Close to You

WETA Focus



Each summer, August is a time when we traditionally fundraise in support of WETA programs and services for our community, presenting special programming on WETA PBS. This month, we have scheduled entertaining offerings for you that include concerts and specials in a variety of music genres, complementing an array of engaging drama, history, public affairs programs and more.

Among our presentations, learn about the life, career and artistry of Country music star Dolly Parton; hear the music of Hollywood composer extraordinaire John Williams as he conducts the Berlin Philharmonic; experience Elvis Presley as he emerged into stardom; trace the story and music of pop duo The Carpenters; and enjoy performances of classic Soul and R&B hits by iconic musical artists.

In new drama on WETA PBS this month, we debut the next seasons of sleuthing series *The Madame Blanc Mysteries*, set in southern France, and *Signora Volpe*, set in central Italy. The drama acquisition *Mystery Road*, starring Oscar-nominee Judy Davis, follows a crime investigation that unfolds in Australia's outback. And there is more drama on our streaming service WETA+ with PBS Passport: binge-watch new seasons of popular productions *Professor T* (UK) and *Under the Vines* (New Zealand), and a new adaptation of detective classic *Bergerac*, among many other selections.

In August, our America at 250 celebration continues; see pages 2-3 to learn about our American history programming on WETA PBS, WETA Metro and WETA+. The slate of offerings includes acclaimed Ken Burns film *The Statue of Liberty* and fascinating *American Experience* films that include *The Riot Report*, spotlighting unrest in America in 1967, and *Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act*.

Also tune in to the four-part series *Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien*, which features the independent journalist — a science correspondent for *PBS News Hour* — exploring solutions around the globe to climate, water and health crises. On independent film series *POV*, follow the story of a clash over traditional medicine practices in an upstate New York community in the acclaimed production *Arrest the Midwife*. And in the *American Masters* film *Mary Oliver: Saved By the Beauty of the World*, learn about the life and work of the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and author.

WETA has something for everyone — enjoy our engaging programming this month. Thank you for your generous ongoing support that keeps our broadcasts, streaming content and other services vibrant for our community.

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Musical Artistry in the Spotlight

on WETA PBS in August

• **Dolly Parton: Here I Am** • Tuesday, August 11 at 8 p.m. — In this 2019 biographical BBC documentary, join the queen of country music for a moving, musical journey through the people and places that shaped her stellar career. Featuring career-spanning archival footage — and interviews with Parton, her friends, famous admirers, and collaborators — the film highlights the spirit, soul and hard work of the genius songwriter and inspirational artist, tracing Parton’s path from humble beginnings to world fame and showcasing her influence and impact in American culture. The program repeats August 12 & 15.



• **John Williams: The Berlin Concert** • Saturday, August 8 at 10 p.m. — In October 2021, composer John Williams made his conducting debut with the renowned Berliner Philharmoniker. Filmed live at the Berlin Philharmonie, this concert captures the performance. After opening with the “Olympic Fanfare and Theme,” Williams and the Berlin players present music from some of Williams’ many renowned film scores — from *Close Encounters* to the evocative opening notes of “Hedwig’s Theme” from the Harry Potter movies, to excerpts from *Jurassic Park*, *Superman*, and the Indiana Jones and *Star Wars* series.



• **Elvis '56** • Saturday, August 8 at 7 p.m. — In 1956, just one year away from superstardom, Elvis Presley was a 21-year-old new singing sensation and both he and his rockabilly sound were unknown outside of the American South. This program, narrated by The Band’s Levon Helm, spotlights the performer at the outset of his meteoric career, tracing that pivotal year using tour photographs, kinescopes of Presley’s TV appearances, newsreel clips and radio interviews. Soon, Elvis would achieve widespread fame, selling hundreds of millions of records worldwide and becoming the highest-paid star in Hollywood.

• **60s and 70s Soul Celebration** • Mon, Aug. 10 at 9:30 p.m. — In a compilation program produced from decades of impresario TJ Lubinsky’s music specials, the *My Music* series presents legendary original acts of the 1960s and 1970s performing their greatest classic Soul and Rhythm & Blues hits. The historic reunion concerts featured iconic recording artists including The Temptations, Patti LaBelle, The Chi-Lites, The Spinners, Sam Moore, The Commodores, The Stylistics, Peaches & Herb, Harold Melvin’s Blue Notes, Thelma Houston and dozens of others.



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WETA Classical

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• **The U.S. and the Holocaust** — *Saturdays, August 15 & 22 at 8 p.m. & August 29 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA PBS.* The acclaimed three-part 2022 Florentine Films and WETA co-production, a film by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, examines America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian catastrophes of the 20th century and how the Holocaust challenged the very ideals of U.S. democracy.

● **American Experience: Forgotten Hero: Walter White and the NAACP** — *Saturday, August 1 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS.* Explore the life and work of the NAACP's longtime leader and one of the most influential but least-known figures in civil rights history. Under White's leadership, the NAACP paved the way for Black power at the ballot box and scored important legal victories.

• **The Statue of Liberty** — *Saturday, August 15 at 7 p.m. on WETA PBS.* In his 1985 film, Ken Burns traces the story of the Statue of Liberty from its conception to its complicated construction and final dedication. Hear from a wide range of Americans about the meaning of this national symbol.

• 10 That Changed America — *Tuesday, August 11, 8-11 p.m. on WETA Metro.* Host Geoffrey Baer travels around the country to the renowned streets, monuments and man-made marvels that changed America. Explore the streets that changed the way we get around, visit the Statue of Liberty and Mount Rushmore, and learn about the engineering feats that reshaped the U.S. and connected its people, economy and cities.



Forgotten Hero: Walter White and the NAACP
Above: White with Roy Wilkins (l) & Thurgood Marshall (r)



***The Statue of Liberty* (head on exhibit, 1878 Paris Exposition)**



Forgotten Hero: Walter White and the NAACP
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WETA Classical showcases American music

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

• **America 250: A Classical Portrait** — A weekly series airing Wednesdays at 2 p.m. on WETA Virtuoso continues in August, featuring on-air host James Jacobs exploring the story of classical music in America.

• **Choral Showcase** — WETA Classical's Sunday 9 p.m. program spotlights American choral works.



at 250

Curated 25 for 250 Collection on WETA+



Marking the nation's semiquincentennial, WETA's curated *25 for 250* collection on streaming service WETA+ features documentaries that explore America and its history. The collection, which debuted in May, adds five films each month. In *25 for 250*, watch iconic series from Ken Burns and Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., along with acclaimed films from *American Experience*, *American Masters* and other series. The collection includes content available only with WETA+ with PBS Passport.

- **American Experience: Nixon** — Explore the fateful combination of strengths and weaknesses that propelled Richard Nixon to the presidency, then brought him down — and how his presidency combined comparatively progressive legislative initiatives with abuse of presidential power and the public trust. Spotlights are his modest beginnings, his days as an anti-Communist crusader, his bold foreign policy toward China and the USSR, and his resignation from the presidency in 1974.

- **American Experience: JFK** — Filmmaker Susan Bellows offers an assessment of President John F. Kennedy: the man, his accomplishments, his death and his unfulfilled promise. The film features interviews with members of the Kennedy family and historians. Oliver Platt narrates.

- **American Experience: The Riot Report** — A documentary revisits 1967, when inner cities across America erupted in racial unrest and violence. President Lyndon Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to investigate, and its final report would offer a shockingly unvarnished assessment of race relations that still resonates today.

- **American Experience: Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act** — The history series chronicles the decades-long push for equality and accessibility that culminated in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990. A story of courage and perseverance, the film highlights the determined people who put their bodies on the line to achieve their goal.

- **Once Upon a Time in Space** — Drawing on archival imagery and firsthand testimony, a four-part series from filmmaker James Bluemel (*Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland*) tells the human stories behind mankind's quest to explore space. Follow significant landmarks in spacefaring history, and hear about the personal experiences of astronauts, cosmonauts, ground-based staff, and loved ones left on Earth.



Once Upon a Time in Space



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



Holmes vs Doyle in the "I Love Lucy (Worsley)" collection

• **Peak Suspense** — Watch crime shows and thrillers set in the mountains, including the international series *Murder in the Mountains*, *The Mountain Detective*, *Rocco Schiavone: Ice Cold Murder*, *The Crimson Murders*, *Snow*, and *Pale Mountains*. Available now.

• **I Love Lucy (Worsley)** — Watch the best of U.K. historian Lucy Worsley's fascinating miniseries spotlighting Britain's culture and past, including the productions *Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen*, *Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs Doyle*, *Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets*, and *Lucy Worsley Investigates*. Available August 16.

• **Live from the LBJ Library with Mark Updegrove, Season 3** — Enjoy a collection featuring all the Season 3 interviews conducted by the author, historian and journalist. Guests include Stacey Abrams, Stanley McChrystal, Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett, Ringo Starr, Jonathan Capeheart, Bruce Springsteen, Julian Castro, Mike Pence, Rahm Emanuel, Darrell Hammond and others. Available August 1.

• **Tickets, Please!** — Take an armchair journey via train series: enjoy offerings that include *The Orient Express: A Golden Era of Travel*, *Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys: Scotland* and *Epic Train Journeys from Above*. Available August 1.

• **Your Summer Restaurant Week Guide** — Enjoy a collection of clips and episodes of award-winning WETA local restaurant series *Signature Dish* featuring establishments participating in D.C. Restaurant Week. Available August 5-17.

Watch Live TV, Anytime, Anywhere

Binge programs and series on WETA+ with PBS Passport

• ***Professor T, Series 5*** — In an early viewing opportunity, a new season of *Professor T* (UK) starring Ben Miller and Juliet Stevenson is available to stream ahead of its October broadcast premiere. In the storyline, Jasper and Helena test their fragile spark amid Jasper’s personal turmoil. Binge-watch six Series 5 episodes as of August 9.

• ***Bergerac, Series 1*** — In an early viewing opportunity, a new adaptation of the classic Jersey-set British crime drama is available to stream. Damien Molony stars as Detective Jim Bergerac, a broken man battling demons. On leave contending with the death of his wife, he is called back urgently into service. Zoë Wanamaker co-stars. Binge-watch six episodes as of August 16.

• ***Under the Vines, Series 2*** — Daisy (Rebecca Gibney) and Louis (Charles Edwards) continue to operate a struggling New Zealand vineyard, but the course to good wine, and to true love, never runs smooth. Binge-watch 6 episodes as of August 1.

• ***Mystery Road, Series 1-2*** — Oscar-nominee Judy Davis stars in a crime drama set in the Australian outback. When two boys go missing from a cattle station, Detective Jay Swan (Aaron Pedersen, *Jack Irish*) teams up with local cop Emma James to investigate. Binge-watch 12 episodes as of August 1.

• ***Shakespeare & Hathaway, Private Investigators, Series 3-4*** — Mark Benton and Jo Joyner star as a detecting duo in the Bard’s hometown of Stratford-Upon-Avon. In Series 3, Lu has passed her PI exams, Frank has tidied himself up a bit, and they plunge into new cases. Binge-watch 20 episodes as of August 1.

• **New international dramas from Walter Presents** — English subtitled. *Madam President* (binge 4 episodes, available Aug. 7): In Iceland, a single mother battles doubt, prejudice and expectation to become the first woman elected president. *Until The Last Heartbeat*, Season 1 (Italy; binge 12 episodes, available Aug. 14): When a brilliant heart surgeon’s son needs a lifesaving transplant, the doctor makes a desperate choice that has serious consequences.



Professor T, Series 5

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Mystery Road

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Shakespeare & Hathaway, Series 3-4

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Under the Vines, Series 2

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Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien

10 p.m. Wednesdays starting August 19 on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+

In a new documentary miniseries, independent science journalist Miles O'Brien — also a science correspondent for *PBS News Hour* — travels the globe searching for solutions to climate, water and health crises, meeting the optimists, innovators

and true believers who are tackling urgent challenges. The series opens August 19 with two stories that prove big solutions can come in small packages. A red seaweed fed to cattle in tiny amounts can slash methane emissions by more than 90%. And beavers, once nearly hunted to extinction, are quietly reshaping the American West, building wetlands that fight drought and wildfire, with nothing more than mud, sticks and instinct. Beyond its first episode, *Resolve to Solve* explores ongoing efforts to combat extreme heat, restore disrupted ecosystems, and much more. Two programs air in August, with two following in September.

POV: How to Build a Library

Monday, August 24 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+

Among the offerings on documentary series *POV* this month, a film tells the story of two women, a novelist and a publisher, who quit their jobs to restore a delapidated colonial-era former “whites-only” library in bustling downtown Nairobi. The duo successfully lobbied city officials

to take over management of the institution and find themselves with a mammoth task ahead. But with an undying passion for books, and a unique flair for Instagram and finding funds where least expected, they activate an army of homegrown artists, intellectuals, tech developers, architects and writers, all energized to transform the space into a hub of creativity and learning for future generations. Along the way, they must navigate local politics, raise millions for the rebuild, and confront the lingering ghosts of Kenya’s colonial past.



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American Masters: Mary Oliver: Saved By the Beauty of the World

Tuesday, August 25 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+

A new film from biography series *American Masters* explores the life and career of Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning writer Mary Oliver (1935-2019), spotlighting the works that launched her to broad acclaim, and sharing the inspirations behind her works. Shaped by a

solitary childhood, her rising literary fame, and writers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman and John Keats, Oliver solidified her place in the American poetry canon with notable poems such as “Wild Geese” and “The Journey.” She published more than 30 collections of poetry and essays on nature, beauty, and the journey towards love. New interviews from Maria Shriver and John Waters, as well as poetry recitations from Stephen Colbert, Lucy Dacus, Steve Buscemi and Oprah Winfrey, illuminate Oliver’s legacy as a beloved poet.



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The Madame Blanc Mysteries, Series 3

9 p.m. Thursdays starting Aug. 27
on WETA PBS

In British cozy crime drama *The Madame Blanc Mysteries*, Series 3 episodes new to WETA PBS follow expatriate antiques dealer Jean White (Sally Lindsay) as she solves new mysteries in her community of Sainte Victoire in the South of France. As the season opens, a murder-mystery night at a hotel with a spooky history ends in an actual murder — with a heavy rainstorm trapping Jean with all the suspects. Other cases range from a deep-sea diving mishap to a fencing death linked to a historical duel, from a shooting that involves a rare book to an accident — or murder — at a fashion show, and more. Jean sleuths alongside her friend and flirting partner, Dom (Steve Edge); and this season also includes Tony Robinson (*Blackadder*) as Dom's uncle, Patrick. Binge-watch Series 1-3 now on WETA+ with PBS Passport.



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Mystery Road

10 p.m. Thursdays starting Aug. 27
on WETA PBS

Two-time Oscar-nominee Judy Davis (*A Passage to India* and *Husbands and Wives*) and award-winning actor Aaron Pedersen (*Jack Irish*) star in the slow-burn crime drama *Mystery Road*, set in the Australian outback (and filmed in the country's northwest). When two young farmhands mysteriously disappear from a cattle station, one a local Indigenous football star and the other a backpacker recently fired from the ranch, Aboriginal Detective Jay Swan teams up with local cop Senior Sergeant Emma James to investigate. But solving the mystery will expose other crimes and injustices and re-open old wounds that haunt the remote town. The drama also airs on WETA UK, Saturdays at 8 p.m. starting August 22. Binge-watch *Mystery Road, Series 1-2* on WETA+ with PBS Passport as of August 1.



JACK FRIELSON/ACORN TV

Masterpiece: Marlow Murder Club Series 2 Marathon

Sundays, Aug. 9 & 16 at 2:30 p.m.
on WETA PBS

WETA reprises Series 2 of popular *Masterpiece* mystery drama *The Marlow Murder Club* in marathon airings taking place on two Sundays in August, three episodes at a time. In Season 2, life in the idyllic town of Marlow has just about returned to normal after the events of Season 1, but it's not long before sleuths Judith, Becks and Suzie are again pulled into a tangle of secrets, suspects and scandal when a series of new unsettling events befall the otherwise quiet community. Navigating the delicate balance of Marlow society, the trio digs into all corners of village life, aiding policewoman DCI Tanika Malik in her official inquiries. Jo Martin, Samantha Bond and Cara Horgan star. The drama's third season begins in September (along with *The Marble Hall Murders* on *Masterpiece*, the next Susan Ryeland mystery starring Lesley Manville and Tim McMullan).



MASTERPIECE, MONUMENTAL TELEVISION, AND UKTV

Primetime

WETA PBS in August



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 Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
1 Sat	American Experience: Forgotten Hero: Walter White and the NAACP				American Experience: Chasing the Moon (Pt 2 of 3. <i>Earthrise</i>) (to 12m)	
2 Sun	Patience, Series 2 (Pt 8 of 8. <i>Hostage</i>)		Grantchester, Season 11 on Masterpiece (Pt 8 of 8)		Downton Abbey, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 7) (to 12m)	
3 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 2		Signature Dish, Series 4 (<i>Bar Bites</i>)	Get Out of Town, Series 1 (<i>Philadelphia, PA</i>)	POV: The Gas Station Attendant (to 11:30pm)	
4 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 12 encore (<i>Love & Basketball</i>)		Once Upon a Time in Space (Pt 4 of 4. <i>Friends Forever</i>)		Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed the World (<i>The Robot</i>)	
5 Wed	Nature: Big Little Journeys: Bloodlines		NOVA: Asteroids: Spark of Life?		Bugs That Rule the World (Pt 4 of 4. <i>Beetlemania</i>)	
6 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 1 (Pt 9 of 10)		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 7 (Ep 4 of 6. <i>Something Nasty at the Market</i>)			Utopia, Series 1 (Pt 8 of 8)
7 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Live from the LBJ Library w/ Mark Updegrove, Series 3	American Experience: Chasing the Moon (Pt 3 of 3. <i>Magnificent Desolation</i>)			
8 Sat	(from 7pm:) Elvis '56	Ken Burns: <i>The Civil War</i>			John Williams: The Berlin Concert (to 11:30pm)	
9 Sun	The Carpenters: Close to You			WETA+ Special	Downton Abbey, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 7)	
10 Mon	Ken Burns: <i>The Civil War</i>			60s and 70s Soul Celebration (to 12:30am)		
11 Tue	Dolly Parton: Here I Am				Heal Your Gut, Sharpen your Mind with Steven Gundry, MD (to 11:30pm)	
12 Wed	The Carpenters: Close to You			NOVA: Return to the Moon		
13 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 1 (Pt 10 of 10)		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 7 (Ep 5 of 6. <i>Exposed to the Light</i>)			
14 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Live from the LBJ Library w/ Mark Updegrove, Series 3	John Williams: The Berlin Concert			Elvis '56 (to 12m)
15 Sat	The U.S. and the Holocaust (Pt 1 of 3. <i>The Golden Door</i>) (<i>Beginnings-1938</i>)					Dolly Parton: Here I Am (to 12:30am)
16 Sun	Pavarotti 90: The Man Who Moved the World				Downton Abbey, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 7)	
17 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Shelburne Museum, Hour 1		Go-Go City: Displacement and Protest in Washington, D.C.		Inside the Court of Henry VIII	
18 Tues	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 12 encore (<i>Westward Bound</i>)		American Masters: Starring Dick Van Dyke			
19 Wed	Nature: Lions of the Skeleton Coast		NOVA: Human: Origins		Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien (Ep 1 of 4. <i>Wild Climate Fixes from Cows and Beavers</i>)	
20 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2 (Pt 1 of 10)		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 7 (Ep 6 of 6. <i>Here's to You, Mrs. Robinson</i>) (to 10:32pm)			British Antiques Roadshow
21 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Live from the LBJ Library w/ Mark Updegrove, Series 3	Great Performances at the Met: <i>Eugene Onegin</i> (to 12m)			
22 Sat	The U.S. and the Holocaust (Pt 2 of 3. <i>Yearning to Breathe Free</i>) (<i>1938-1942</i>)					The Last Twins (to 12m)
23 Sun	Mr. Bates vs The Post Office on Masterpiece (Pts 1 & 2 of 4)				Downton Abbey, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 4 of 7)	
24 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Shelburne Museum, Hour 3		Signature Dish, Series 4 (<i>All Across Asia</i>)	Get Out of Town, Series 1 (<i>Shenandoah Valley, VA</i>)	POV: How to Build a Library (to 11:30pm)	
25 Tues	The Essence of Eva			American Masters: Mary Oliver: Saved By the Beauty of the World		
26 Wed	Nature: Grizzly 399: Queen of the Tetons		NOVA: Human: Into the Americas		Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien (Ep 2 of 4. <i>Weathering Change Through Wind and Heat</i>)	
27 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2 (Pt 2 of 10)		The Madame Blanc Mysteries, Series 3 (Pt 1 of 7. <i>Christmas</i>)		Mystery Road, Series 1 (Pt 1 of 6. <i>Gone</i>)	
28 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Live from the LBJ Library w/ Mark Updegrove, Series 3	Great Performances: Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert 2026			Great Performances: Now HearThis: Brahms (to 11:30pm)
29 Sat	(from 7pm:) The Essence of Eva	The U.S. and the Holocaust (Pt 3 of 3. <i>The Homeless, The Tempest-Tossed</i>) (<i>1942- </i>)				
30 Sun	Mr. Bates vs The Post Office on Masterpiece (Pts 3 & 4 of 4)				Downton Abbey, Series 3 on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 7)	
31 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: New York City, Hour 2		Signature Dish, Series 4 (<i>Cafe Culture</i>)	Get Out of Town, Series 2 (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)	POV: Arrest the Midwife (to 11:30pm)	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30

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

Amanpour and Company airs late weeknights
(check listings)

TV Listings

WETA PBS in August



Listings are accurate as of press time. For latest schedules, visit weta.org/schedule or call 703-998-2724.

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

Program Key

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

R – Repeat of recent programming.



COURTESY MASTERPIECE

Sunday, August 2 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Grantchester on Masterpiece, starring Robson Green and Rishi Nair, presents its final episode on August 2. Geordie fights for his life and Alphy's crisis of faith reaches a peak in his hunt for justice.

1 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** OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS, SERIES 3
- 10:30** SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4
- 11AM** AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM *COOK'S ILLUSTRATED*
- 11:30** PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE
- 12N** NEW SCANDINAVIAN COOKING
- 12:30** CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION
- 1:00** MY GREEK TABLE WITH DIANE KOCILAS
- 1:30** LIDIA'S KITCHEN
- 2:00** WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE
- 2:30** WINE FIRST
- 3:00** J SCHWANKE'S LIFE IN BLOOM
- 3:00** DREAM OF ITALY – (Starts August 29)
- 3:30** JOSEPH ROSENDO'S STEPPIN' OUT
- 4:00** COOK'S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN
- 4:30** AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM *COOK'S ILLUSTRATED*
- 5:00** SIGNATURE DISH
- 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** BECOMING THURGOOD: AMERICA'S SOCIAL ARCHITECT – Explore the life and legacy of the nation's first African American Supreme Court justice. The film follows Justice Thurgood Marshall, known as "Mr. Civil Rights," from his legal career with the NAACP to his 1967 appointment to the nation's highest court.
- 8:00** AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: FORGOTTEN HERO: WALTER WHITE AND THE NAACP – Meet Walter White, the NAACP's longtime leader and one of the most influential but least-known figures in civil rights history. Under his leadership, the NAACP paved the way for Black power at the ballot box and scored important legal victories. **Repeats Mon 8/3, 3pm**
- 10:00** AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: CHASING THE MOON – Part 2 of 3. *Earthrise*. R
- 12M** FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – Season 12 encore: *The Road We Took*. R

- 1AM** ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – Part 3 of 4. *Politics Always Wins*. R

2 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 – See tonight's 6 p.m. listing.
- 1:00** BREAKTHROUGH: THE IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD – *The Rocket*. R
- 2:00** NOVA: PLUTO AND BEYOND – R
- 3:00** ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – Part 3 of 4. *Politics Always Wins*. R
- 4:00** AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: CHASING THE MOON – Part 2 of 3. *Earthrise*. R
- 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 Mondays, 7am**
- 6:30** SIGNORA VOLPE, SERIES 1 – Emilia Fox stars in the crime series set in Italy. Part 3 of 3. *Truffles & Treachery*. When the son of a Russian politician is arrested in Rome for the murder of a fellow student, Sylvia's ex-husband and ex-colleague Adam asks her to investigate. Interrupting her search for a kidnapped truffle pig, Sylvia probes the case.
- 8:00** PATIENCE, SERIES 2 – Part 8 of 8. *Hostage*. Patience and Frankie are held hostage by an escaped prisoner seeking justice. As armed police prepare to storm the building, Frankie's past resurfaces. Meanwhile, Patience realizes she's ready to be honest about her feelings for Elliot. **Repeats midnight**
- 9:00** GRANTCHESTER, SERIES 11 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 8 of 8. In the aftermath of the siege, Geordie fights for his life while Alphy tracks a fugitive through the countryside. As an era comes to an end, the extended Grantchester family must face final questions of love, redemption, and forgiveness.
- 10:00** DOWNTON ABBEY, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE – As Series 3 opens, the Great War is over and the engagement of Lady Mary and Matthew is on, but all is not tranquil. Part 1 of 7. Wedding guests descend on Downton Abbey, where disasters large and small threaten. One is Cora's free-wheeling American mother (portrayed by Shirley MacLaine).
- 12M-4AM** See the 8 p.m. -midnight listings.

3 Monday

WEEKDAYS IN AUGUST, 6AM-8PM:

- 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



COURTESY PBS

Tuesday, August 4 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

The miniseries *Once Upon a Time in Space* concludes with Episode 4, drawing on more firsthand testimony to tell human stories behind mankind's quest to explore space. The full series repeats Sunday mornings, August 9 & 16 on WETA PBS. Stream on WETA+.

interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett anchor. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: MARYLAND ZOO, HOUR 2 – Roadshow showcases rare treasures at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. **Repeats Tue 8/4, 3pm**

9:00 SIGNATURE DISH – Season 4 encore: *Bar Bites*. WETA's restaurant series spotlights D.C.'s best cocktail-hour bites. From enjoying a pizzaiolo's creations to unwinding in a casually chic wine garden sharing hearty tacos, host Seth Tillman pairs bold drinks with unforgettable flavors. **Repeats Tue 8/4, 4pm**

9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN – Season 1 encore: *Philadelphia, PA*. In WETA's local travel series, mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee visit Philadelphia, where cheesesteaks, a Founding Footsteps history tour, and a run up the famous Rocky steps are on the itinerary. **Repeats Tue 8/4, 4:30pm**

10:00 POV: THE GAS STATION ATTENDANT – A film offers an intimate portrait of a complex father-daughter bond and the immigrant working class in America. Using recorded phone calls and home movies, a daughter reflects on her father's life, weaving the story of his journey from the streets of India with the realities of life in America.

11:30 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY – Examine the global issues, domestic news and trends impacting the world. Host Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with thought leaders and influencers. **Repeats next weekday, 5pm**

4 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 12 encore: Love & Basketball*. Guests are basketball superstars Brittney Griner and Chris Paul. **Repeats Fri 8/7, 3pm**

9:00 ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – Part 4 of 4. *Friends Forever*. Far from their home planet, astronauts living aboard the ISS face the emotional realities of isolation. When war breaks out on Earth, relationships are tested and the future of international cooperation in space is thrown into question. **Repeats Wed 8/5, 3pm; Sun 8/16, 8am**

10:00 BREAKTHROUGH: THE IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD – Hear stories of how humans changed the world with revolutionary inventions. *The Robot*. Learn how robots were first conceptualized in ancient Rome and see how their use has evolved over the centuries. Take a sneak peek at what future robots will be able to do. **Repeats Wed 8/5, 4pm**

5 Wednesday

8:00 NATURE: BIG LITTLE JOURNEYS – Dive into the worlds of tiny animals as they embark upon epic undertakings. *Bloodlines*. In Madagascar, a matchstick-sized chameleon goes on a journey to find a mate and lay eggs before it's too late. A water vole in the Scottish

Highlands swims a lake, climbs a waterfall and scales a mountain to find a place to raise her pups. **Repeats Thur 8/6, 3pm**

9:00 NOVA: ASTEROIDS: SPARK OF LIFE? – What if asteroids, long feared as destroyers of life, were key to our existence? Explore a revolutionary new theory that violent collisions provided the essential ingredients – water, minerals and energy – needed to jumpstart life on Earth. **Repeats Thur 8/6, 4pm**

10:00 BUGS THAT RULE THAT WORLD – The miniseries concludes. *Part 4 of 4. Beetlemania*. As the world's most diverse and abundant species, the tiny yet mighty beetle plays crucial ecological roles in nearly every environment. Why are these colorful, ingenious creatures often regarded as "the most important species on the planet"? **Repeats Fri 8/7, 4pm**

6 Thursday

8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 1 – A quirky crime drama follows a private detective duo's cases. Mark Benton and Jo Joyner star. *Part 9 of 10. The Rascal Cook*. When a dead rat makes an appearance at Hiverna Restaurant on an important evening, the head chef is furious. Someone seeks to keep him from winning a top award; he calls in Frank and Lu to learn who.

9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 7 – Quirky Detective Mike Shepherd and his team investigate crimes in a small New Zealand community. *Episode 4 of 6. Something Nasty at the Market*. Mike, Kristin and their colleagues look into the murder of a farmer's market owner.

10:30 UTOPIA, SERIES 1 – Part 8 of 8. *The Whole Enchilada*. Tony is forced to evaluate plans for expanding the Ord River Scheme. Nat has issues with a stalled highway upgrade. The rest of the office is distracted by plans for an anniversary party.

7 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – In WETA's weekly production, *The Atlantic* editor in chief Jeffrey Goldberg moderates a roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of major news stories from the nation's capital. Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 8/8, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 8/9, 11:30am; Mon 8/10, 7:30am**

8:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3 – The author, historian and journalist discusses contemporary issues with thought leaders. *Episode 5. Amy Coney Barrett, Part 1. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett talks about her book "Listening to the Law," her background in New Orleans, and what she learned from her Supreme Court clerkship with the late Justice Antonin Scalia.*

9:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: CHASING THE MOON – Part 3 of 3. *Magnificent Desolation*. Experience the triumph of the first moon landing, witnessed by the largest



TIM LEWELLYN PHOTOGRAPHY

Saturday, August 8 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

Ken Burns: The Civil War celebrates the filmmaker's landmark 1990 history documentary, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA. The special features clips from the 9-part series and interviews with Burns, writer Geoffrey Ward, and others from the film team.



Sunday, August 9 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

Music-filled documentary *The Carpenters: Close to You* traces the sibling pop duo's extraordinary career and presents performances of its top songs. Karen and Richard delivered a parade of hits across their 14-year career before Karen's untimely death in 1983.

TV audience in history. Dreams of space dramatically intersect with dreams of democracy, raising questions of national priorities and national identity.

8 Saturday

6AM-9AM See the **Saturday, August 1** listings.

9AM AMERICA'S HOME COOKING: EASY RECIPES FOR THRIFTY COOKING – Host Chris Fennimore welcomes guest cooks who present recipes that are easy on the cook and the pocketbook. The recipes, used by thrifty gourmets for years, incorporate simple ingredients to make nourishing and filling family meals. **Repeats Mon 8/10, 3pm**

11AM SPAIN MADE WITH LOVE – Meet some of the country's most gifted artisans and explore the wonders of classic Spanish craftsmanship in food, fashion, ceramics, jewelry and more. From the bustling streets of Madrid to the rugged countryside, discover many forms of creative expression. **Repeats 1:30am**

12:30 HEAL YOUR GUT, SHARPEN YOUR MIND WITH STEVEN GUNDRY, MD – 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. **Rpts 11:30pm; Tue 8/11, 3pm, 10pm; Thur 8/13, 11pm**

2:30 BARBRA STREISAND: TIMELESS – LIVE IN CONCERT – Enjoy a magical concert filmed on New Year's Eve in 1999 at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. Staged as a Broadway-style musical in which Streisand looks back at her past, the production features an orchestra conducted by Marvin Hamlisch.

4:30 JOHN WILLIAMS: THE BERLIN CONCERT – See tonight's 10 p.m. listing.

6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS – **Repeats Sunday, noon**

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

7:00 ELVIS '56 – In 1956, Elvis Presley was a 21-year-old new singing sensation and both he and his rockabilly sound were unknown outside of the South. Narrated by Levon Helm (of The Band), this special opens a time capsule to reveal the legendary performer at the beginning of his meteoric career. Footage of performances captures the young, explosively talented Presley on the brink of superstardom. **Repeats Fri 8/14, 10:30pm**

8:30 KEN BURNS: THE CIVIL WAR – An overview of the acclaimed 1990 history documentary, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA, celebrates the landmark series. The special features video clips and interviews with filmmaker Ken Burns, writer Geoffrey Ward, documentarian Ric Burns, cinematographer Buddy Squires, and others. **Repeats Sun 8/9, 1pm; Mon 8/10, 8pm; Wed 8/12, 3pm**

10:00 JOHN WILLIAMS: THE BERLIN CONCERT – In October 2021, Hollywood legend John Williams made his conducting debut with the renowned Berliner Philharmoniker. Filmed live at the Berlin Philharmonie, this program captures this magical performance of his music, including selections from some of his best-known blockbuster film scores, from *Close Encounters* and the Harry Potter movies to *Jurassic Park*, *Superman*, and the Indiana Jones and *Star Wars* series. **Repeats Fri 8/14, 9pm**

11:30 HEAL YOUR GUT, SHARPEN YOUR MIND WITH STEVEN GUNDRY, MD – R

1:30AM SPAIN MADE WITH LOVE – R

9 Sunday

6AM WETA+ SPECIAL – See tonight's 9:30 p.m. listing.

6:30 ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – Archival imagery and first-hand testimony relate the human stories behind mankind's quest to explore space. *Part 1 of 4. America First.* With the dawn of the Space Shuttle, the U.S. gains ground on its Cold War rivals. A pioneering class of astronauts takes flight, but when tragedy strikes, NASA is left reeling.

8AM ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – *Part 2 of 4. The Russian Thing.* When the Soviet Union falls, Russia welcomes U.S. astronauts to its space station *Mir*. But cooperation between the former Cold War enemies is threatened by a run of disasters onboard.

9:30 THOMAS JEFFERSON, A FILM BY KEN BURNS – The filmmaker's 1997 documentary presents a portrait of America's enigmatic and brilliant third president. *Part 1 of 2.* Jefferson made himself into a true Renaissance man – a scholar, a philosopher, a diplomat, an aesthete, and an architect. As a young man, he was transformed by the fire of the Enlightenment into America's most articulate voice for human liberty.

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

12N HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS – **R**

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Monday, August 10 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

Compilation special *60s and 70s Soul Celebration* features legendary acts performing their greatest hits. Among the many iconic artists featured are Patti LaBelle (above), The Temptations, The Spinners, Sam Moore, The Chi-Lites, The Commodores and Thelma Houston.

12:30 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS

1:00 KEN BURNS: THE CIVIL WAR – R

2:30 THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB, SERIES 2 ON MASTERPIECE – In a two-weekend marathon, WETA reprises the second season of the popular cozy crime drama. Follow amateur sleuths Judith, Becks and Suzie as they are again pulled into a tangle of secrets and suspects when new unsettling crimes befall residents of their town. *Parts 1-3 of 6. Repeats 12:30am*

6:30 SIGNORA VOLPE, SERIES 2 – Part 1 of 3. A Debt of Honor. A pillar of the local community is found dead at the charity he runs, and Antonella's friend is arrested for his murder. Trying to clear the woman's name, Sylvia follows a trail of blackmail, family secrets and illicit love.

8:00 THE CARPENTERS: CLOSE TO YOU – Enjoy a music-filled documentary that traces the pop duo's career and features their top hits. Between 1970 and 1983, the Grammy Award-winning siblings had 10 gold singles, 9 gold albums, one multi-platinum album and 17 singles in the *Billboard* Top 20. *Repeats Tue 8/11, 11:30pm; Wed 8/12, 8pm; Fri 8/14, 3pm; Sat 8/15, 4:30pm*

9:30 WETA+ SPECIAL – Learn about WETA's popular streaming service WETA+, which features an extraordinary library of PBS and WETA content available on demand; programs curated exclusively for the D.C.-area community; exclusive program collections; and more. See page 4 for more about WETA+. *Repeats Mon 8/10, 12:30am; Wed 8/12, 4:30pm; Fri 8/14, 4:30pm; Sun 8/16, 6am*

10:00 DOWNTON ABBEY, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 2 of 7. Witness fateful events, above and below stairs. The future of Downton Abbey hinges on a letter from a dead man. Edith and Sir Anthony face a fateful moment. Mrs. Hughes confronts a crisis.

11:00 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 8/13, 3pm; Sat 8/15, 10am; Sun 8/16, 1pm*

12:30AM THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB, SERIES 2 ON MASTERPIECE – Parts 1-3 of 6. R

10 Monday

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

8:00 KEN BURNS: THE CIVIL WAR – An overview of the acclaimed 1990 history documentary, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA, celebrates the landmark series. The special features video clips and interviews with Ken Burns and the filmmaking team. **R**

9:30 60S AND 70S SOUL CELEBRATION – A gathering of Soul legends features all-original artists singing their hits. Among those performing are the Commodores, Gloria Gaynor, the Chi-Lites, the Spinners, Thelma Houston, the Stylistics, Tavares, Yvonne Elliman, Heatwave, Billy Paul, Anita Ward, the Emotions, Peaches & Herb and others. *Repeats Sat 8/15, noon; 12:30am*

12:30AM WETA+ SPECIAL – R

11 Tuesday

8:00 DOLLY PARTON: HERE I AM – Join the country music icon for a moving musical journey through the people and places that shaped her legendary career. Featuring career-spanning archival footage, the film reveals the spirit, soul and hard work of an inspiring artist. *Repeats Wed 8/12, 11pm; Sat 8/15, 10:30pm*

10:00 HEAL YOUR GUT, SHARPEN YOUR MIND WITH STEVEN GUNDRY, MD – R

11:30 THE CARPENTERS: CLOSE TO YOU – R

12 Wednesday

8:00 THE CARPENTERS: CLOSE TO YOU – See the Sunday, August 9, 8 p.m. listing. **R**

9:30 NOVA: RETURN TO THE MOON – A half-century after *Apollo*, the *Artemis* missions aim to bring astronauts back to the Moon and establish a lunar space station. Follow *Artemis II* engineers and crew through the perilous 10-day journey to orbit the Moon.

11:00 DOLLY PARTON: HERE I AM – R

13 Thursday

8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 1 – Part 10 of 10. Ill Met By Moonlight. An almighty crash in the middle of the night alarms Lady Tania. On investigation she discovers her rebellious daughter, Mia, is missing along with a precious necklace. She summons Frank and Lu to investigate.

9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 7 – Episode 5 of 6. Exposed to the Light. A fundraising event at the Brokenwood Empire Cinema becomes fatal when a fire breaks out; after the smoke clears, a businessman is found strangled and the team investigates.

11:00 HEAL YOUR GUT, SHARPEN YOUR MIND WITH STEVEN GUNDRY, MD – R

14 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. *Repeats Sat 8/15, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 8/16, 11:30am; Mon 8/17, 7:30am*

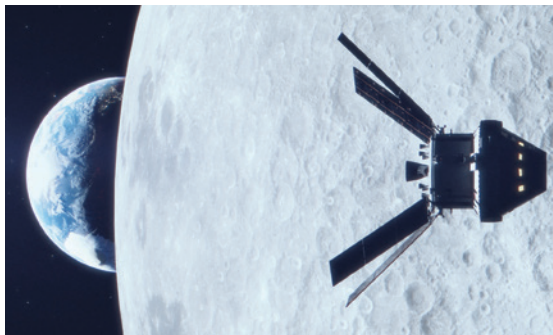
8:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3 – Episode 6. Amy Coney Barrett, Part 2. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett discusses the court's decision-making process, the dramatic rise of "shadow dockets," and why she believes Americans should have faith in our government.

9:00 JOHN WILLIAMS: THE BERLIN CONCERT – See the Saturday, August 8, 10 p.m. listing. **R**

10:30 ELVIS '56 – See the Saturday, August 8, 7 p.m. listing. **R**
12M AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE – See the Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m. listing.

15 Saturday

6AM-9AM See the Saturday, August 1 listings.



NASA/LIAM VANULIS

Wednesday, August 12 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

Encore presentation *NOVA: Return to the Moon* spotlights NASA's *Artemis* missions that aim to bring astronauts back to the Moon and establish a lunar space station for further explorations.



NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Saturdays, Aug. 15 & 22 at 8 p.m.; Aug. 29 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA PBS
The U.S. and the Holocaust, a three-part Florentine Films and WETA co-production from Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, spotlights America's actions before, during and after the catastrophe. Above: Jewish families being deported from Warsaw, Poland, 1943.

- 9AM AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE** – Join healthy aging expert Miranda Esmonde-White to learn how incorporating gentle flexibility and range-of-motion exercises can improve posture, help reverse the signs of aging, and increase energy.
- 10AM LIFE ON EARTH: ATTENBOROUGH'S GREATEST ADVENTURE – R**
- 11:30 RICK STEVES' ART OF EUROPE: BEAUTY THROUGH THE AGES** – The travel expert explores wonders of European art from the High Middle Ages to the modern era through a selection of his favorite "art bites."
- 12N 60S AND 70S SOUL CELEBRATION – R**
- 3:00 RICK STEVES: FASCISM IN EUROPE** – With travel expert Rick Steves, explore how fascism rose and fell in Europe, tracing the ideology's history. Steves visits sites throughout Europe relating to fascism.
- 4:30 THE CARPENTERS: CLOSE TO YOU – R**
- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS – Repeats Sunday, noon**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**
- 7:00 THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, A FILM BY KEN BURNS** – For more than 100 years, the Statue of Liberty has symbolized hope and refuge for generations of immigrants. In this portrait of the statue, explore the history of America's premier symbol and the meaning of liberty itself.
- 8:00 THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST** – Examine America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian disasters of the 20th century and how the Holocaust challenged the ideals of our democracy in this documentary series by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein. *Part 1 of 3. The Golden Door (Beginnings – 1938)*. Reversing a history of open borders, a xenophobic backlash prompts Congress to restrict immigration. Hitler and the Nazis persecute German Jews, forcing many to seek refuge. FDR is concerned by the growing crisis but is unable to coordinate a response.
- 10:30 DOLLY PARTON: HERE I AM – R**
- 12:30AM 60S AND 70S SOUL CELEBRATION – R**

16 Sunday

- 6AM WETA+ SPECIAL – R**
- 6:30 ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – Part 3 of 4. Politics Always Wins.** Mir's reign in space comes to an end with the arrival of the International Space Station (ISS). A new dawn of cooperation awaits, offering hope for a divided world. **Repeats 11pm**
- 8AM ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – Part 4 of 4. Friends Forever.** Far from their home planet, astronauts living aboard the ISS face the emotional realities of isolation. When war breaks out on Earth, relationships are tested and the future of international cooperation in space is thrown into question. **Repeats 12:30am**
- 9:30 THOMAS JEFFERSON, A FILM BY KEN BURNS – Part 2 of 2.** Jefferson's last years were spent founding the University of Virginia and reestablishing a friendship after decades of estrangement from his onetime rival John Adams. **Repeats 2am**
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**
- 12N HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS – R**
- 12:30 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS**

- 1:00 LIFE ON EARTH: ATTENBOROUGH'S GREATEST ADVENTURE** – Discover the story behind TV's first wildlife blockbuster: Sir David Attenborough's *Life on Earth*. **R**
- 2:30 THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB, SERIES 2 ON MASTERPIECE** – WETA reprises Season 2 of the cozy crime drama that follows amateur sleuths Judith, Becks and Suzie as they are again pulled into a tangle of secrets and suspects when new unsettling crimes befall residents of their town. Samantha Bond stars. *Parts 4-6 of 6.*
- 6:30 SIGNORA VOLPE, SERIES 2 – Part 2 of 3. A Deadly Net.** Freelancing for MI6, Sylvia poses as an aide for a diplomat's widow at her luxurious lakeside villa. She's keeping watch on a South American politician, and when a dead body is found in the lake, Riva is astonished to discover Sylvia already onsite.
- 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 beloved late tenor Luciano Pavarotti's 90th birthday. Featuring renowned opera and pop artists, the concert showcases the diverse musical collaborations of Pavarotti.
- 10:00 DOWNTON ABBEY, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 3 of 7.** Two social revolutions arrive at Downton Abbey: the Irish civil war and the fight for women's suffrage. A mysterious conspiracy keeps Anna and Bates apart.
- 11:00 ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – Part 3 of 4. Politics Always Wins. R**
- 12:30AM ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE – Part 4 of 4. Friends Forever. R**
- 2AM THOMAS JEFFERSON, A FILM BY KEN BURNS – Pt 2. R**

17 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: SHELburne MUSEUM, HOUR 1** – See great finds in Vermont; guess which item is valued at up to \$100,000. **Repeats Tue 8/18, 4pm**
- 9:00 GO-GO CITY: DISPLACEMENT AND PROTEST IN WASHINGTON, D.C.** – For decades, Washington, D.C. has been a beacon for Black culture and community, but a wave of economic and cultural gentrification has threatened to erase this history. *Go-Go City* follows protesters for racial justice as they took to the streets in summer 2020, rallying around the city's Go-Go music scene to be heard. **Repeats Tue 8/18, 3pm**
- 10:00 INSIDE THE COURT OF HENRY VIII** – Pull back the veil to expose the vicious rivalries and conspiracies that characterized the court of England's King Henry VIII – where a man could find ultimate riches, or his own head on a pike.

18 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.



COURTESY/SAM GEORGE

Monday, August 17 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS
Go-Go City: Displacement and Protest in Washington, D.C., a film by Samuel George of the Bertelsmann Foundation, explores economic and cultural gentrification in the nation's capital – and how displaced communities rallied around the city's Go-Go music in 2020 protests.



10 p.m. Wednesdays starting Aug. 19; WETA PBS & WETA Metro

The miniseries *Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien* features the veteran independent science journalist traveling around the globe to illuminate solutions to climate, water, and health crises.

Season 12 encore: *Westward Bound*. Guests are talk show host Sara Haines and playwright Tracy Letts.

Repeats Fri 8/21, 3pm; Sat 8/22, midnight

- 9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE** – Celebrate the life and career of actor Dick Van Dyke, known for iconic roles in *Mary Poppins*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, his classic CBS sitcom, and more. Van Dyke has entertained audiences for eight decades. **Repeats** Wed 8/19, 3pm; Sat 8/22, 1am; Sun 8/23, 4pm

19 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: LIONS OF THE SKELETON COAST** – Lion researcher Dr. Philip Stander follows three orphaned desert lion cubs as they navigate the brutal Skeleton Coast of Namibia. Watch the cubs learn to adapt, hunt and defy the odds of survival in this vast desert territory. **Repeats** Thur 8/20, 3pm; Sun 8/23, 3pm
- 9:00 NOVA: HUMAN** – *Origins*. Where did humans come from, and what makes us unique? Discover the remarkable origins of *Homo sapiens* and the crucial moments of innovation, communication and ritual that set us on our path. **Repeats** Thur 8/20, 4pm; Sun 8/23, 1pm
- 10:00 RESOLVE TO SOLVE WITH MILES O'BRIEN** – Travel the globe with science journalist Miles O'Brien and witness how climate solutions are much closer than we think. *Episode 1 of 4. Wild Climate Fixes from Cows and Beavers*. Can seaweed and beavers help save the world? Miles O'Brien meets innovators using nature-based solutions to tackle climate change in surprising ways. **Repeats** Sun 8/23, 2pm

20 Thursday

- 8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 2** – *Part 1 of 10. Outrageous Fortune*. Frank and Lu seek to locate a missing pampered dog. "Tim" has run away from his life of luxury at opulent Miranda Park. With the promise of a huge reward for his safe recovery, the duo takes up the case.
- 9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 7** – *Episode 6 of 6. Here's to You, Mrs. Robinson*. When Mike goes off on mysterious police business, Kristin must lead the inquiry into deaths at a 1970s-themed party.
- 10:32 BRITISH ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**

21 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats** Sat 8/22, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 8/23, 11:30am; Mon 8/24, 7:30am
- 8:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UDEGROVE, SERIES 3** – *Episode 7. Ringo Starr*. The legendary drummer talks about his 2026 album, *Long, Long Road*, his deep-rooted love of country music, the magic of the Beatles, and memories that stand out from those storied Beatles years.
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET: EUGENE ONEGIN** – Enjoy Asmink Grigorian's return to the Metropolitan Opera as Tatiana in Tchaikovsky's opera alongside Iurii Samoilov in his company role debut in this production

directed by Deborah Warner. The opera tells a story of love, regret and social intrigue, based on Alexander Pushkin's novel. (3 hrs.)

22 Saturday

6AM-9AM See the Saturday, August 1 listings.

9AM-3PM THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE, SERIES 4 –

(Encore) The Nashville competition features eight talented home cooks showcasing their signature recipes and seeking to be crowned winner of The Great American Recipe. *Part 1. First Impressions; Part 2. Passing the Dish; Part 3. The Bakes Are High; Part 4. A Test of the Best; Part 5. A Taste Down Memory Lane; Part 6. The Grand Finale.*

- 3:00 GODS OF TENNIS** – Revisit the golden age of tennis, framed through the world-famous Wimbledon tournament. Meet the players who changed the sport forever. *Episode 1. Billie Jean King & Arthur Ashe; Episode 2. Bjorn Borg & John McEnroe; Episode 3. Martina Navratilova & Chris Evert.*

6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS – **Repeats Sunday, noon**

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

- 7:00 SIMON SCHAMA: THE HOLOCAUST, 80 YEARS ON** – Surrounding the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the last World War II concentration camps, renowned historian Sir Simon Schama confronts the history of the Holocaust, exploring the genocide as not just a Nazi crime, but as a European-wide crime.

- 8:00 THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST** – *Part 2 of 3. Yearning to Breathe Free (1938 – 1942)*. As World War II begins, Americans are divided over whether to intervene against Nazi Germany. Some individuals and organizations work to help refugees escape. Germany invades the USSR and secretly begins the mass murder of European Jews.

- 10:30 THE LAST TWINS** – Discover the extraordinary story of Erno "Zvi" Spiegel, an unsung hero of the Holocaust who risked everything to protect twin boys targeted by Dr. Josef Mengele for brutal medical experimentation at Auschwitz.

12M FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – Season 12 encore: *Westward Bound*. **R**

1AM AMERICAN MASTERS: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE – **R**

23 Sunday

6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, August 2 listings.

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: HUMAN – *Origins*. **R**

2:00 RESOLVE TO SOLVE WITH MILES O'BRIEN – *Episode 1 of 4. Wild Climate Fixes from Cows and Beavers*. **R**

3:00 NATURE: LIONS OF THE SKELETON COAST – **R**

4:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE – **R**

6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS – **Repeats Mondays, 7am**

- 6:30 SIGNORA VOLPE, SERIES 2** – *Part 3 of 3. Death of a Ghost*. When an old foe abducts Sylvia, she must draw on her formidable reserves of physical and mental



Friday, August 21 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS

Great Performances at the Met: Eugene Onegin presents the opera by Tchaikovsky exploring love, regret and social intrigue. Above: Mezzo-soprano Maria Barakova (Olga) with Iurii Samoilov (Onegin) and Stanislas de Barbeyrac (Lenski).



Sundays, August 23 & 30 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Mr. Bates vs The Post Office on *Masterpiece* stars Toby Jones in the true story of one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in British legal history, in which hundreds of innocent village Subpostmasters were falsely accused of theft and fraud.

resilience to escape. While Riva investigates through official channels, Henry and Isabel run their own covert operation, all of them racing to save her.

8:00 MR. BATES VS THE POST OFFICE ON MASTERPIECE –

Follow one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in British legal history. Hundreds of innocent village Subpostmasters were accused of theft and fraud caused by errors in the Post Office's computer system – something it denied for years. Toby Jones stars. *Part 1 of 4.* Mysterious financial losses lead the Post Office to fire and prosecute village Subpostmasters, who have no way to prove their innocence. *Part 2 of 4.* Alan Bates and the Subpostmasters begin their fight for the truth and justice with new allies in Parliament. **Repeats midnight**

10:00 DOWNTON ABBEY, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE – *Part 4 of 7.*

The Crawley family faces its severest test yet. Meanwhile, new faces try to fit into the tight-knit circle of servants. New evidence turns up in a baffling case. **Repeats 2am**

11:00 10 STREETS THAT CHANGED AMERICA – Discover how streets have connected the nation and changed the way Americans live, work and shop. Among highlighted streets, trace Broadway's 400-year evolution; ride on the Boston Post Road; and visit the National Road, starting in Cumberland, VA, that paved the way for wagons going west.

12M-3AM See the 8-11 p.m. listings.

24 Monday

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

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: SHELburne MUSEUM, HOUR 3 – See vibrant Vermont treasures. Which find is worth up to \$150,000? **Repeats Tue 8/25, 3pm**

9:00 SIGNATURE DISH – *Season 4 encore: All Across Asia.* In WETA's local restaurant series, host Seth Tillman embarks on a pan-Asian culinary adventure. From a decadent twist on a beloved Chinese noodle classic to the bold, earthy depths of Indonesian cuisine, Seth explores the traditions, techniques, and vibrant flavors that make Asia's diverse culinary landscape so compelling. **Repeats Tue 8/25, 4pm**

9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN – *Season 1 encore: Shenandoah Valley, VA.* In WETA's local travel series, mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee visit western Virginia. The trip itinerary includes Skyland Restaurant at Shenandoah National Park, Luray Caverns, ATV-riding, Hank's Grille & Catering, and The Mimslyn Inn and Massanutten Resort. **Repeats Tue 8/25, 4:30pm**

10:00 POV: HOW TO BUILD A LIBRARY – Two intrepid Nairobi women transform a library, "whites-only" until 1958, into a vibrant cultural hub. Along the way, they must navigate local politics, raise millions for the rebuild, and confront the lingering ghosts of Kenya's colonial past. (90 min.)

25 Tuesday

8:00 THE ESSENCE OF EVA – Featuring unheard songs and exclusive archival footage, a film paints a vivid portrait of legendary Washington, D.C. singer Eva Cassidy (1963-1996), whose soulful voice transcended genres, captivating audiences with its purity and emotional resonance. The program presents the story of an enormous talent gone too soon. **Repeats Wed 8/26, 3:30pm; Sat 8/29, 7pm; Sun 8/30, 3pm**

9:30 AMERICAN MASTERS: MARY OLIVER: SAVED BY THE BEAUTY OF THE WORLD – Celebrate the life and career of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Mary Oliver. Shaped by a solitary childhood and rising literary fame, Oliver published more than 30 collections of poetry and essays on nature, beauty and love. **Repeats Sat 8/29, 11pm**

26 Wednesday

8:00 NATURE: GRIZZLY 399: QUEEN OF THE TETONS – The most famous bear in the Tetons attempts to raise four cubs. As she makes increasingly unexpected and consequential choices to protect her family, Grizzly 399 becomes a symbol of the clash between humans and the wild. **Repeats Thur 8/27, 3pm**

9:00 NOVA: HUMAN – *Into the Americas.* Follow ancient humans' perilous journey into the Americas, where a frigid Ice Age landscape and mammoths and other fearsome beasts tested their resilience. **Repeats Thur 8/27, 4pm; Sun 8/30, 1pm**

10:00 RESOLVE TO SOLVE WITH MILES O'BRIEN – Travel the globe with science journalist Miles O'Brien and witness how climate solutions are much closer than we think. *Episode 2 of 4. Weathering Change Through Wind and Heat.* Extreme heat is reshaping lives across the globe. Journalist Miles O'Brien journeys from Phoenix to Sydney to find solutions, proving that while the tools to fight this threat exist, the real question is: do we have the will to use them in time? **Repeats Fri 8/28, 4pm; Sun 8/30, 2pm**

27 Thursday

8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 2 – *Part 2 of 10. The Play's the Thing.* Adrian Messenger, creator of *The Legends of Engel-world*, successfully controls the loves and lives of his LARP characters, but struggles with his own; he suspects his wife of having an affair and employs Frank and Lu to find proof. Undercover in the game, the Pls witness dramatic events.

9:00 THE MADAME BLANC MYSTERIES, SERIES 3 – Expatriate British antiques dealer and amateur sleuth Jean White (Sally Lindsay, *Coronation Street*) tackles new mysteries in her village in the South of France. *Part 1 of 7. Christmas.* Judith and Jeremy arrange for the group to attend a murder-mystery night at a hotel with a spooky history. But when an actual murder takes place, a heavy rainstorm traps Jean inside with all the suspects.



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Wednesday, August 26 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Nature: Grizzly 399 examines the plight of the American Grizzly Bear through the eyes of its most famous representative in the Grand Tetons in a story of twists, turns, hope and heartbreak.



Monday, August 31 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

POV: Arrest the Midwife chronicles the arrests of three midwives serving Amish and Mennonite communities in upstate New York and how they ignited fierce political activism and a clash between time-honored tradition and industrialized medicine.

- 10:00 MYSTERY ROAD** – Oscar-nominee Judy Davis and Aaron Pedersen (*Jack Irish*) star in this 2018 crime drama set in the Australian outback. When two boys go missing, a detective and a local cop investigate. *Part 1 of 6. Gone.* When a truck is found abandoned at a cattle station, Senior Sergeant Emma James calls in Detective Jay Swan to help determine what happened to Marley, the driver. CCTV footage shows that Marley was with Reese, a backpacker recently fired from the station, who is also missing.

28 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 8/29, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 8/30, 11:30am; Mon 8/31, 7:30am**
- 8:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3** – *Episode 8. T Bone Burnett.* Ringo Starr, and Grammy and Oscar-winning music producer T Bone Burnett talk about their collaboration and why the Beatles continue to capture our imagination. Burnett discusses American music and changes in the music industry today.
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: VIENNA PHILHARMONIC SUMMER NIGHT CONCERT 2026** – Enjoy the famed orchestra's popular annual concert, this year conducted by Lorenzo Viotti and featuring bass-baritone Bryn Terfel as guest soloist, performing arias from Verdi's *Falstaff*, and more. **Repeats Sat 8/29, 12:30am; Sun 8/30, 4:30pm**
- 10:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: BRAHMS: FREE BUT ALONE** – Journey through Germany with host Scott Yoo to uncover Johannes Brahms's private world, revealing how love, duty and doubt forged one of history's greatest composers. (1 hr.) **Repeats Sun 8/30, 11pm**

29 Saturday

6AM-5PM See the Saturday, August 1 listings.

- 5:00 NICK KNOWLES' HERITAGE RESCUE** – Many of the U.K.'s castles and palaces are crumbling; in this series, a team of master craftsmen set about restoring these historic buildings. Nick Knowles hosts. *Part 1 of 6. Castle Howard (Yorkshire).*
- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Repeats Sunday, noon**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 THE ESSENCE OF EVA** – See August 25, 8 p.m. **R**
- 8:30 THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST** – *Part 3 of 3. The Homeless, The Tempest-Tossed (1942 -).* A group of dedicated government officials fights red tape to

support rescue operations. As the Allies liberate German camps, the public sees for the first time the sheer scale of the Holocaust and begins to reckon with its reverberations.

- 11:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: MARY OLIVER: SAVED BY THE BEAUTY OF THE WORLD** – **R**
- 12:30AM GREAT PERFORMANCES: VIENNA PHILHARMONIC SUMMER NIGHT CONCERT 2026** – **R**

30 Sunday

6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, August 2 listings.

- 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: HUMAN** – *Into the Americas. R*
- 2:00 RESOLVE TO SOLVE WITH MILES O'BRIEN** – *Episode 2 of 4. Weathering Change Through Wind and Heat. R*
- 3:00 THE ESSENCE OF EVA** – **R**
- 4:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: VIENNA PHILHARMONIC SUMMER NIGHT CONCERT 2026** – **R**
- 6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Repeats Mondays, 7am**
- 6:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3** – Author, historian and journalist Mark Updegrove speaks with thought leaders about contemporary topics. *Encore episode: Stacey Abrams.*
- 7:00 THE ORIENT EXPRESS: A GOLDEN ERA OF TRAVEL** – Follow the route of the iconic Orient Express rail service from London to Istanbul and explore the history of the train. *Part 1 of 4. London to Paris.* The train rolls out and heads east. In Paris, a trip to the Moulin Rouge makes for a memorable night. **Repeats midnight**
- 8:00 MR. BATES VS THE POST OFFICE ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 3 of 4.* Alan allies with the Post Office in the hope his friends can get justice at last, but can he trust the people who have let them down so badly? *Part 4 of 4.* Alan and his friends finally get the chance to embark on the epic challenge of battling the Post Office in court. **Repeats 1am**
- 10:00 DOWNTON ABBEY, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 5 of 7.* Things go badly amiss at Downton Abbey. Robert and Cora are not speaking. The servants are shunning Matthew's mother, Isobel. And Matthew and Robert have fallen out. Bates takes a gamble. **Repeats 3am**
- 11:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: BRAHMS: FREE BUT ALONE** – **R**
- 12M-4AM See the 7-11 p.m. listings.**

31 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: NEW YORK CITY, HOUR 2** – Join *Roadshow* in NYC for big valuations, including a \$500,000 find.
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH** – *Season 4 encore: Cafe Culture.* In WETA's local restaurant series, host Seth Tillman immerses himself in local cafe culture, beginning with the drink that defines it. From exploring what makes the perfect cup of coffee to savoring global flavors – like an Ethiopian-inspired sandwich and a Vietnamese sweet treat – Seth uncovers the variety that fuels the modern cafe scene.
- 9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN** – *Season 2 encore: Baltimore, MD.* In WETA's local travel series, mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee visit Baltimore and enjoy a weekend of waterfront views, cracking crabs, and trips to the National Aquarium and Fort McHenry.
- 10:00 POV: ARREST THE MIDWIFE** – In the heart of a rural Amish and Mennonite enclave, a dramatic chain of events unfolds as several trusted midwives are arrested, leaving their community stranded in a healthcare desert and reigniting a battle between time-honored tradition and industrialized medicine. (90 min.)

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The Essence of Eva

**Tuesday, August 25 at 8 p.m.
on WETA Metro & WETA PBS**

Featuring archival footage and previously unheard songs, a film paints a vivid portrait of Washington-area vocalist Eva Cassidy from the perspective of her family, friends and fellow musicians. Cassidy possessed a soulful voice that transcended genres and captivated audiences with its purity and emotional resonance. Her interpretations of songs such as “Over the Rainbow” and “Fields of Gold” are spotlighted in the film, showcasing her ability to breathe new life into familiar tunes. At the time of her death at age 33 following a battle with cancer, Cassidy was largely unknown outside the regional music scene, but her music would achieve worldwide recognition and success.



COURTESY/ATON FILMS

Doc World: Keep It a Secret

**Thursday, August 27 at 7 p.m.
on WETA World**

A film recounts the true story of the dawn of Irish surfing and how the sport’s pioneers found peace in the surf during the most violent years of The Troubles in Ireland. In 1972, international sporting events in Ireland were canceled, except for one. Teams from around the world declined to travel to Ireland amid the height of sectarian unrest, but surf pioneers in Dublin and Belfast transcended political hostilities to host the 1972 Eurosurf Championship. *Keep It a Secret* (7 p.m.) chronicles idealism in the midst of a violent conflict and reveals how surfing gave a group of young people hope at a time of despair. Tune in as well for the film *Doc World: Surf Nation* (8 p.m.) — spotlighting surfers in Hainan, China — which airs following *Keep It a Secret*.



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PBS Kids Special: The Day You Begin

**Premiering Aug. 3, 8 a.m. WETA PBS
& Aug. 7, 2:30 p.m. WETA PBS Kids**

The new 45-minute special *The Day You Begin* is based on the *New York Times* bestselling picture book of the same name by MacArthur Fellow and National Book Award and Newbery Honor-winning author Jacqueline Woodson. The program, repeating throughout August, demystifies the first day of school for children. The animated special follows four kindergartners and is told from each of their points of view to form an interconnecting narrative. The kids each have different experiences in the same classroom; throughout the course of the day at school, they learn what makes them unique and what connects them to others.



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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12pm	• 8/2, noon: Story of the Irish; 8/9, 11am: Ireland's Wild Coast; 8/16, 11am: The Great Escaper on Masterpiece; starting 8/23, noon: Sense and Sensibility	Professor T, Series 4 (UK) airs 8/3-8/10; Grantchester, Series 1 on Masterpiece airs 8/11-8/18; Series 2 airs 8/19-8/26; Series 3 starts 8/27 (90 min on 8/27)					• 8/1, 12n-5pm: Mr. Bates vs The Post Office on Masterpiece (+ The Real Story...)
12:30pm							
1pm	• 1pm: Grantchester, Series 11; starting 8/23: The Orient Express: The Golden Era of Travel	RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 1 continues 8/3-8/10; Series 2 airs 8/11-8/20; Series 3 starts 8/21 (and skips 8/27)					• 8/8, 12n-5pm: The Gold on Masterpiece
1:30pm							
2pm	• 8/2: Vienna Blood, Series 2 (Pts 1-3)	Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 1	• 2pm, 8/4-8/11: Under the Vines, Series 1	• 2pm, 8/5-8/19: Seaside Hotel, Series 10	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 2	• 2pm, 8/7-8/14: The Boleyns; starting 8/21: The Orient Express: A Golden Era of Travel	• 8/15-8/29, 12n-2pm: Count of Monte Cristo on Masterpiece
2:30pm	• 8/9: Vienna Blood, Series 2 (Pts 4-6)						
3pm	• 8/16: Vienna Blood, Series 3 (Pts 1-3)	Miss Scarlet, Series 1 & 2 on Masterpiece	• 2pm starting 8/18: Signora Volpe, Series 1	• 2pm starting 8/26: Vienna Blood, Series 4	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 1 & 2	• 3pm: Lucy Worsley Investigates, Series 2	• 8/15-8/29, 2pm-4pm: The Forsytes on Masterpiece
3:30pm	• 8/23: Vienna Blood, Series 3 (Pts 4-6)						
4pm	• 8/30: Vienna Blood, Series 4 (Pts 1-3)	Baptiste, Series 1 on Masterpiece	• 3pm, 8/4-8/11: Bookish, Series 1	• 3pm: Velvet, Series 2 (90 min)	• 8/6: Patience, Series 2	• 4pm, 8/7-8/14: Once Upon a Time in N. Ireland; 8/21: Chatsworth Through Time; 8/28: Arthur: A Life with the Royal Family	• 8/15-8/29, 4pm: Alice and Jack on Masterpiece
4:30pm							
5pm	RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 8/23)	BBC News: The Context USA	BBC News: The Context USA	BBC News: The Context USA	BBC News: The Context USA	BBC News: The Context USA	• 5pm: Miss Scarlet, Series 1 & 2 on Masterpiece
5:30pm		BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	
6pm	Doc Martin, Series 9 (Series 10 starts 8/9)	Utopia	Utopia	Utopia	Utopia	Utopia	• 6pm: Baptiste, Series 1 on Masterpiece
6:30pm		As Times Goes By	As Times Goes By	As Times Goes By	As Times Goes By	As Times Goes By	
7pm	Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 1	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	• Under the Vines, Series 1
7:30pm							
8pm	Starting 8/2: The Boleyns; 8/23: Inside the Court of Henry VIII; 8/30: Arthur: A Life with the Royal Family	• 8pm, 8/3-8/10: Under the Vines, Series 1	Foreign Favourites	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 2 (starts 8/5)	• 8pm, 8/6-8/13: The Boleyns; starting 8/20: The Orient Express: A Golden Era of Travel	Masterworks Showcase	• Grantchester, Series 11 on Masterpiece
8:30pm							
9pm	Lucy Worsley Investigates, Series 1 & 2	• 8pm starting 8/17: Signora Volpe, Series 1	• 8pm, 8/4-8/18: Seaside Hotel, Series 10	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 1 & 2	• 9pm: Lucy Worsley Investigates, Series 2	• 8pm: Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 1	• Starting 8/22: Mystery Road
9:30pm							
10pm	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 1	• 9pm, 8/3-8/10: Bookish, Series 1	• 8pm starting 8/25: Vienna Blood, Series 4	• 9pm, 8/4: Murder in the Mountains, Series 1	• 9pm: Miss Scarlet, Series 1 on Masterpiece (Series 2 starts 8/21)	• 9pm: Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 1	• Midsomer Murders, Series 23
10:30pm							
11pm	RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 8/23)	BBC News	• 9pm starting 8/11: Astrid, Series 5	• 9pm starting 8/11: Astrid, Series 5	• 10pm, 8/6-8/13: Once Upon a Time in N. Ireland; 8/20: Chatsworth Through Time; 8/27: Arthur: A Life with the Royal Family	• 10pm: Baptiste, Series 1 on Masterpiece	• Starting 8/22: Halifax: Retribution
11:30pm							
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

WETA UK Highlights

Astrid, Series 5

**9 p.m. Tuesdays starting August 11
on WETA UK**

The Franco-Belgian police drama *Astrid*, from curated international drama collection Walter Presents, follows an autistic woman with a brilliant mind who works discreetly in the Paris judicial police's library and helps detective Commander Raphaëlle (Lola Dewaere) solve complex cold cases. Astrid Nielsen (Sara Mortensen) has Asperger's syndrome; with her near-photographic memory, she excels at analyzing investigation files. In August, Season 5 — featuring eight episodes — makes its debut on WETA UK; the duo and their colleagues face spies, cults, killers and more, and Lamarck (Stéphane Guillon) makes a shocking return. The drama, in French with English subtitles, is the basis for the English-language adaptation *Patience*. Binge-watch five seasons of *Astrid* on WETA+ with PBS Passport.



COURTESY PBS/WALTER PRESENTS

The Orient Express: A Golden Era of Travel

**8 p.m. Thursdays starting August 20
on WETA UK**

A four-part miniseries follows the route of the iconic Orient Express rail service at the height of its fame from London to Istanbul — an epic 1,700-mile adventure visiting Paris, Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Sofia and more. Along the route, the programs explore the history and enduring legacy of the world's most renowned luxury rail journey, chart how Europe has changed in the last 150 years, and spotlight some of the continent's most iconic trains and railways. Episodes are *London to Paris*; *Paris to Salzburg*; *Semmering to Budapest*; and *Dragoman to Istanbul*. Binge-watch the series on WETA+ with PBS Passport as of August 1. The series also airs on WETA PBS, Sundays at 7 p.m. starting August 30.



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Signora Volpe

**8 p.m. Mondays starting August 17
on WETA UK**

When British MI-6 agent Sylvia Fox (Emilia Fox, *Silent Witness*) visits Italy for her niece's wedding, the groom goes missing and Sylvia feels compelled to investigate. She solves the mystery and, seeking a quieter life and longing to reconnect with her estranged sister Isabel (Tara Fitzgerald, *Waking the Dead* and *Game of Thrones*), decides to relocate to a village in Umbria. After moving in, she is soon investigating other cases — and wins over a handsome local policeman (Giovanni Cirfiera), while her ex-husband and ex-colleague Adam Haines (Jamie Bamber, *Law & Order: UK*) tries to lure her back. Series 1 & 2 of the drama, totaling 6 episodes, start August 17 on WETA UK. Binge-watch *Signora Volpe* on WETA+ with PBS Passport.



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Celebrating American Composers & Musicians on Choral Showcase

Sundays at 9 p.m.

America 250: A Classical Portrait on Choral Showcase celebrates American composers and musicians, exploring music of stillness and sacred spaces on **August 2** with *Silence Unaccompanied*, a collection of last songs by Charles Ives; *Sacred Songs and Meditations*

by James Primosch, with Christopher Kendall and the 21st Century Consort; and Morton Feldman's *Rothko Chapel*, music that invites silence and quiet contemplation.

American masses in the ancient style are the theme on the **August 9** broadcast, which features Trevor Weston's *Messe Ancienne*; Randall Thompson's *Mass of the Holy Spirit*; and Mark Buller's *Mass in Exile*, a work the composer calls a "liturgy for a broken world."

The **August 16** program presents songs and psalms by Leonard Bernstein and Samuel Barber: Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, and Barber's *The Lovers*, based on the poetry of Pablo Neruda.

In 2006, a co-commission by the National Symphony Orchestra and The Choral Arts Society of Washington produced a mass in the Latino-Caribbean style — Puerto Rican-born composer Roberto Sierra's *Missa Latina Pro Pace*, which will be featured on **August 23**.

And to close out the month, *Choral Showcase* on **August 30** presents music written for and performed in Washington National Cathedral, with *Exaltations* by Reena Esmail; *Mount Saint Albans Communion Service* by Gary Davison; and *To Hope! A Celebration* by Dave Brubeck, in performances by Cathedral and the Cathedral Choral Society. Tune in to *Choral Showcase* each Sunday night at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.



Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*

Boris Godunov, Pelléas et Mélisande & More on Opera Matinee

Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Opera Matinee continues to present world-class productions from opera houses around the globe. Featured this month is Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* (**August 8**), based on the real-life 17th-century Russian tsar whose reign was marked by uncertainty, fear, grief and paranoia about the murder of the real heir apparent

to the throne. The performance from the Royal Opera in London features Sir Bryn Terfel in the title role.

Airing next is Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* (**August 15**), a lighthearted take on love, marriage and fidelity. The recorded performance is from the Glyndebourne Festival Opera, led by Riccardo Minasi. The following week, the broadcast features another audience favorite: Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love* (**August 22**), a charming opera buffa with delightful arias and engaging ensembles pieces. The performance from Gran Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona, features Pretty Yende and Michael Spyres.

The month's final opera presentation is Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande* (**August 29**), which spotlights a mysterious young woman and her ill-fated love affair with her husband's brother. The performance from La Scala in Milan, conducted by Maxime Pascal, features Bernard Richter and Sara Blanch.

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America 250: A Classical Portrait

Series continues Wednesdays at 2 p.m. on WETA Virtuoso

WETA Classical series *America 250: A Classical Portrait* continues this month with more explorations of the story of classical music in America. WETA Classical's James Jacobs hosts the series; below, he previews August episodes.

By James Jacobs, On-Air Host

This month, our *America 250: A Classical Portrait* celebration of American classical music continues — beginning not in America but in the rest of the world as we listen for the ways the United States has influenced and contributed to the global musical conversation.

In the **August 5** episode, we consider how French and Russian composers were particularly taken with American jazz and the way it can be incorporated into traditional classical forms, from Maurice Ravel's *Violin Sonata* and his two piano concertos, to Igor Stravinsky's groundbreaking *L'Histoire du Soldat* and Darius Milhaud's ballets *Le Boeuf sur le toit* and *La Création du Monde*, to the Soviet composer Nikolai Kapustin's infectious sonatas and concertos — if you've never heard of him you're in for a treat! In all of this month's episodes, we will include film music and the impact of the recording industry in our explorations.

Then, in the **August 12** program, we'll spotlight Minimalism (a term rejected by all composers considered to be Minimalist — apologies, Steve Reich, Philip Glass, John Adams et al). Influenced by the modalities and the meditative, gradual progressions of Indian and Indonesian music — and developed in tandem with progressive rock and experiments in electronic music (including tape loops), ambient music, and just intonation, which also drew on those influences — we'll explore how American composers such as Terry Riley, La Monte Young, Steve Reich, Philip Glass and John Adams changed the way we listen to music and created a different kind of musical journey. Terry Riley's *In C*, considered the first notated example of minimalist composition, confused the music industry so much back in 1964 that it was variously categorized as rock, jazz and "world music" before finding its eventual home in the classical section.

On the **August 19** broadcast, we will plunge into the 21st century and consider the musical voices of those who are alive and changing the culture at this very moment. We'll hear what they developed and what they abandoned from previous centuries, and their ideas for the future of classical music.

On **August 26**, we'll train our focus on an essential component of classical music: the audience. How are Americans listening to music? How have our habits changed? We'll take a look at the orchestras, festivals, record labels and radio stations that bring us the music and explore how they have changed through the years and are adapting today.

Finally, we'll pay tribute to some of the great American performers who have inspired us through the years, including conductors, instrumentalists and vocalists.

Join me each Wednesday at 2 p.m. on WETA Virtuoso for *America 250: A Classical Portrait* as we explore America's musical saga. Visit wetaclassical.org to catch up on previous programs in the ongoing series.



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