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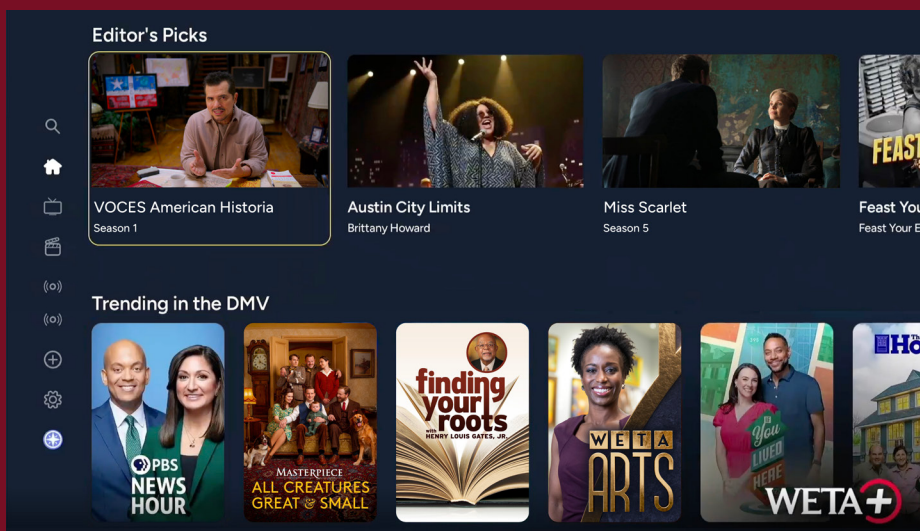
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On WETA+, catch up on recent programs you missed. Enjoy a collection celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, including *Voces: American Historia: The Untold Story of Latinos*, *39th Hispanic Heritage Awards*, *American Masters: American Pachuco: The Legend of Luis Valdez*, *Frida Kahlo*, and more.

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PROGRAM GUIDE

WEEKDAYS



ROSIE'S RULES

WETA PBS | 11:30 a.m.

Follow the adventures of Rosie Fuentes, an inquisitive and hilarious five-year-old girl just starting to learn about the “wow-mazing” world around her. And she is ready to learn it all by figuring it out herself. Repeats weekdays, 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. on WETA PBS Kids

WEEKDAYS



ALMA'S WAY

WETA PBS | 12:30 p.m.

This engaging, modern-day animated series for children ages four to six is about a Puerto Rican girl living in the Bronx with her family. Six-year-old Alma Rivera shares her observations and feelings while offering a window into her everyday life. Repeats weekdays, 3:30 p.m. on WETA PBS Kids

NEW
SEASON

SATURDAYS

PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE, SEASON 15

WETA PBS | 11:30 a.m.

Join chef Pati Jinich as she introduces authentic Mexican flavors, colors, and textures into American kitchens. Repeats Mondays, 1 p.m. on WETA Metro



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

AMERICAN MASTERS: JULIA ALVAREZ: A LIFE REIMAGINED

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 10:00 p.m.

Explore the life and career of Dominican-American poet and novelist Julia Alvarez, who burst onto the literary scene and blazed a trail for a generation of Latino authors. Repeats Wed 9/16, 3 p.m.; Sat 9/19, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

AMERICA REFRAMED: COMO VIVIMOS (HOW WE LIVE)

WETA World | 8 p.m.

In California's Central Valley, hundreds of Latinx youth miss months of school annually, because they live with their families in one of the state's farmworker housing centers. These subsidized apartments require families to move out each winter and relocate at least 50 miles away before being allowed to return in the spring.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

VOCES: AMERICAN HISTORIA: THE UNTOLD STORY OF LATINOS

WETA PBS | 7 p.m.

Host John Leguizamo takes viewers on a captivating journey, delving into both well-known and lesser-known stories of Latino history, spanning thousands of years and shining a light on the rich and often overlooked history of *Latinos*. *Part 1 of 3. Echoes of Empire*. Leguizamo examines the rise and legacy of the great empires and civilizations of Mexico, South America and the Caribbean: the Taino, Olmec, Inca, Maya, Aztec and more.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

VOCES: AMERICAN HISTORIA: THE UNTOLD STORY OF LATINOS

WETA PBS | 8 p.m.

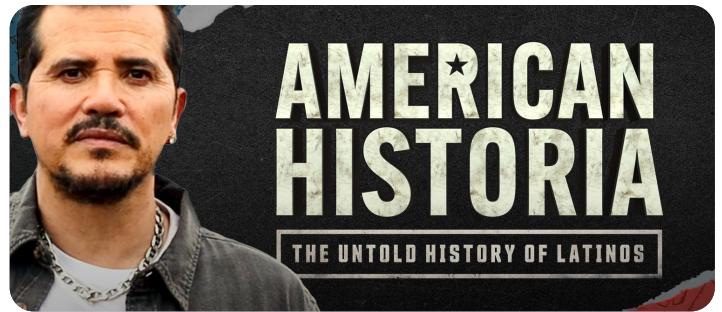
Part 2 of 3. Threads in the American Tapestry. John Leguizamo explores how Latino DNA has been pivotal to the identity of the U.S. since even before the nation's founding. Highlighting key figures and events, Leguizamo shows how Latinos helped create the nation we know today.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

VOCES: AMERICAN HISTORIA: THE UNTOLD STORY OF LATINOS

WETA PBS | 9 p.m.

Part 3 of 3. *Solidarity in a New Era*. John Leguizamo explores how Latinos were often relegated to the fringes of mainstream society but made profound contributions to the nation – and how Latino history is the history of the United States.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

INDEPENDENT LENS: BACKSIDE: THE UNSEEN HANDS OF HORSE RACING

WETA PBS | 4 p.m.

Set at Churchill Downs, a film presents a portrait of the immigrant grooms who care for Kentucky Derby racehorses year-round. The lives of these workers showcase the unseen labor, class disparities, and human bond sustaining an iconic American sport.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

STORIES FROM THE STAGE: GROWING UP LATINA

WETA World | 9:30 p.m.

Rosanna Salcedo discovers that friendship can cross all borders. Ana Hebra Flaster recalls her final night at home before leaving Cuba forever, and Michele Carlo turns lemons into lemonade after getting caught moonlighting. Three storytellers share three interpretations of *Growing Up Latina*.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

POV: IGUALADA: REFUSING TO KNOW YOUR PLACE

WETA World | 7 p.m.

Black activist Francia Márquez rises from rural Colombia to launch a historic presidential campaign defying the political establishment. By promoting a different way of politics and championing equality, she inspires a nationwide movement challenging centuries of exclusion.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

AMERICA REFRAMED: LA MANPLESA-AN UPRISING REMEMBERED

WETA World | 8 p.m.

In 1991, people took to the streets of Washington D.C.'s Mount Pleasant neighborhood to protest the police shooting of a young Salvadoran man, Daniel Gomez. Through testimony, song, poetry, and street theater, the episode dives into the roots of the '91 rebellion.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

POV: UNSEEN

WETA Metro | 9:30 p.m.

As a blind, undocumented immigrant, Pedro faces uncertainty in earning his college degree, becoming a social worker, and supporting his family. *Unseen* uses experimental cinematography and sound to reimagine cinema accessibility and explore the intersections of immigration, disability, and mental health.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

SIGNATURE DISH

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9:30 p.m.

Season 3 encore: *Latin American Kitchen*. WETA's restaurant series spotlights the diversity and distinct flavors of local Latin American cuisine, visiting casual haute-cuisine gems and open-air food trucks to enjoy short ribs, traditional wood-fire lechon, and more. Repeats Tue 9/29, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

VOCES: OMARA - CUBA'S LEGENDARY DIVA

WETA PBS | 10 p.m.

The film traces Cuban singer Omara Portuondo's extraordinary life, from the stages of Havana's nightclubs to becoming a global icon in the world of Afro-Latin music and member of the legendary Buena Vista Social Club. Repeats Wed 9/30, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

VOCES: MAMBO LEGENDS: THE MUSIC NEVER ENDS

WETA PBS | 4 p.m.

Meet the Mambo Legends Orchestra, committed to keeping the sounds of the great Afro-Cuban bandleaders Machito, Tito Puente, and Tito Rodriguez alive for future generations.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BULLS AND SAINTS

WETA World | 4 p.m.

After 20 years living in the United States, an undocumented family decides to return home. They do not know it will be the most difficult journey of their lives. Set between the rodeo rings of North Carolina and the spellbinding Mexican hometown they long for, *Bulls and Saints* is a love story of reverse migration, rebellion, and redemption.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

LEGUIZAMO DOES AMERICA Season 1

WETA Metro | 8 p.m.

Join John Leguizamo on a cross-country road trip to bring viewers inside America's thriving Latino communities with his characteristic edge, energy, and wit. From San Juan to East L.A., Leguizamo celebrates the history, culture, food, and contributions of Latino people shaping America. It is part politics, part road trip, and part history lesson. *Episode 1. Los Angeles.* John travels to Los Angeles, or "Hollywouldn't," as he likes to say, to explore the lack of Latino representation in film and television. He meets several game changers to discuss what needs to happen to achieve real equity.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

LEGUIZAMO DOES AMERICA Season 1

WETA Metro | 9 p.m.

Episode 2. Puerto Rico. John travels to the island of Puerto Rico to highlight the many ways in which the island and its people have influenced American culture and the ways America is influencing theirs.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

LEGUIZAMO DOES AMERICA Season 1

WETA Metro | 10 p.m.

Episode 3. Chicago. John travels to middle America to learn how the Mexican and Puerto Rican communities of Chicago transformed the city into Chicagolandia. He also discovers their deep roots in activism and resistance.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARDS 2026

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9 p.m.

Celebrate 39 years and a new class of Hispanic Heritage Award honorees. Established by The White House in 1988 to commemorate the creation of Hispanic Heritage Month in America, the Hispanic Heritage Awards are often recognized as "America's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration" and recognize Latino accomplishment, vision, and cultural pride.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

VOCES: ASCO: WITHOUT PERMISSION

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 10 p.m.

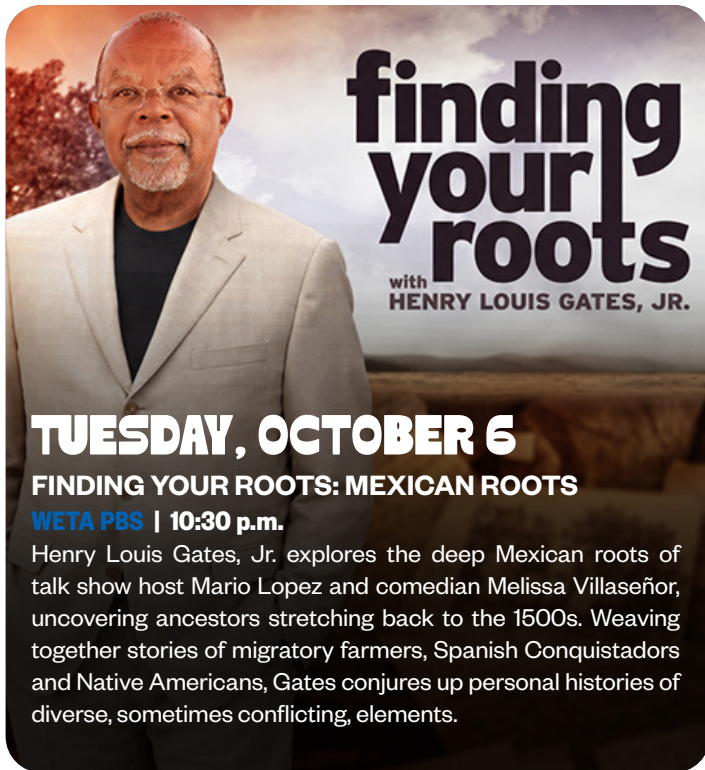
This documentary chronicles the story of the 1970s art group founded by Patssi Valdez, Willie Herrón III, Gronk, and Harry Gamboa Jr. Their conceptual work and performance art addressed the exclusion of Chicanos from the mainstream art world and the systemic police brutality faced by the Mexican American community in East Los Angeles.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

AMERICAN MASTERS: AMERICAN PACHUCO – THE LEGEND OF LUIS VALDEZ

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9 p.m.

A celebration of Luis Valdez, whose influential work in theater and film reflects the struggles and triumphs of the Mexican-American community. Repeats Sat 10/10, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

FINDING YOUR ROOTS: MEXICAN ROOTS

WETA PBS | 10:30 p.m.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the deep Mexican roots of talk show host Mario Lopez and comedian Melissa Villaseñor, uncovering ancestors stretching back to the 1500s. Weaving together stories of migratory farmers, Spanish Conquistadors and Native Americans, Gates conjures up personal histories of diverse, sometimes conflicting, elements.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

LEGUIZAMO DOES AMERICA Season 1

WETA Metro | 8 p.m.

Episode 4. Washington, D.C. John dives into the topic of proper representation within elected offices, while also discovering the many ways Latinos in Washington, D.C. keep their culture alive through theater, poetry, and activism.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

LEGUIZAMO DOES AMERICA Season 1

WETA Metro | 9 p.m.

Episode 5. Miami. John visits Miami to discover why the city has become a Mecca for Latinos leaving their homeland and to show how their culture and flair have made Miami a true slice of Latin life in the U.S.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

LEGUIZAMO DOES AMERICA Season 1

WETA Metro | 10 p.m.

Episode 6. New York City. John explores various ways in which Latin culture, though often marginalized, has had a tremendous influence on New York City, the nation's culture capital.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

VOCES: PAQUITO D'RIVERA:

FROM CARNE Y FRIJOL TO CARNEGIE HALL

WETA PBS | 10 p.m.

This lively and heartfelt documentary traces the remarkable life and career of Paquito D'Rivera, an 18-time Grammy and Latin Grammy Award-winning artist whose musical curiosity spans jazz, rock, classical, and traditional Cuban music.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DEATHS IN THE WORLD

WETA Metro | 8 p.m.

As a deadly civil war threatened to tear El Salvador apart in the 1980s, many families fled north and made Washington, DC their new home. Columbia Road in Adams Morgan became a hotspot of Salvadoran resettlement. Restaurants, cafés, and music soon filled storefronts and spread to nearby Mount Pleasant. But the legacy of violence remained inescapable, forcing Salvadorans to find a new way forward. Filmmaker and poet Quique Aviles exhumes his own history, alongside several other DC-area Salvadorans, to explore how art healed the wounds of long-held trauma.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

PATI JINICH EXPLORES

PANAMERICANA SEASON 2

WETA PBS & WETA Metro | 9 p.m.

Join chef Pati Jinich on a journey inspired by the Pan-American Highway to explore the many cultures of the Americas and how they enrich each other.

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WETA+ is a proud sponsor of the 2026 AFI Latin American Film Festival September 16 - October 7 at the historic AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, MD. This year's lineup features 43 films from 21 countries, highlighting Latin America's prolific and versatile talent during National Hispanic Heritage Month.

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