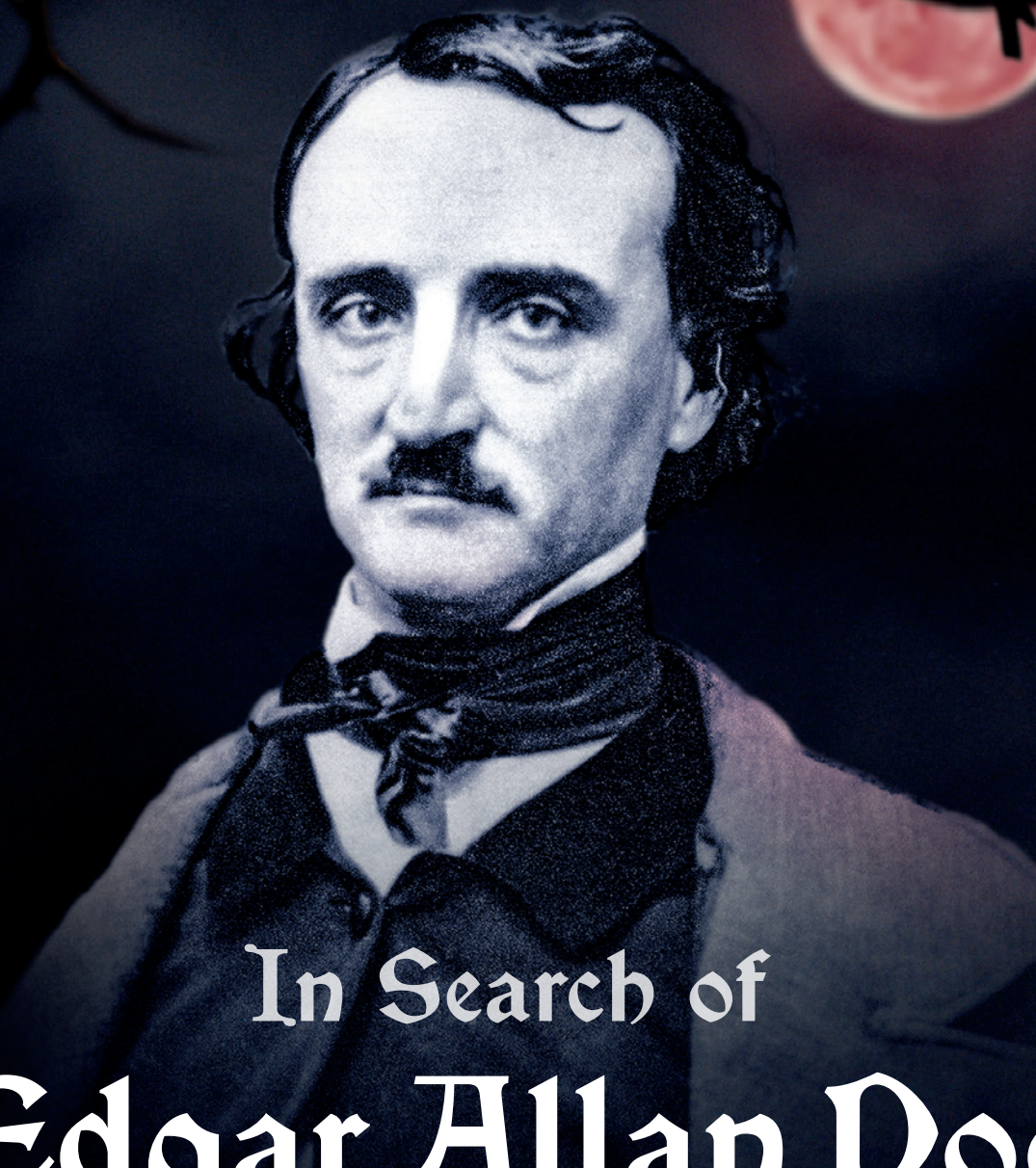


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OCTOBER 2026
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In Search of Edgar Allan Poe

Saturday, October 31 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

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The mysterious and the macabre on WETA PBS and WETA+

WETA Focus



Sixty-five years ago this month — October 2, 1961 — WETA Channel 26 went on the air, inaugurating public television in the national capital area with the aim of making educational programming accessible to *all*. Years in development, the Washington Educational Television (now “Telecommunications”) Association was created by a group of local visionaries who believed that lifelong learning could educate and inform, entertain and inspire. They were right.

By the end of just its first decade, WETA already had become a vital cultural institution in Greater Washington — and expanded beyond creating programs for our region to also producing important content for the entire nation, and added a thriving radio station. Through the many years since, and the advent of multicasting, digital media, and social media, we have continued to grow and evolve our vital service to the people of our community. WETA has come a very long way since that first broadcast in 1961, but our mission remains unchanged: to produce and distribute content of intellectual integrity and cultural merit in service to the public.

This month, enjoy a selection of offerings that tell stories, explore our world, and celebrate our culture. October heralds a wide array of exciting drama presentations, including new seasons of British series *Professor T* and popular *Masterpiece* productions *Maigret* and *The Gold*; a new adaptation of classic detective series *Bergerac*; the Scottish mystery *Deadwater Fell*, with David Tennant; and crime series *Luther*, starring Idris Elba.

Of special note is a unique episode of *Nature* for family viewing, in which *Sesame Street*’s Elmo and friends visit Africa to meet elephants and view other wildlife. On *NOVA*, an intriguing new miniseries, *Evolution*, traces the development of biodiversity on Earth.

In our arts and culture slate, learn about virtuoso violinists Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman on the series *Great Musicians of Our Time*; and hear the music of country artist Tammy Wynette and songwriter Jimmy Webb in lively concerts on *Great Performances*. Explore the life and works of Ernest Hemingway in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick’s wonderful 2021 film about the author; and for Halloween, revel in the stories of two renowned writers of the macabre — Stephen King and Edgar Allan Poe.

Experience all this and much, much more in WETA’s October programming, and stay informed on news developments with *PBS News Hour* and *Washington Week with The Atlantic*. Thank you for tuning in and streaming; thank you for your ongoing support of WETA; and here’s to the next 65 years of outstanding content! We are very proud to serve you.

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WETA Arts Spotlights Local Sculptor & D.C. Architecture

Monday, Oct. 5 at 9:30 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+

In October, WETA's acclaimed series *WETA Arts* showcases internationally renowned local sculptor Foon Sham. Sham's journey took him from Hong Kong, to California, and eventually to Northern Virginia, where a residency at the Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington helped launch his career. The museum is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its residency program with an exhibition of work by former artists-in-residence, and Foon is on hand to reflect on his experience in the program while encouraging its current generation of artists. Also on the program, *WETA Arts* host Felicia Curry crisscrosses Washington with D.C. Preservation League (DCPL) Executive Director Rebecca Miller to learn about what the city's architecture can reveal about its history. Founded in 1971, DCPL has championed the preservation of many iconic landmarks. D.C. is home to more than 800 individual landmarks and more than 70 historic districts; about 20% of the city is designated historic property.

WETA Arts repeats Oct. 19 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS. Stream the program on WETA+ or at weta.org/arts.



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Signature Dish

Monday, Oct. 5 at 9 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+

WETA local restaurant series *Signature Dish* wraps up Season 4 with new episode *Treasures of the Mid-Atlantic*, which follows host Seth Tillman as he savors creative takes on regional classics — elevated and unique dishes featuring locally sourced ingredients. In the program, Seth heads to Blagden Alley for his first stop: The Dabney, for a whole lamb dish. Next, he makes his way to The Wharf for rockfish massaman curry at Fish Shop. Last, he tries a blue crab showstopper in NoMa at Marcus DC — the restaurant's signature Mel's Crab Rice.

Stream episodes on WETA+ or at weta.org/signaturedish. Follow on Instagram via [@signaturedishdc](https://www.instagram.com/signaturedishdc).



Host Seth Tillman with Anthony Jones,
executive chef at Marcus DC

JENNAS SCHWARTZ FOR WETA

It's Academic Returns October 17

10 a.m. Saturdays on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+

It's *Academic*, the world's longest-running TV quiz show, returns with a new season of high school competition starting Saturday, October 17. Episodes of the series — a WETA co-production with Altman Productions, Inc. — are taped in WETA's Shirlington television studio. The Emmy Award-winning weekly program showcases the academic achievements of students from more than 80 high schools from the national capital area — promoting learning and teamwork through tests of knowledge in an array of academic categories. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts each program. See the WETA TV Listings for participating teams. Episodes repeat Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on WETA PBS and stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetapbs.

Funding for *It's Academic* is provided by Commonwealth Savers.

For program and membership inquiries, visit weta.org or call 703-998-2724.

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October Dramas on WETA PBS



COURTESY BANIJAYKUDOS

Deadwater Fell

10 p.m. Thursdays starting Oct. 8

A dark, four-part mystery starring David Tennant (*Broadchurch*) and Anna Madeley (*All Creatures Great and Small*) spotlights a physician, Tom, and his wife Kate, a schoolteacher, who appear to have it all in a quiet Scottish town. But when a devastating house fire strikes late one night, their community must pick through the ashes to find answers — and their closest friends are left questioning everything they

thought they knew about the couple. Was the terrible fire a tragic accident or something more sinister? Cush Jumbo (*The Good Wife*) and Matthew McNulty round out the cast in this tense, twist-filled drama. The series was created and written by Daisy Coulam, head writer and producer of *Grantchester*.



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Luther, Series 1

9 p.m. Thursdays starting Oct. 15

A gripping psychological BBC thriller stars Idris Elba in a Golden Globe-winning role as Detective Chief Inspector John Luther, an intellectually brilliant but emotionally impulsive London cop tormented by the wicked side of humanity. In his work for the Serious Crimes Unit, Luther shines a light into the hearts and minds of psychopaths and killers, and in doing so he opens up the shadowy

spaces of his own soul. In the six episodes of Series I, Luther faces a succession of psychological duels between hunter and hunted, predator and prey. Is he a force for good or a man bent on self-destruction? Ruth Wilson portrays Alice Morgan — a multiple-murderess with whom Luther becomes locked in a lethal battle of wits.



COURTESY BLACKLIGHT TV/PBS

Bergerac

7 p.m. Sundays starting Oct. 18

In a modern reimagining of the iconic 1980s detective series (originally starring John Nettles, later of *Midsomer Murders*), Damien Molony stars as the eponymous detective in a six-part drama set on the British isle of Jersey. Jim Bergerac is a broken man, on leave after the death of his wife and battling his demons and doubts through drink. But when a member of one of Jersey's wealthiest families is murdered, Chief of Police Uma Dalal wants the

department's best investigator on the case. Bergerac returns to work to not only crack the mystery but also to prove to his daughter Kim and mother-in-law Charlie — portrayed by Zoë Wanamaker of *Professor T* — that his life is back on track. Philip Glenister and Pippa Haywood co-star.

— tune in or stream on WETA+

Professor T, Series 5

8 p.m. Sundays starting Oct. 18

Ben Miller is back as Professor Jasper Tempest, the genius Cambridge criminologist who grapples with obsessive compulsive disorder as he aids police in cracking cases. In the six new episodes of Series 5, Jasper and Helena escape to a spa to test their fragile spark — until a seemingly accidental death kindles his detective instincts and threatens their new romance. Wrestling with intimacy, duty and his OCD, Jasper is soon confronted by personal turmoil that clouds his judgment and shakes his focus. As friends meddle to secure his happiness, the police team meanwhile faces dark cases. Maiya drives her colleagues through twisting investigations; Chloe finds her confidence; and Dan's new relationship might be his undoing.



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Maigret, Series 2 on Masterpiece

9 p.m. Sundays starting Oct. 18

Benjamin Wainwright returns as detective Chief Inspector Jules Maigret — protagonist of novels by author Georges Simenon — of the Paris Police Judiciaire's serious crime unit. In three cases (6 episodes), Maigret and his team investigate a series of complex crimes. The policeman's unique brand of justice exposes him to the critical eye of his mentor, Police Director Xavier Guichard (portrayed by Nathaniel Parker of *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries*), who decides that Maigret needs to be taught a lesson and deliberately weakens his team. With pressure mounting, Maigret is forced to make a choice between his personal life and his career. Stefanie Martini (*The Gold*) co-stars as Louise Maigret.



COURTESY PLAYGROUND ENTERTAINMENT/MASTERPIECE

The Gold, Series 2 on Masterpiece

10 p.m. Sundays starting Oct. 18

Masterpiece drama *The Gold* in Series 2 continues the story of the 1983 Brink's-Mat robbery of gold bullion, one of the largest heists in British history. In the six new episodes, following the conviction of some of those involved in the crime, the police realize that those criminals only ever had *half* of the gold. Season 2 explores what happened to the *other* half, and the criminal fortune it created. As the police investigation continues, it becomes a tense journey into international money laundering and organized crime, and London's Metropolitan Police embark on a series of manhunts. The cast includes Hugh Bonneville, Jack Lowden, Emun Elliot, Charlotte Spencer, Tom Cullen, Stefanie Martini and Tom Hughes.



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Join Us for a WETA Fall Programming Sneak Peek – October 20 Virtual Event

Attend a special Fall Sneak Peek online event on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m., in which Devin Karambelas, WETA Vice President, TV Programming, will highlight some of her fall favorites and share a look at upcoming programs. Plus, she'll take attendees inside WETA+, the new streaming service for WETA and PBS programs. This is a virtual event; registration is required by October 18. Register at weta.org/fall2026preview.

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.

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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



Chef Pati Jinich shares her favorite programs in the "Pati's Picks" collection

- **Pati's Picks** — Greater Washington-based chef Pati Jinich, whose miniseries *Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana*, Series 2 premieres this month, shares her handpicked PBS favorites. Programs include *Walking with Dinosaurs* and *Leguizamo Does America*. Available Oct. 1.

- **Oh, the Horror!** — As Halloween approaches, enjoy spooky mystery episodes from *Agatha Christie's Poirot*, *Miss Marple*, *Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators*, *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*, *Death Comes to Pemberley* and more. Also check out the WETA+ "Haunted Histories" collection. Both are available Oct. 1.

- **Native Narratives** — Celebrate the contributions, history and culture of North America's First Nations on Indigenous Peoples' Day with the series *Native America*, *The American Buffalo*, *Sovereign Innovations*, *The West* and other programming. Available Oct. 12.

- **New & Nordic** — Watch new dramas and mysteries from Nordic countries, including *The Restaurant*, *Kraken*, *Murder in Sweden* and *Sunset Grove*. Available Oct. 15.

Watch Live TV, Anytime, Anywhere

Binge programs and series on WETA+ with PBS Passport

- ***The Restaurant*** — A Swedish drama presents an impassioned family saga about love, conflict and betrayal as it follows changes in the country in the post-World War II years. The storyline follows the middle-class Löwander family, which runs one of Stockholm’s most popular restaurants. Binge-watch four seasons (32 episodes) as of Oct. 1. See page 19.
- ***Leguizamo Does America*** — Streaming as part of WETA’s celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the series follows host John Leguizamo as he explores America’s thriving Latino communities, including Washington, D.C., with his characteristic edge, energy and wit, celebrating the history, culture, food and other contributions of Latino people. Binge-watch 2 seasons (12 episodes) as of Oct. 1.
- ***Stephen King, A Necessary Evil*** — A biography program spotlights bestselling author Stephen King, for decades one of the world’s most successful writers — and includes clips of film adaptations of his works and rare interviews with the author, exploring why his popular horror stories touch readers so deeply. Available Oct. 15.
- ***The Gold, Series 2 + Maigret, Series 2 on Masterpiece*** — The investigation of the Brink’s-Mat gold bullion heist continues in *The Gold*; and in *Maigret*, the Paris detective and his team investigate complex new crimes. Binge-watch 6 episodes of each series as of their Season 2 broadcast premieres on Oct. 18. See page 3.
- ***Luther, Series 1-5*** — Idris Elba stars opposite Ruth Wilson in the acclaimed London-set psychological crime thriller following a troubled detective — and his nemesis — as he probes cases. Stream 5 seasons (20 episodes) as of Oct. 1. See page 2.
- ***Deadwater Fell*** — In this dark mystery drama, David Tennant stars as a doctor whose family is killed in a house fire in their Scottish village. Was it an accident or something more sinister? Stream 4 episodes as of Oct. 1. See page 2.



The Restaurant



Leguizamo Does America



The Gold, Series 2 on Masterpiece



Luther, Series 1-5

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American Masters: American Pachuco: The Legend of Luis Valdez

**Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 9 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+**

Airing as part of WETA's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, a 90-minute *American Masters* documentary —

recipient of the Library of Congress Lavine/Ken Burns Prize for Film — spotlights pioneering artist Luis Valdez, whose influential work in theater and film reflects the struggles and triumphs of the Mexican American community. Edward James Olmos narrates. The son of migrant farmworkers who became a revolutionary artist, Valdez changed American culture. In the 1960s, his El Teatro Campesino helped mobilize farmworkers to win their first union contract. In 1979, his “Zoot Suit” was the first Chicano play ever performed on Broadway. His 1987 feature film *La Bamba* — a bio-pic spotlighting Chicano musical artist Ritchie Valens — was a breakout hit that authentically depicted Mexican American life. Valdez’s El Teatro continues to be a beacon for Latino and Latina creators.



Voces — ASCO: Without Permission

**Friday, Oct. 2 at 10 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+**

A documentary film executive-produced by Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna tells the story of a revolutionary Chicano art collective that turned 1970s L.A. into their defiant canvas, merging activism with

radical art-making, and challenging the established order of Hollywood, museums, and media. The 90-minute program weaves nonfiction and fiction to reimagine what is possible in art and cinema, celebrating the artists who formed “ASCO” — from the Spanish word for disgust. Their work spotlighted the Vietnam War, police brutality, Hollywood, and the art world through incendiary performances, photography, video, and muralism. Decades after the group disbanded, a new group of curators has brought ASCO artists and their work to a new generation.



Voces — Paquito D’Rivera

**Monday, Oct. 12 at 10 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+**

New documentary *Paquito D’Rivera: From Carne y Frijol to Carnegie Hall* chronicles the life and career of the brilliant musician, captivating performer, beloved jazz ambassador, and 18-time Grammy-winner. Born in Cuba, the artist defected to the U.S. in 1980; his journey is both an immigrant success story and a testament to his curious musical spirit. The clarinetist, saxophonist

and composer has spent his career exploring a wide range of musical styles. He was a founding member of both the Cuban Modern Music Orchestra and, along with Chucho and Oscar Valdés, the seminal band Irakere, known for fusing jazz, rock, classical and traditional Cuban music. The film features interviews, performances at venues such as Wolf Trap, and musical collaborations, including one with D’Rivera’s good friend cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the National Symphony Orchestra.

Visit weta.org/hispanicheritage for more programming across WETA channels.

Nature: Sesame Street and the Great Elephant Adventure

Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m.
on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+

The long-running series *Nature* kicks off its 45th season with an African safari special — *Sesame Street and the Great Elephant Adventure* (Oct. 14) —

created in collaboration with Sesame Workshop, the makers of the beloved educational children's series. In the *Nature* episode, after adopting an orphaned elephant online, *Sesame Street* character Elmo and his friends Abby Cadabby and Nina travel to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Kenya to meet the young elephant and her keepers, including Edwin Lusichi, Head Keeper at the Nairobi Nursery. In their first-ever safari, the Sesame Street friends embark on a journey that takes them from the caring confines of the elephant sanctuary to the African bush, where they come face to face with some of nature's most iconic wildlife, including lions, zebras, giraffes and hippos. The adventure begins at the group's safari lodge, where the visitors meet the lodge manager and her young daughter, who introduce Elmo and Abby to Kenya's culture, nature and wildlife.

Nature executive producer Fred Kaufman, said, "Through Elmo and Abby's adventure, we hope families will be inspired to explore together and to discover why protecting wildlife is so important." The special program event aims to spark curiosity in children and encourage them to see themselves as explorers and problem solvers.



STUART FRAG/SESAME WORKSHOP

Join Us at a Special October 24 Event at the National Museum of Natural History

Families with learners of all ages are invited to attend a special event on Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the National Museum of Natural History for an African safari adventure with friends from WETA PBS Kids and the Smithsonian's National Zoo — and *Sesame Street* character Elmo. Watch a clip of Elmo from the Oct. 14 program *Nature: Sesame Street and the Great Elephant Adventure*, explore museum specimens of animals that live on the African savanna, create art at activity stations, and more. The drop-in event is open to the public and requires no registration.

NOVA: Evolution

5-part miniseries airs
9 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 14
on WETA PBS; stream on WETA+

A new, epic five-part miniseries on science program *NOVA* spotlights five evolutionary themes that unfolded across billions of years, tracing how life on Earth developed from single-cell organisms into the extraordinary variety of animal life we know today. All life on the planet sprang from a single organism — every animal is related to every other. And behind each species is a story of the millions of generations that gave rise to them. Featuring passionate scientists, stunning photography, and animations of long-lost ancestors — *Evolution* is full of surprising twists and turns over billions of years. Each chapter illuminates how animal life became so diverse and resilient through the power of evolution.

The series' programs are *Brain Power* (Oct. 14), spotlighting the evolution of intelligence; *Need to Feed* (Oct. 21), examining the relentless pursuit of energy; *Body Builders* (Oct. 28), focusing on the evolution of animal shapes and sizes; *The Mating Game* (Nov. 4), exploring reproduction and species diversity; and *On the Run* (Nov. 11), tracing muscle evolution.



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Primetime

WETA PBS in October



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■ Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
1 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2 (Pt 7 of 10)		The Madame Blanc Mysteries, Series 3 (Pt 6 of 7. <i>Kidnap</i>)		Mystery Road, Series 1 (Pt 6 of 6. <i>The Truth</i>)	
2 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Live from LBJ Library w/ Mark Updegrove, Series 3	Hispanic Heritage Awards 2026		Voces – ASCO: Without Permission (to 11:30pm)	
3 Sat	Hemingway (Pt 1 of 3. <i>A Writer</i>) (1899-1929)				Frontline: Scammed (to 11:30pm)	
4 Sun	<i>The Marlow Murder Club, Series 3</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 6)		<i>Marble Hall Murders</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 6)		Trespasses (Pt 3 of 4)	
5 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Vintage First Finds, Hour 3		Signature Dish, Series 4 (<i>Treasures of the Mid-Atlantic</i>)	WETA Arts	Independent Lens: My Omaha (to 11:30pm)	
6 Tues	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 3 encore (<i>Tragedy+Time=Comedy</i>)		American Masters: American Pachuco: The Legend of Luis Valdez			Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 8 encore (<i>Mexican Roots</i>)
7 Wed	Big Cats 24/7, Season 1 (Pt 6 of 6)		NOVA: Space Wars		Secrets of the Dead: Cleopatra's Last Temple	
8 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2 (Pt 8 of 10)		The Madame Blanc Mysteries, Series 3 (Pt 7 of 7. <i>Windows</i>)		Deadwater Fell (Pt 1 of 4)	
9 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Live from LBJ Library w/ Mark Updegrove, Series 3	Austin City Limits (<i>Olivia Rodrigo</i>)		Great Musicians of Our Time (<i>Itzhak Perlman: Virtuoso Violinist</i>) (to 11:30pm)	
10 Sat	Hemingway (Pt 2 of 3. <i>The Avatar</i>) (1929-1944)				American Masters: American Pachuco: The Legend of Luis Valdez (to 11:30pm)	
11 Sun	<i>The Marlow Murder Club, Series 3</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 6)		<i>Marble Hall Murders</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 6)		Trespasses (Pt 4 of 4)	
12 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Vintage First Finds, Hour 4		Signature Dish, Series 4 (<i>Let's Brunch</i>)	Sunset and the Mockingbird	Voces – Paquito D'Rivera: From Carne y Frijol to Carnegie Hall	
13 Tues	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 3 encore (<i>Visionaries</i>)		American Experience: Jesse James		Frontline: American Voices 2026 (to 11:30pm)	
14 Wed	Nature: Sesame Street and the Great Elephant Adventure		NOVA: Evolution (Pt 1 of 5. <i>Brain Power</i>)		Secrets of the Dead: Africa's Golden City	
15 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2 (Pt 9 of 10)		Luther, Series 1 (Pt 1 of 6)		Deadwater Fell (Pt 2 of 4)	
16 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i> : Midterms 2026		Great Performances: The Magic of Nureyev		Great Musicians of Our Time (<i>Pinchas Zukerman: Here to Make Music</i>) (to 11:30pm)	
17 Sat	Hemingway (Pt 3 of 3. <i>The Blank Page</i>) (1944-1961)				American Experience: Jesse James	
18 Sun	Professor T, Series 5 (Pt 1 of 6)		<i>Maigret, Series 2</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 6)		<i>The Gold, Series 2</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 6)	
19 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Vintage First Finds, Hour 5		Signature Dish, Series 4 (<i>Taste of Thai</i>)	WETA Arts	Declarations: Black Americans and the Revolutionary War	
20 Tues	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 3 encore (<i>War Stories</i>)		American Experience: Annie Oakley		Frontline: Haiti Deportation Crisis	
21 Wed	Nature: Tiger Island (Pt 1 of 2)		NOVA: Evolution (Pt 2 of 5. <i>Need to Feed</i>)		Secrets of the Dead: Raising Lady Liberty	
22 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2 (Pt 10 of 10)		Luther, Series 1 (Pt 2 of 6)		Deadwater Fell (Pt 3 of 4)	
23 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Live from LBJ Library w/ Mark Updegrove, Series 3	Great Performances: Tammy Wynette: Forever Yours			Gospel Live! Presented by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (to 11:30pm)
24 Sat	(from 7pm:) Bucks County, USA (Pt 5 of 5)	Feast Your Ears: The Story of WHFS 102.3 (to 10:07pm)			(from 10:07pm) American Experience: Woodstock: 3 Days That Defined a Generation (to 12:04am)	
25 Sun	Professor T, Series 5 (Pt 2 of 6)		<i>Maigret, Series 2</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 6)		<i>The Gold, Series 2</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 6)	
26 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Vintage First Finds, Hour 6		Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana, Ser. 2 (Pt 1 of 3. <i>Montana and Wyoming</i>)		Independent Lens: Seeds (to 12m)	
27 Tues	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 3 encore (<i>The Pioneers</i>)		Breaking the Deadlock: AI: Who's in Control?		In Pursuit: Lessons of American Leadership	
28 Wed	Nature: Tiger Island (Pt 2 of 2)		NOVA: Evolution (Pt 3 of 5. <i>Body Builders</i>)		Secrets of the Dead: Field of Vampires	
29 Thur	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 3 (<i>O Thou Invisible Spirit of Wine</i>)		Luther, Series 1 (Pt 3 of 6)		Deadwater Fell (Pt 4 of 4)	
30 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Live from LBJ Library w/ Mark Updegrove, Series 3	Great Performances: Jimmy Webb: American Songwriter			Austin City Limits (<i>M. King Band & Wyatt Flores</i>) (to 11:30pm)
31 Sat	In Search of Edgar Allan Poe (Pt 1 of 2)			In Search of Edgar Allan Poe (Pt 2 of 2)		
	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 October



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.



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HEMINGWAY A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

Saturdays, Oct. 3, 10 & 17 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

The 2021 film *Hemingway*, directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, in 3 parts spotlights the life and work of renowned author Ernest Hemingway, weaving his biography with excerpts of his writing.

1 Thursday

WEEKDAYS IN OCTOBER:

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 – Repeat of previous night
6PM BBC NEWS THE WORLD TODAY
6:30 BBC WORLD NEWS AMERICA
7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR – Each weeknight, the WETA production presents in-depth news reports and analysis of current events with a news summary, live studio interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett anchor. Visit pbs.org/newshour. Repeats next day, 7am

8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 2 – Part 7 of 10. *Nothing Will Come of Nothing*. Compulsive gambler Lorenzo Foyle's luck may have run out; his pregnant wife Ava approaches Frank and Lu, desperate to find him.

9:00 THE MADAME BLANC MYSTERIES, SERIES 3 – Part 6 of 7. *Kidnap*. Jeremy throws Judith a surprise birthday party, but the festivities come to a close abruptly after one of the guests is kidnapped. Jean and Dom race to find her.

10:00 MYSTERY ROAD – Part 6 of 6. *The Truth*. After Marley confesses what he knows, Jay hides him to ensure his safety. Emma confronts her brother about the pending land deal, while Jay tries to find out what really happened to Shevorne.

11:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY – Examine the global issues, domestic news and trends impacting the world. Christiane Amanpour and others lead conversations with thought leaders and influencers. Repeats next weekday, 5pm

2 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 10/3, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 10/4, 11:30am; Mon 10/5, 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 13. *Mike Pence*.

9:00 HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARDS 2026 – Join the Hispanic Heritage Foundation in celebrating Latino history and culture as it inducts the newest class of Hispanic Heritage Award honorees, with performances by some of the most talented names in Latin music. Repeats Sat 10/3, midnight; Mon 10/5, 3pm

10:00 VOCES – ASCO: WITHOUT PERMISSION – In a film produced by Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna, meet the groundbreaking Chicano art group that turned the streets of 1970s Los Angeles into canvases of defiance and expression – and is now recognized as one of the 20th century's most influential art collectives. (90 min.) Repeats 10/3, 1am

3 Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER – Repeats Sundays, 11am

7AM PBS NEWS HOUR – R

8AM BLOOMBERG WALL STREET WEEK

9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE

10AM MADE WITH LOVE

10AM IT'S ACADEMIC – New season starts 10/17. See page 1.

10:30 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4

10:30 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 1 – Starts 10/24.

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

1:30 SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS – New season starts 10/10.

2:00 KEVIN BELTON'S NEW ORLEANS COOKIN'



COURTESY/MONUMENTAL TELEVISION, JAY AND MASTERPIECE

Sundays, Oct. 4 & 11, 8-11 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Sunday-night Masterpiece dramas *The Marlow Murder Club* (above) and *Marble Hall Murders*, and the Northern Ireland-set drama series *Trespasses*, continue. A new drama lineup begins October 18.



Monday, Oct. 5 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

Independent Lens: My Omaha features a filmmaker navigating racial justice and a personal reckoning with his conservative father. His journey becomes an exploration of identity, family and truth.

2:30 WINE FIRST

2:30 FORK & HAMMER — Starts 10/24.

3:00 DREAM OF ITALY

3:00 TO DINE FOR WITH KATE SULLIVAN — Starts 10/10.

3:30 MADE WITH LOVE

4:00 COOK'S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

4:30 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED

5:00 NICK KNOWLES' HERITAGE RESCUE

5:00 RICK STEVES' ART OF EUROPE — Starts 10/10.

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 BUCKS COUNTY, USA — A docuseries presented by WETA spotlights a deeply politically divided community in Bucks County, PA. Judy Woodruff introduces each episode. *Part 2 of 5. The Petri Dish.* Vitriol escalates as battles over school policies intensify across Bucks County. A student roundtable and an unlikely alliance between two teachers with opposing political views offer a flicker of hope that it's still possible to reach across the aisle. **Repeats Sun 10/4, 5pm**

8:00 HEMINGWAY — In a 2021 Florentine Films and WETA co-production directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, learn about the visionary work and turbulent life of one of the greatest and most influential American writers — Ernest Hemingway. *Part 1 of 3. A Writer (1899-1929).* Yearning for adventure, Hemingway volunteers for the Red Cross during World War I. He marries Hadley Richardson and moves to Paris, publishes "The Sun Also Rises" and finds critical and commercial success with his second novel, "A Farewell to Arms."

10:00 FRONTLINE: SCAMMED — *Frontline*, with the Associated Press, investigates how online scams steal billions of dollars and ruin victims' lives, exploring the rise of a global criminal industry, the people and technology enabling it, and ongoing efforts to shut it down. **Repeats Sun 10/4, 3pm**

11:30 PROJECTING PROTEST — An Emmy-winning film explores how light projection as a form of protest has become a tool for activists across the political spectrum. Messages, from provocative to hateful, are cast onto edifices in public. **Repeats Sun 10/4, 4:30pm**

12M HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARDS 2026 — R

1AM VOCES — ASCO: WITHOUT PERMISSION — (90 min.) R

4 Sunday

6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE

9:30 EUROMAXX AT ITS BEST

9:30 IT'S ACADEMIC — Starts 10/18.

10AM DW EUROMAXX — LIFESTYLE EUROPE

10:30 MOTORWEEK

11AM FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER — R

11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC — R

12N HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS — R

12:30 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS — See 6 p.m.

1:00 NOVA: STONE AGE MASTERPIECE — R

2:00 AGES OF ICE — *Part 3 of 3. The Incubator of Life.* R

3:00 FRONTLINE: SCAMMED — R

4:30 PROJECTING PROTEST — R

5:00 BUCKS COUNTY, USA — *Part 2 of 5. The Petri Dish.* 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 Monday, 7am**

6:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK

UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3 — The author, historian and journalist speaks with thought leaders about contemporary topics. *Encore episode: Amy Coney Barrett, Pt 2.*

7:00 SHAKESPEARE: RISE OF A GENIUS — *Part 2 of 3.* A 30-year-old Shakespeare is at the top of his game: he's got a job at England's best theatre company, and the money is rolling in. Determined to restore his family's reputation, Shakespeare works harder than ever, producing hit after hit: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Henry IV* and *Julius Caesar*. But as his star rises, tragedies strike. **Repeats midnight**

8:00 THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE — *Part 5 of 6. An Appetite for Murder, Pt 1.* When a notoriously tempestuous chef is brutally murdered in his own kitchen during the launch of his new cookbook, the trio of sleuths discovers there is no shortage of suspects. **Repeats 1am**

9:00 MARBLE HALL MURDERS ON MASTERPIECE — *Part 5 of 6.* With tension ratcheting up and threats mounting, Susan desperately hunts for the real murderer. Will she clear her name before time runs out? **Repeats 2am**

10:00 TRESPASSES — *Part 3 of 4.* Cushla and Michael's love deepens amid secrets and danger. She discovers he's lied about his family and confronts him. Just as they commit to each other, tragedy strikes, devastating Cushla and shaking their community to its core.

11:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. — *Season 3 encore: The Stories We Tell.* R

12M-4AM See the 7-11 p.m. listings.

5 Monday

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

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: VINTAGE FIRST FINDS, HOUR 3 — Go back to the beginning for updates on *Roadshow* finds from its first season. **Repeats Tue 10/6, 3pm**

9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 4: TREASURES OF THE MID-ATLANTIC — In a new episode of WETA's local restaurant series, host Seth Tillman explores the Mid-Atlantic region's land and sea food, savoring elevated and unique dishes with locally sourced ingredients. Featured restaurants are The Dabney in Blagden Alley, Fish Shop at The Wharf, and Marcus DC in NoMa. **Repeats Tue 10/6, 4pm**

9:30 WETA ARTS — In October, WETA's arts and culture series spotlights internationally renowned local sculptor Foon Sham, who creates large-scale sculptures depicting organic forms made of wood blocks. Also, host Felicia Curry explores Washington with D.C. Preservation League Executive Director Rebecca Miller to learn about what D.C.'s architecture can reveal about its history. **Repeats Tue 10/6, 4:30pm; Sun 10/11, 9:30am, 4:30pm; Mon 10/19, 9:30pm; Tue 10/20, 4:30pm**

10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: MY OMAHA — As his hometown is rocked by protests, unrest, and a polarizing death, filmmaker Nick Beaulieu navigates racial justice and a personal reckoning with his conservative father. His journey becomes an exploration of identity, family and truth. (90 min.)



SATELLITE IMAGE COURTESY STORYBLOCKS

Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

NOVA: Space Wars explores the arms race in space as military powers vie for control of the heavens. Discover how satellites are vulnerable to attack, and what can be done to protect them.



COURTESY BANIJAY/KUDOS

10 p.m. Thursdays starting Oct. 8 on WETA PBS
Mystery drama *Deadwater Fell* stars David Tennant and (above) Anna Madeley (of *All Creatures Great and Small*) in the unfolding story of a devastating house fire in a small Scottish hamlet.

6 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 3 encore: Tragedy+Time=Comedy*. Uncover a history of tragedies and triumphs in the families of three of America's funniest men – Jimmy Kimmel, Norman Lear and Bill Hader. **Repeats Fri 10/9, 4pm**
- 9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: AMERICAN PACHUCO: THE LEGEND OF LUIS VALDEZ** – Follow the legacy of filmmaker and playwright Luis Valdez. A founding figure of the Chicano Movement, Valdez is best known for his play *Zoot Suit*, the Ritchie Valens biopic *La Bamba*, and the theatre company El Teatro Campesino. **Repeats Wed 10/7, 3:30pm; Sat 10/10, 10pm; Sun 10/11, 3pm**
- 10:30 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – *Season 8 encore: Mexican Roots*. Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., spotlights the genealogy of guests Mario Lopez and Melissa Villaseñor. (1 hr.)

7 Wednesday

- 8:00 BIG CATS 24/7, SERIES 1** – Wildlife filmmakers follow big cats in Botswana's Okavango Delta, revealing their lives. *Part 6 of 6*. As lion numbers rise, the competition for food becomes fierce. A lioness risks her life to feed her five cubs and Xudum's newborn leopard cubs face a deadly threat. **Repeats Thur 10/8, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: SPACE WARS** – An arms race is escalating above us as military powers vie for control of space. Discover how the satellites we rely on are vulnerable to attack – and how debris is filling increasingly crowded orbits – and what can be done to protect them. **Repeats Thur 10/8, 4pm; Sun 10/11, 1pm**
- 10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: CLEOPATRA'S LAST TEMPLE** – A French explorer makes a discovery in the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt that could reveal new information about Cleopatra's reign and her connection with the goddess Isis. **Repeats Fri 10/9, 3pm; Sun 10/11, 2pm**

8 Thursday

- 8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 2** – *Part 8 of 10. In My Memory Lock'd*. Bored during a stakeout, Frank and Lu spot a befuddled-looking man with a head wound wandering the streets; when questioned, the man hasn't a clue who he is. Frank and Lu set out to discover his identity.
- 9:00 THE MADAME BLANC MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** – *Part 7 of 7. Windows*. To collect on a 30-year-old gambling debt, a gangster threatens to pay Uncle Patrick a visit in Saint Victoire. To save Patrick, Jean must solve a riddle and unlock a rare treasure.
- 10:00 DEADWATER FELL** – A darkly gripping psychological drama starring David Tennant, Cush Jumbo and Anna Madeley follows mistrust and suspicion that arises in a small Scottish community after a family tragedy. *Part 1 of 4*. When a house fire devastates a close-knit village, a community must pick through the ashes to find answers. Was it a tragic accident or something more sinister? **Repeats Sun 10/11, 11pm**

9 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 10/10, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 10/11, 11:30am; Mon 10/12, 7:30am**
- 8:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3** – *Episode 14. Alex Baldwin*.
- 9:00 AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** – Enjoy concerts recorded live in Austin, Texas. *Olivia Rodrigo*. **Repeats Sat 10/10, 11:30pm; Mon 10/12, 4pm**
- 10:00 GREAT MUSICIANS OF OUR TIME** – *Itzhak Perlman: Virtuoso Violinist*. Witness Itzhak Perlman's journey from young prodigy to classical music icon. Filmed between 1975 and 1977, this intimate portrait follows Perlman in his early thirties, at the dawn of his stardom. (90 min.) **Repeats Sat 10/10, 12:30am**

10 Saturday

- 6AM-6PM See the Saturday, October 3 listings.**
- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Repeats Sunday, noon**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 BUCKS COUNTY, USA** – *Part 3 of 5. Duck Soup*. While the efforts to find common ground gain traction, a federal investigation over allegations of discrimination, a controversial new library policy, and escalating tactics in the school board campaign push Bucks County closer to the edge. **Repeats Sun 10/11, 5pm**
- 8:00 HEMINGWAY** – A WETA co-production directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick explores the work and life of author Ernest Hemingway. *Part 2 of 3. The Avatar (1929-1944)*. Having achieved a level of fame rarely seen in the literary world, Hemingway settles in Key West with Pauline Pfeiffer but can't stay put for long. He reports on the Spanish Civil War and begins a tempestuous romance with Martha Gellhorn.
- 10:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: AMERICAN PACHUCO: THE LEGEND OF LUIS VALDEZ** – **R**
- 11:30 AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** – *Olivia Rodrigo*. **R**
- 12:30AM GREAT MUSICIANS OF OUR TIME** – *Itzhak Perlman: Virtuoso Violinist*. **R**

11 Sunday

- 6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, October 4 listings.**
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 12N HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – **R**
- 12:30 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS**
- 1:00 NOVA: SPACE WARS** – **R**
- 2:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: CLEOPATRA'S LAST TEMPLE** – **R**
- 3:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: AMERICAN PACHUCO: THE LEGEND OF LUIS VALDEZ** – **R**
- 4:30 WETA ARTS** – **R**
- 5:00 BUCKS COUNTY, USA** – *Part 3 of 5. Duck Soup*. **R**
- 6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3** – The author, historian and journalist speaks with thought leaders about contemporary topics. *Encore episode: Ringo Starr*.



ALLEGRO FILMS, 1978

Fridays, Oct. 9 & 16 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Great Musicians of Our Time profiles extraordinary figures from the world of classical music. October episodes feature violin virtuosos Itzhak Perlman (left) and Pinchas Zukerman (right).



Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Nature: Sesame Street & the Great Elephant Adventure follows Elmo and Abby Cadabby as they visit Kenya to meet an orphaned young elephant and her keepers and see wildlife on a safari adventure.

7:00 SHAKESPEARE: RISE OF A GENIUS – *Part 3 of 3.*

Shakespeare's life and legacy are threatened when the Gunpowder Plot unearths a secret he has worked all his life to bury: his family are Catholics, considered traitors to the crown. Shakespeare reveals his most epic work to date – *Macbeth*, which appeals to the new monarch, King James I. Shakespeare then reflects on his successes and failures, pondering family, forgiveness and mortality as his work is at risk of being lost forever.

Repeats midnight

8:00 THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB, SERIES 3 ON MASTERPIECE – *Part 6 of 6. An Appetite for Murder, Pt 2.* As the police investigate the chef's death, a shocking new development forces Judith, Suzie, and Becks to question their assumptions and rethink everything they have learned so far.

Repeats 1am

9:00 MARBLE HALL MURDERS ON MASTERPIECE – *Part 6 of 6.* In the final chapter of the puzzle, both Susan and Pünd race against time to discover the truth. Can they solve the murders before the final page turns?

Repeats 2am

10:00 TRESPASSES – *Part 4 of 4.* A grieving Cushla confides in Gerry and Gina. Tommy is charged with murder and the McGeowns lose their home. Cushla seeks the truth, leading to a shocking climax for the Laverys that unites them. Years later, Cushla encounters Davy again.

11:00 DEADWATER FELL – *Part 1 of 4. R*

12M-4AM See the 7-11 p.m. listings.

12 Monday

8AM-4PM GET OUT OF TOWN MARATHON – Episodes from Season 2 (through noon) and Season 4.

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

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: VINTAGE FIRST FINDS, HOUR 4 – See finds from *Roadshow's* very first season, updated with today's values. **Repeats Tue 10/13, 3pm**

9:00 SIGNATURE DISH – *Season 4 encore: Let's Brunch.* **Repeats Tue 10/13, 4pm**

9:30 SUNSET AND THE MOCKINGBIRD – As the memory of jazz legend Junior Mance fades, his soulmate Gloria finds that their love endures through music. Filmed over 10 years, the program is structured around Gloria's journal entries, like the spine of a jazz composition. **Repeats Tue 10/13, 4:30pm; Sat 10/17, 12:30am**

10:00 VOCES – PAQUITO D'RIVERA: FROM CARNE Y FRIJOL TO CARNEGIE HALL – Through music and memories, celebrate the life and legacy of jazz legend Paquito D'Rivera. Trace his journey from child prodigy in Cuba to a stellar career as a multi-Grammy Award-winning musician, composer, and beloved Latin jazz ambassador. **Repeats Sat 10/17, 1am; Wed 10/14, 4pm**

13 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 people. *Season 3 encore: Visionaries.* Guests are Richard Branson, Maya Lin and Frank Gehry. **Repeats Fri 10/16, 4pm; Sat 10/17, 2am**

9:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: JESSE JAMES – The story of Jesse James remains one of America's best-known tales – and one of its most fictitious. With a life steeped in bloodshed, America's Robin Hood robbed both the poor and rich alike, and his victims were most often unarmed. **Repeats Wed 10/14, 3pm; Sat 10/17, 10pm; Sun 10/18, 3pm**

10:00 FRONTLINE: AMERICAN VOICES 2026 – *Frontline* follows the changing views and experiences of Americans from the 2020 election to today, returning to voters first filmed six years ago to see how their hopes and fears have changed amid another polarizing election season. (90 min.) **Repeats Sat 10/17, 11pm**

14 Wednesday

8:00 NATURE: SESAME STREET AND THE GREAT ELEPHANT ADVENTURE – Join Elmo and the *Sesame Street* gang on an African safari adventure. After adopting an orphaned elephant online, Elmo, Abby and Nina travel to a Kenyan sanctuary to meet the young elephant alongside other iconic wildlife. **Repeats Thur 10/15, 11am, 3pm; Fri 10/16, 2pm; Mon 10/19, 8am, 2pm; Tue 10/20, 8:30am; Wed 10/21, 11am**

9:00 NOVA: EVOLUTION – Experience the epic story of life on Earth, following the key evolutionary turning points in the journey. *Part 1 of 5. Brain Power.* Intelligence is the defining trait of our species. Discover how our sophisticated human brains – and those of our animal cousins such as the dolphin – evolved step by step, over billions of years. **Repeats Thur 10/15, 4pm; Sun 10/18, 1pm**

10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: AFRICA'S GOLDEN CITY – Great Zimbabwe was one of the most prominent civilizations of the African continent. For hundreds of years, it was dismissed by explorers, but new archaeological discoveries reveal the true scope of the ancient city's global importance. **Repeats Sun 10/18, 2pm**

15 Thursday

8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 2 – *Part 9 of 10. The Envious Court.* When Runningbrook Tennis Club's owner, new beau of Lu's mother, receives a death threat, he hires Frank and a reluctant Lu to find the culprit and go undercover as potential new members. The case takes a deadly turn; can it be solved? And at what cost for Lu?

9:00 LUTHER, SERIES 1 – Idris Elba stars as brilliant, impulsive detective John Luther in a gripping psychological thriller. Ruth Wilson portrays the murderer he pursues and from whom he learns about criminal motivations. *Part 1 of 6.* DCI Luther returns to work after being on leave following the traumatic arrest of a serial killer. Luther's next case is investigating the murder of child genius Alice Morgan's parents. He deduces that Alice is responsible for the deaths, but how can he prove it?

10:00 DEADWATER FELL – *Part 2 of 4.* When the village takes to the streets to grieve, Jess wrestles with her part in the tragedy. And as the police close in on their prime suspect, intimate secrets come to light. **Repeats Sun 10/18, 11pm**



ATLANTIC SPOTTED DOLPHINS; BAHAMAS; ©BBC STUDIOS

9 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 14 on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Five-part *NOVA* miniseries *Evolution* explores the twists and turns of life on Earth from single cells to the variety of life we know today. Above: Episode 1, *Brain Power*, spotlights dolphins.



BLINK FILMS

Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Secrets of the Dead: Africa's Golden City shares archaeological discoveries that reveal how pivotal the ancient empire of Great Zimbabwe was to global trade between the 11th and 15th centuries. Above: The Great Enclosure at Great Zimbabwe National Monument.

16 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC: MIDTERMS 2026** – In a one-hour special edition filmed with a live audience in Austin, Texas, moderator Jeffrey Goldberg and panelists spotlight this year's competitive midterm elections. Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 10/17, 6am, 6pm; Sun 10/18, 11am; Mon 10/19, 7:30am**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: THE MAGIC OF NUREYEV** – Experience Rudolf Nureyev's revolutionary 1964 production of *Swan Lake* with ballerina Margot Fonteyn through extensive excerpts – and interviews with their fellow dancers Michael Birkmeyer, Gisela Cech and others as they analyze Nureyev's virtuosity. **Repeats Mon 10/19, 3pm**
- 10:00 GREAT MUSICIANS OF OUR TIME** – Pinchas Zukerman: *Here to Make Music*. Follow the musical artist's journey from rising star to celebrated icon. This remastered portrait captures the early brilliance and charisma of the Israeli-American violinist and conductor, whose legacy continues to inspire. (90 min.)

17 Saturday

- 6AM-10AM See the Saturday, October 3 listings.**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, begins a new season of competition, showcasing the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing this week are West Springfield, Georgetown Day, and Sherwood high schools. **Repeats Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetapbs.**
- 10:30AM-6PM See the Saturday, October 3 listings.**
- 6:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC: MIDTERMS 2026** – R
- 7:00 BUCKS COUNTY, USA** – Part 4 of 5. *Peace Valley*. As the school board elections reach a crescendo, the conflict gets personal. Amid brief moments of connection, students and parents alike suffer bullying, threats, and isolation, while activists take their battles to a national stage. Election night comes at last, and the community gathers, terrified and hopeful, to hear the results. **Repeats Sun 10/18, 5pm**
- 8:00 HEMINGWAY** – A WETA co-production directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick explores the work and life of author Ernest Hemingway. Part 3 of 3. *The Blank Page* (1944-1961). Hemingway follows the Allied Army as it advances through Europe. Afterwards, he tries to start a life with Mary Welsh but is beset with tragedies. He publishes "The Old Man and the Sea" to acclaim but is overcome by his declining mental condition.
- 10:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: JESSE JAMES** – R
- 11:00 FRONTLINE: AMERICAN VOICES 2026** – R
- 12:30AM SUNSET AND THE MOCKINGBIRD** – R
- 1AM VOCES – PAQUITO D'RIVERA: FROM CARNE Y FRIJOL TO CARNEGIE HALL** – R

18 Sunday

- 6AM-9:30AM See the Sunday, October 4 listings.**
- 9:30 IT'S ACADEMIC** – R
- 10AM-11AM See the Sunday, October 4 listings.**
- 11AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC: MIDTERMS 2026** – R
- 12N HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – R
- 12:30 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS**
- 1:00 NOVA: EVOLUTION** – Part 1 of 5. *Brain Power*. R
- 2:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: AFRICA'S GOLDEN CITY** – R
- 3:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: JESSE JAMES** – R
- 4:00 VOCES – PAQUITO D'RIVERA: FROM CARNE Y FRIJOL TO CARNEGIE HALL** – R
- 5:00 BUCKS COUNTY, USA** – Part 4 of 5. *Peace Valley*. R
- 6:00 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS** – Repeats Monday, 7am
- 6:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3** – The author, historian and journalist speaks with thought leaders about contemporary topics. *Encore episode: T-Bone Burnett*.
- 7:00 BERGERAC** – Isle of Jersey Detective Jim Bergerac is a broken man, battling his demons and on leave after the death of his wife. But he returns to service – too early – for a big case. Part 1 of 6. *The King of Jersey*. When a member of one of Jersey's wealthiest families is murdered, the police want their best detective on the case. Bergerac returns to work to crack the mystery and to prove to his family that his life is back on track. **Repeats midnight**
- 8:00 PROFESSOR T, SERIES 5** – Ben Miller stars. Jasper and Helena's new bond falters as grief and obsessive instincts intrude. Meanwhile, Maiya's team's loyalties fracture in the face of dark cases. Part 1 of 6. *Natural Causes*. Jasper's romance is tested by death and mystery during a getaway to a luxury spa. **Repeats 1am**
- 9:00 MAIGRET, SERIES 2 ON MASTERPIECE** – Torn between his career and personal life, young French detective Jules Maigret, head of the Paris Police's Serious Crimes Unit, faces a battle on all fronts. Benjamin Wainwright stars. Part 1 of 6. *The Hanged Man, Pt 1*. Maigret investigates a young woman's death, crossing paths with those hiding the truth. **Repeats 2am**
- 10:00 THE GOLD, SERIES 2 ON MASTERPIECE** – When the truth emerges that only half of the Brink's-Mat gold was recovered after the infamous London heist, a new investigation exposes a dangerous trail as the authorities pursue the remainder – and the heist's perpetrators at large. Part 1 of 6. Police uncover a new trail overseas as the proceeds from the stolen gold are laundered through a growing international criminal network. **Repeats 3am**
- 11:00 DEADWATER FELL** – Part 2 of 4. R
- 12M-4AM See the 7-11 p.m. listings.**

19 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: VINTAGE FIRST FINDS, HOUR 5** – Discover today's values for *Roadshow*'s first finds. **Repeats Tue 10/20, 3pm**



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Friday, Oct. 16 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Great Performances: The Magic of Nureyev traces Rudolf Nureyev's revolutionary 1964 production of *Swan Lake* with Margot Fonteyn through excerpts and interviews with their fellow dancers.



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Wednesdays, Oct. 21 & 28 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Two-part *Nature* miniseries *Tiger Island* follows tiger mothers living in the forests of western Nepal, documenting their cub-raising and capturing behaviors never recorded before on film.

- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH** – Season 4 encore: *Taste of Thai*. Repeats Tue 10/20, 4pm
- 9:30 WETA ARTS** – See the Monday, October 5, 9:30 p.m. listing. Repeats Tue 10/20, 4:30pm
- 10:00 DECLARATIONS: BLACK AMERICANS AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR** – In 1776, the Founders' promise that "all men are created equal" remained distant for many. Trace the heroic stories of the enslaved and freed Black Americans who fought to define democracy and their liberty through the Revolutionary War.

20 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 3 encore: *War Stories*. Guests are Patricia Arquette, Julianne Moore and John McCain. Repeats Fri 10/23, 4pm; Sat 10/24, 2am
- 9:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: ANNIE OAKLEY** – Meet the Ohio sharpshooter who won fame and fortune in a man's world for never missing a shot. Born into poverty, the self-taught Oakley picked up a gun at age 15 not to become a superstar, but to save her family from destitution. Repeats Wed 10/21, 3pm
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: HAITI DEPORTATION CRISIS** – *Frontline* spotlights the rising fear of deportation for hundreds of thousands of Haitians who fled to the U.S. *Frontline* reports in Haiti and the U.S. as the Trump administration ends legal protections and begins sending Haitians back to a country mired in hunger and violence. Repeats Wed 10/21, 4pm

21 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: TIGER ISLAND** – Part 1 of 2. In Nepal, a team of wildlife experts begins an expedition following two tiger families. By using a fleet of drones and night-time thermal cameras, the team witnesses tiger behavior that has never been recorded before. Repeats Thur 10/22, 3pm
- 9:00 NOVA: EVOLUTION** – Trace the journey of animal life, from a single cell to the amazing variety of life today. Part 2 of 5. *Need to Feed*. The relentless pursuit of energy, the very act of eating, has profoundly shaped life on Earth. Discover the story of how our planet's diverse creatures became the feeding machines they are today. Repeats Thur 10/22, 4pm; Sun 10/25, 1pm
- 10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: RAISING LADY LIBERTY** – Via previously unseen documents and new sources, learn the story of how France and the United States produced an iconic symbol of freedom. Repeats Fri 10/23, 3pm; Sun 10/25, 2pm

22 Thursday

- 8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 2** – Part 10 of 10. *Too Cold for Hell*. Two newlyweds' new-home dreams turn to nightmares on moving day when their movers abscond with all their worldly goods. Frank and Lu are hired to track down the felons, who've been giving Arden Constabulary the runaround and operating under a variety of aliases.

- 9:00 LUTHER, SERIES 1** – Part 2 of 6. Luther must out-manuever a trained sniper on a mission to kill police officers. As the body count rises, he has to uncover the killer's true motives. Meanwhile, Alice has been investigating Luther, and she baits him.
- 10:00 DEADWATER FELL** – Part 3 of 4. With new evidence, the case looks cut and dried. But as a clearer picture of the events leading up to the fire emerges, and the fallout of the tragedy takes its toll, can anyone be trusted? Repeats Sun 10/25, 11pm

23 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. Repeats Sat 10/24, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 10/25, 11:30am; Mon 10/26, 7:30am
- 8:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3** – Episode 16. Noah Hawley. Showrunner of the acclaimed series *Fargo* and *Alien: Earth*, and a novelist, thought leader, and filmmaker.
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: TAMMY WYNETTE: FOREVER YOURS** – Celebrate country singer Tammy Wynette's legacy in a star-studded tribute concert from Nashville's Ryman Auditorium featuring Georgette Jones, Wynonna, Debby Boone, Mandy Barnett, Ann Wilson and others. Repeats Sat 10/24, 12:04am
- 10:30 GOSPEL LIVE! PRESENTED BY HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – Presented by renowned scholar and WETA collaborator Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., a concert celebrates Gospel music in America. Filmed at the Oasis Church in Los Angeles, the program includes performances of Gospel classics by musical artists such as Erica Campbell and John Legend. (1 hr.)

24 Saturday

- 6AM-10AM See the Saturday, October 3 listings.**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Competing this week are Fairfax, Lake Braddock, and Thomas Jefferson high schools. Repeats Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Stream on WETA+ and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wetapbs).
- 10:30AM-6PM See the Saturday, October 3 listings.**
- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – Repeats Sunday, noon
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 7:00 BUCKS COUNTY, USA** – Part 5 of 5. *What Will Your Story Be?* Election results arrive in an emotional wave of joy, tears, and fresh allegations. A new board stumbles, friendships are tested, and a national election heightens the stakes. Then, a deeply emotional roundtable cuts through it all: what is division doing to our children? The next generation dares to believe they'll find a better way. Repeats Sun 10/25, 5pm
- 8:30 FEAST YOUR EARS: THE STORY OF WHFS 102.3** – A documentary revisits the era of the 1960s-1980s when free-form progressive FM radio was in its heyday in the United States. Broadcasting from Bethesda, local station WHFS was a keystone countercultural voice in the nation's capital and focal point for the music of the era. Repeats Mon 10/26, 3pm



RETRO REPORT

Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
In Pursuit: Lessons of American Leadership explores what history can teach about leadership, featuring lessons from America's presidents and first ladies. Above: Former presidents Bush, Clinton and Carter joined President-elect Barack Obama and President George W. Bush in the Oval Office on Jan. 7, 2009.

10:07 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: WOODSTOCK: THREE DAYS THAT DEFINED A GENERATION – Revisit the 1969 music festival that became a touchstone for a generation. This documentary brings the three-day concert to life through the voices of those who were present. **Repeats Sun 10/25, 3pm**

12:04AM GREAT PERFORMANCES: TAMMY WYNETTE: FOREVER YOURS – R

1:31AM WETA ARTS – R

25 Sunday

6AM-9:30AM See the Sunday, October 4 listings.

9:30 IT'S ACADEMIC – R

10AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, October 4 listings.

11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

12N HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS – R

12:30 COMPASS POINTS FROM PBS NEWS

1:00 NOVA: EVOLUTION – Part 2 of 5. Need to Feed. R

2:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: RAISING LADY LIBERTY – R

3:00 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: WOODSTOCK: THREE DAYS THAT DEFINED A GENERATION – R

5:00 BUCKS COUNTY, USA – Part 5 of 5. What Will Your Story Be? R

6:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3 – The author, historian and journalist speaks with thought leaders about contemporary topics. *Encore episode: Jonathan Capeheart.*

7:00 BERGERAC – Part 2 of 6. A Small Affair. Bergerac doesn't care how many cages he rattles in his quest to find kidnapped baby Lily before it is too late. Along the way he clashes with his mother-in-law over his daughter's welfare; and the battle lines are drawn with John Blakeley. **Repeats midnight**

8:00 PROFESSOR T, SERIES 5 – Part 2 of 6. The Ring. A boxing champ is found murdered, Adelaide's health declines, and Dan's romance hits trouble when Chloe links Leonie's father to a crime family. Jasper faces loss and tough choices. **Repeats 1am**

9:00 MAIGRET, SERIES 2 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 2 of 6. The Hanged Man, Pt 2. With Maigret injured and Adeline's death investigation shut down, will he drop the case – or expand his inquiries to other slayings? **Repeats 2am**

10:00 THE GOLD, SERIES 2 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 2 of 6. As pressure builds on those laundering the proceeds of the

stolen gold, police intensify their surveillance efforts, tracking key suspects across the globe. **Repeats 3am**

11:00 DEADWATER FELL – Part 3 of 4. R

12M-4AM See the 7-11 p.m. listings.

26 Monday

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

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: VINTAGE FIRST FINDS, HOUR 6 – Take a trip back to the 1990s for Roadshow first-season finds. **Repeats Tue 10/27, 3pm**

9:00 PATI JINICH EXPLORES PANAMERICANA, SERIES 2 – Join D.C.-area-based chef Pati Jinich on a journey exploring cultural connections. *Part 1 of 3. Montana and Wyoming: Small Acts, Wide Ripples.* On the Black-feet Reservation, buffalo and a nearly lost language are coming back. Farther south, women entrepreneurs and a community wool mill are rebuilding rural economies. **Repeats Tue 10/27, 4pm**

10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: SEEDS – Experience a visual exploration of Black centennial farmers in the U.S. South. Through three intimate stories, the film examines the decline of generational Black farming and the enduring power of land ownership despite obstacles. (2 hrs.) **Repeats Sat 10/31, midnight**

27 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 3 encore: The Pioneers.* Guests are Neil Patrick Harris, Gloria Steinem and Sandra Cisneros. **Repeats Fri 10/30, 3pm**

9:00 BREAKING THE DEADLOCK: AI: WHO'S IN CONTROL? – Moderator Aaron Tang guides a panel of prominent leaders in tech, culture, politics and journalism through complex hypothetical dilemmas surrounding Artificial Intelligence. As AI works its way into every facet of our lives, Americans will have a choice: will we control it, or will it control us? Can the transformative benefits of the technology balance the costs in lost jobs, a stable future, and in humanity? **Repeats Wed 10/28, 3pm**

Are Your Ducks in a Row?



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Friday, Oct. 30 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Great Performances: Jimmy Webb: American Songwriter presents a concert paying tribute to the songwriter and musician whose hits include "Up, Up and Away," "Wichita Lineman," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Galveston" and more. Above: Webb is joined by artists Lyle Lovett, Ashley Campbell and Vince Gill.

- 10:00 IN PURSUIT: LESSONS OF AMERICAN LEADERSHIP** – What can U.S. history teach us about leadership? Based on a project of the Archivist of the United States' non-partisan civics initiative "More Perfect," this program explores leadership lessons from America's presidents and first ladies. **Repeats Wed 10/28, 4pm**

28 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: TIGER ISLAND** – *Part 2 of 2.* In Nepal, the crew uses thermal cameras to follow tigers at night. A new tiger mom must keep her growing cub out of trouble, while another tigress's cubs are stalked by the returning dominant male of Tiger Island. **Repeats Thur 10/29, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: EVOLUTION** – *Part 3 of 5. Body Builders.* From the first time two cells stuck together, evolution has been crafting new bodies – biological machines then put to the test by Earth's ever-changing environments. Discover the process behind the incredible variety of animal shapes and sizes on Earth. **Repeats Thur 10/29, 4pm**
- 10:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: FIELD OF VAMPIRES** – Uncover the mystery behind the 2022 discovery in Eastern Europe of burials that indicate a perceived threat of vampirism in the 17th century. **Repeats Fri 10/30, 3pm; Sat 10/31, 11pm**

29 Thursday

- 8:00 SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SERIES 3** – *O Thou Invisible Spirit of Wine.* When paranormal activity is reported in a Tudor pub, old family feuds are brought to a head and it looks like detective duo Frank and Lu have another curious mystery on their hands.
- 9:00 LUTHER, SERIES 1** – *Part 3 of 6.* Kirsten Ross, a young mother, has been abducted. Luther realizes that this is the work of Lucien Burgess, a collector and writer of the occult who was suspected of another woman's murder years before but was never charged.
- 10:00 DEADWATER FELL** – *Part 4 of 4.* As the villagers try to rebuild their lives after the tragedy, Jess makes her toughest decision yet. But will she ever get to the truth? And more importantly, can the truth ever really set you free?

30 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 10/31, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 11/1, 11:30am; Mon 11/2, 7:30am**
- 8:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE, SERIES 3** – *Episode 17. Rahm Emanuel.*
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: JIMMY WEBB: AMERICAN SONGWRITER** – Celebrate the music of songwriter Jimmy Webb as guest stars Vince Gill, Lyle Lovett, Sheléa, Ryan Shaw and Ashley Campbell perform his timeless hits, including "Up, Up and Away," "Wichita Lineman," and "By the Time I Get to Phoenix."
- 10:30 AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** – Enjoy concerts recorded live in Austin, Texas. **Marcus King Band/Wyatt Flores.**

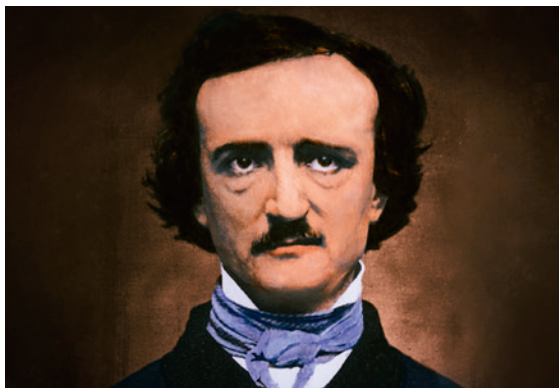
31 Saturday

6AM-10AM See the Saturday, October 3 listings.

- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Competing this week are Bishop Ireton, KIPP DC, and Quince Orchard high schools. **Repeats Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Stream on WETA+ and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).**

10:30AM-6PM See the Saturday, October 3 listings.

- 6:00 HORIZONS FROM PBS NEWS** – **Repeats Sunday, noon**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 STEPHEN KING, A NECESSARY EVIL** – Stephen King has been one of the world's most successful bestselling authors for decades. This program explores why King's horror stories touch readers so deeply and how he succeeded in creating such popular work over the years. Film clips include *Carrie*, *The Shining*, *Christine*, *The Dead Zone*, and *Misery*; and the film features rare interviews with the author.
- 8:00 IN SEARCH OF EDGAR ALLAN POE** – *Parts 1 & 2 of 2.* An acclaimed documentary explores the triumphant yet tragic story of the brilliant poet, master short story writer, and influential critic who invented the detective genre, pioneered science fiction, and mastered the horror tale. Many of Poe's most famous works are profiled, including "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Black Cat," "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," "The Pit and the Pendulum," "Annabel Lee," and more.
- 11:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: FIELD OF VAMPIRES** – **R**
- 12M INDEPENDENT LENS: SEEDS** – (2 hrs.) **R**



Saturday, Oct. 31, 8-11 p.m. on WETA PBS

Two-part film *In Search of Edgar Allan Poe* explores the life and work of the renowned American writer, poet and literary critic best known for his acclaimed macabre works of Gothic fiction.

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Leguizamo Does America, Series 1

**Thursdays, Oct. 1 & 8, 8-11 p.m.
on WETA Metro**

With characteristic edge, energy and wit, John Leguizamo takes a road trip across the country to spotlight America's thriving Latino communities — from San Juan to East L.A. with stops in between. The actor-producer celebrates the history, culture, food and other contributions of Latinx people shaping America, from young writers sharing heartfelt stories at a Washington, D.C. poetry slam, to immigrants who transformed the city of Chicago, and ancestors of the Puerto Ricans who invented barbecue. The programs are part politics, part road trip, and part history lesson, all wrapped in a Bourdain-style adventure, showcasing the nation's fastest-growing demographic. Binge-watch two seasons on WETA+ with PBS Passport as of Oct. 1.



My Father's Prison

**Friday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.
on WETA World**

A deeply personal documentary unfolds through the eyes of filmmaker Iván Simonovis Pertíñez, whose father became one of Venezuela's most prominent political prisoners and spent 15 years incarcerated and under house arrest under the nation's authoritarian regime before fleeing the country. Living in exile, Iván draws on more than 25 years of intimate family footage to craft a powerful portrait of a family torn apart by political repression, revealing the lasting emotional toll of imprisonment, exile and survival. *My Father's Prison* is both a gripping historical account and a moving meditation on trauma, resilience, and a father and son's attempt to reclaim their lives after years defined by silence and separation.



Celebrate Halloween with WETA PBS Kids

Watch for specials & new episodes

This Halloween season, children's educational programming on the WETA PBS Kids and WETA PBS channels offers families a festive lineup. Watch for special Halloween programs including a themed episode (Oct. 22) from the new series *Super Why's Comic Book Adventures* (which starts Oct. 5, weekdays at 7 a.m./11 a.m. on WETA PBS Kids; 9:30 a.m. on WETA PBS); classic specials *Arthur and the Haunted Tree House* (above) and *Wild Kratts: Creepy Adventures*; a spooky episode of *Rosie's Rules* (Oct. 21); and a new episode of *Odd Squad* (October airdate yet to be determined). Visit weta.org/schedule for children's program timings.



British Television at Its Best

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

OCTOBER P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK
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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12pm	• Mansfield Park • 10/25, 10am-2pm: The Puzzle Lady (Eps 3-6)	Grantchester, Series 6 on Masterpiece continues 10/1-10/2; Series 7 airs 10/5-10/12; Series 8 airs 10/13-10/20; Series 9 airs 10/21-10/30					• noon-2pm, 10/3: The Gold on Masterpiece; 10/10: Secrets of the Royal Palaces
12:30pm							
1pm	• 10/4-10/11: 1-3pm: Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece • 10/18, 1-3pm: Lucy Worsley Investigates: The American Revolution	RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 3 continues through 10/8; The Forsytes on Masterpiece airs 10/9-10/16; The Gold, Series 1 on Masterpiece airs 10/19-10/26; Guilt on Masterpiece starts 10/27					• 10/17-10/24, noon: Inside the Tower of London • 10/17-10/24, 1pm: Secrets of the Royal Palaces • 10/3-10/24, 2-4pm: Ridley, Series 1 & 2 • 10/31, 9:30am-2pm: Bookish
1:30pm							
2pm	• 10/4-10/18, 3pm: The Marlow Murder Club, Series 2 on Masterpiece • 10/4-10/18, 4pm: Marble Hall Murders on Masterpiece	Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 2	Under the Vines, Series 2	Sisi: Austrian Empress, Series 3	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 2	Game of Wool: Britain's Best Knitter	• 10/31, 2-7pm, Signora Volpe, Series 2
2:30pm		Miss Scarlet, Series 2 on Masterpiece	The Madame Blanc Mysteries, Series 3	Murder in the Mountains, Series 1	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2	• Alan Cumming's Train Journeys: Scotland • Inside the Tower of London (starts 10/16)	
3pm	• 10/4-10/11, 5pm: RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 3	• Marlow Murder Club, Series 3 on Masterpiece • Trespasses (starts 10/26)	Hotel Portofino, Series 1	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	• Professor T (UK), Series 1 • Bergerac (starts 10/22)	• Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle • Nick Knowles' Heritage Rescue (starts 10/9)	Murder in the Mountains, Series 1 (starts 10/10)
3:30pm		BBC The News Today	BBC The News Today	BBC The News Today	BBC The News Today	BBC The News Today	
4pm	• 10/4-10/11, 6pm: Doc Martin, Series 10 • 10/18, 5-7pm: The Great Escaper on Masterpiece (2 hrs) • 10/25, 2-7pm: Highclere: Behind the Scenes (5 hrs)	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	BBC World News America	Miss Scarlet, Series 3 on Masterpiece
4:30pm		British Antiques Roadshow	British Antiques Roadshow	British Antiques Roadshow	British Antiques Roadshow	British Antiques Roadshow	• The Marlow Murder Club, Series 3 on Masterpiece • Bergerac (starts 10/24)
5pm	Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 2 • Secrets of Great British Castles • Secrets of the Dead (10/26)	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	• Marlow Hall Murders on Masterpiece • 10/31, 7-10pm: Luther marathon
5:30pm		• Secrets of Great British Castles • Secrets of the Dead (10/26)	Would I Lie to You? (2 eps)	Nick Knowles' Heritage Rescue	Would I Lie to You? (2 eps)	• Secrets of Great British Castles • Secrets of the Dead (10/23-10/30)	
6pm	• Alan Cumming's Train Journeys: Scotland • Inside the Tower of London (starts 10/11)	Under the Vines, Series 2	Foreign Favourites • 8pm: Sisi: Austrian Empress, Series 3 • 9pm: Murder in the Mountains, Series 1 • 10pm: The Restaurant (starts 10/6)	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 2	Game of Wool: Britain's Best Knitter	Masterworks Showcase • 8pm: Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 2 • 9pm: Miss Scarlet, Series 3 on Masterpiece • 10pm: The Marlow Murder Club, Series 3 on Masterpiece • 10pm starting 10/23: Trespasses	Deadwater Fell (starts 10/3)
6:30pm		The Madame Blanc Mysteries, Series 3		Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2	• Alan Cumming's Train Journeys: Scotland • Inside the Tower of London (starts 10/15)		• Halifax: Retribution • Luther, Series 1 (full season starts 10/17)
7pm	Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 2	Hotel Portofino, Series 1		• Professor T (UK), Series 1 • Bergerac (starts 10/21)	• Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle • Nick Knowles' Heritage Rescue (starts 10/8)		Turn: Washington's Spies, Series 2 (except 10/31)
7:30pm		BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	[See 8pm] (except 10/31)
8pm	• RFDS, Series 3 • Luther (starts 10/18)	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	
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WETA UK Highlights

The Restaurant

10 p.m. Tuesdays starting Oct. 6
on WETA UK

A saga about love, conflict and betrayal, Swedish series *The Restaurant* (titled “*Our Time Is Now*” in Europe) follows the Löwander family and their staff as they run a popular Stockholm restaurant. The #1 rated drama premiere in Sweden for five years, the production spotlights Sweden and its society as the Second World War comes to a close and a new, brighter future beckons. In the storyline, oldest Löwander son Gustaf has kept the restaurant going and wants to carry on as always; but when middle son Peter returns home from the war, he seeks to institute change — and the future of the establishment develops into a full-blown family conflict. Can youngest daughter Nina come to the rescue? Behind the scenes is mother Helga, who with head chef Backe watches over the business’s operations. WETA UK presents Series 1 (10 episodes); binge-watch 4 seasons (32 episodes) as of Oct. 1 on WETA+ with PBS Passport.



COURTESY BANIJAY

Bookish Marathon

Saturday, Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
on WETA UK

A British crime drama written by and starring Mark Gatiss (*Sherlock*) follows literary enthusiast and bookseller Gabriel Book, who in post-World War II London combines his day job with his favorite hobby — solving murder cases. His wartime was packed with espionage and confidences, and his peacetime is no less exciting. Book aids the police in investigations, but he has his own secrets, for although he is happily married to his childhood best friend Trottie (Polly Walker, *Bridgerton*), Book is a gay man living at a time when homosexuality is illegal. The couple takes in former petty criminal Jack (Connor Finch), who proves a worthy assistant in the shop and in Book’s sleuthing. Four episodes (two cases) air Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., before a marathon airing of Italy-set mystery series *Signora Volpe*, Series 2, 2-7 p.m.



COURTESY PBS/EAGLE EYE DRAMA/HAPPY DOCK FILMS

Trespasses & Other U.K. Dramas in October

on WETA UK

WETA UK presents an array of exciting additional dramas this month. *Deadwater Fell*, 8 p.m. Saturdays starting Oct. 3, stars David Tennant in a dark mystery set in a Scottish hamlet. London-set crime thriller *Luther, Series 1*, 9 p.m. Saturdays starting Oct. 17, features Idris Elba as a troubled detective opposite Ruth Wilson as his criminal nemesis. *Bergerac*, 10 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 21, features Damien Molony as a recently widowed detective returning to service on the isle of Jersey and co-stars Zoë Wanamaker and Philip Glenister. And Irish drama *Trespasses* (above), 10 p.m. Fridays starting Oct. 23, follows a dangerous love affair across sectarian lines in 1975 Belfast. Lola Petticrew, Tom Cullen and Gillian Anderson star.



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Gugg Piano Duo on *Front Row Washington*

Monday, Oct. 26 at 9 p.m.

This month on *Front Row Washington*, hear a wide variety of music for solo piano and chamber ensemble — and a not-to-be missed concert featuring the Gugg Piano Duo (left) on **October 26**. Tereza Gugg-Kalabova and Johannes Gugg met when they were 14 years old in a course for gifted music students at the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz (Austria). They began performing together as a duo and started winning international prizes within months. Today, they are married and perform around the globe. In this performance from the Austrian Embassy in May, hear music from Corigliano's challenging *Gazebo Dances* and Schubert's *Grand Duo*. The pair also tackle symphonic works, such as Dvořák's *Slavonic Dance* and Smetana's *Moldau*. Tune in Mondays at 9 p.m. for live D.C.-area concert recordings on WETA Classical.



THE WEDDING SHIRTS (STANISLAV HUDEČEK FOR ERBEN'S BOOQUE OF CZECH FOLK TALES, 1901)

Works of the Macabre on *Choral Showcase*

Sundays at 9 p.m.

October brings classical tales of ghosts, demons, and haunted spaces on *Choral Showcase*, beginning **October 4** with the mysterious legend of Nine Enchanted Stags in Béla Bartók's *Cantata Profana*, and a macabre tale of dread in Sir Edward Elgar's *The Black Knight*. The **October 11** program presents a conflict between good and evil with Mendelssohn's *The First Walpurgis Night* and, from Venezuela, *Cantata Criolla* by Antonio Estévez. On **October 18**, a young woman pining for her beloved is led off into the night by a man she thinks is her betrothed, only to find herself haunted by a corpse in Dvořák's *The Spectre's Bride*. And, on **October 25**, hear Mahler's *Das Klagende Lied*, which tells the story of a brother's grisly murder. Tune in Sundays at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.



BRESLALE AMISANO/TEATRO ALLA SCALA

Lucia di Lammermoor & More on *Opera Matinee*

Saturdays at 1 p.m.

This month, WETA Classical program *Opera Matinee* presents a drama, a comedy and a special tribute. A recorded performance from La Scala of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* — with Rosa Feola (left) as Lucia — airs **October 3**. The searing drama spotlights a woman driven to delusion and madness by family pressures that keep her from the man she loves. On **October 10**, LA Opera presents Verdi's *Falstaff*, based on the Shakespeare character who attempts to seduce two wealthy women to gain access to their husbands' wealth. Then, on **October 17**, LA Opera bids farewell to music director James Conlon; he conducts excerpts from Verdi's *La forza del Destino*, Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* and Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. Additional operas, from China's National Centre for the Performing Arts, are Verdi's *La traviata* (**Oct. 24**) and Wagner's *Die Walküre* (**Oct. 31**).

Classical for Washington

Peanuts and Mozart on *Classical Breakdown*

Listen to the WETA Classical podcast
at classicalbreakdown.org

Bi-weekly WETA Classical podcast “*Classical Breakdown*” — exploring topics in classical music — launched a new, eighth season in September. The popular programs, produced and hosted by WETA Classical’s John Banther, take listeners behind the music. Below, Banther previews upcoming October episodes.

By John Banther, On-Air Host and Producer

During the month of October, WETA Classical podcast *Classical Breakdown* — available at classicalbreakdown.org — explores more American music and culture with an examination of *Peanuts Gallery* by American Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Ellen Taaffe Zwilich. The “Peanuts” in question is indeed the comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, and the music takes the form of a piano concerto. The work itself arises out of the dominating newspaper industry and resulting culture (reaching its peak in the 1980s and 1990s with more than 60 million in daily circulation). Schulz wrote a comic strip in 1990 featuring Zwilich after learning about her music on *PBS News Hour* predecessor *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*. In 1997 when she was commissioned to write a children’s piece, she decided to base it on the Peanuts characters and bring them all to life. And each personality comes out, as you’ll hear in *Schroeder’s Beethoven Fantasy*, *Snoopy Does the Samba*, and *Lucy Freaks Out*. The week before the *Peanuts Gallery* premiere it was mentioned in a Peanuts comic strip; Schroeder and Lucy talk about the music, which ends with Lucy saying, “My part should be longer.”

We’ll also have an episode on Mozart’s *Requiem*, a work filled with mystery, intrigue, and plenty of exaggerations over the centuries as the composer left it incomplete on his deathbed. To help us navigate all of these intricacies is the Grammy-nominated conductor and self-professed lover of this work, Steven Fox. He is the Music Director for Cathedral Choral Society and has led ensembles such as the Handel and Haydn Society and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. So, was Salieri a jealous rival hoping for Mozart’s downfall? Who was the mysterious commissioner who tried to remain hidden? And is it possible that Mozart was murdered? Perhaps the biggest question is, who finished the famed *Requiem*... and how?! To find out, please join us in October for *Classical Breakdown*, your guide to classical music.



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