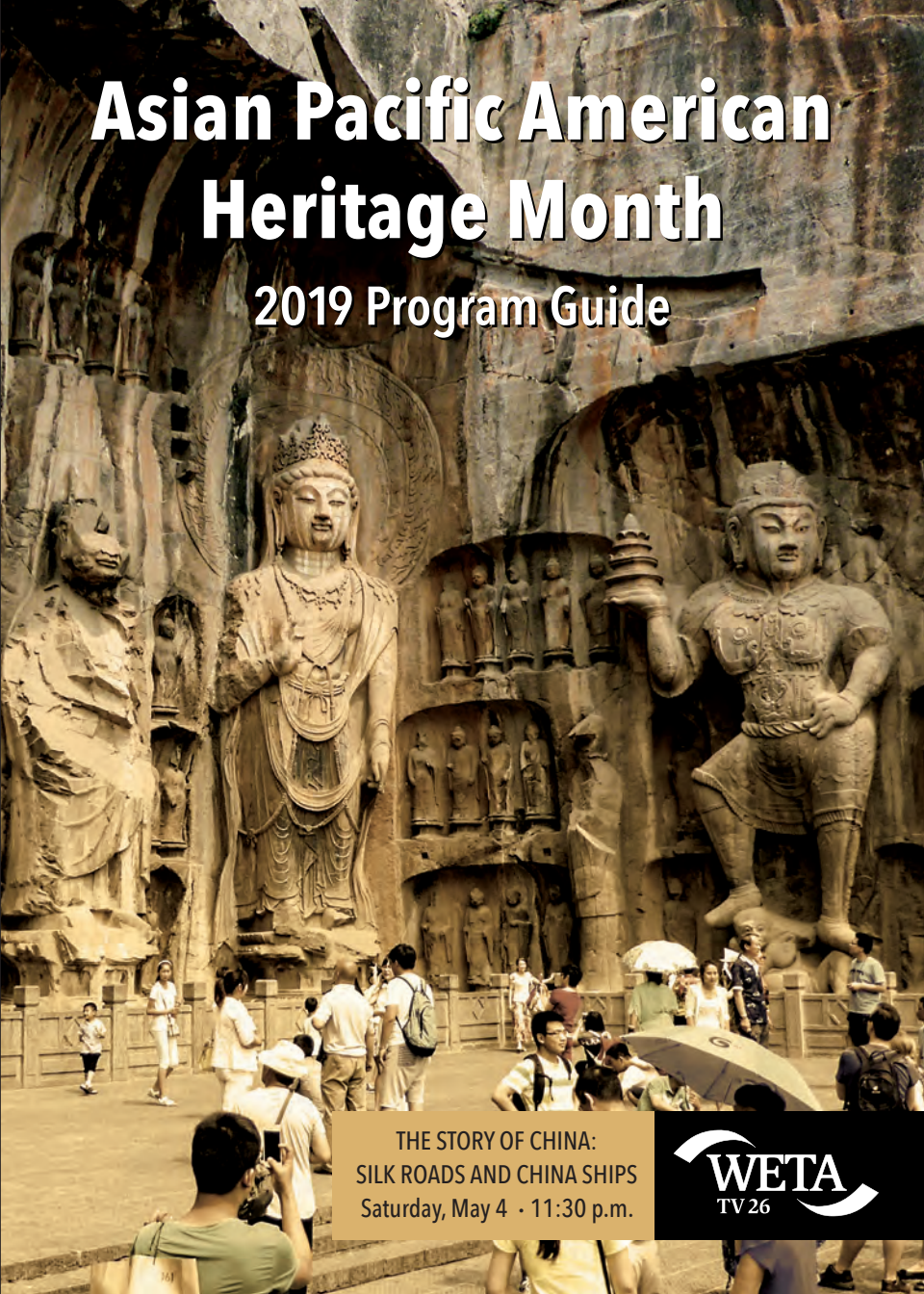


Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

2019 Program Guide



THE STORY OF CHINA:
SILK ROADS AND CHINA SHIPS
Saturday, May 4 · 11:30 p.m.

WETA
TV 26

WETA Television proudly celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with special programming that highlights the rich culture and many contributions of Asian Pacific Americans. Schedule subject to change; visit weta.org for complete listings.

Wednesday, May 1 • 4 p.m.

KOREA: THE NEVER-ENDING WAR – The documentary traces the history of the Korean War and its continuing impact on the world, shining new light on a geopolitical hotspot.

Repeats Thur 5/2, 1 p.m.

Friday, May 3 • 8:30 p.m.

WETA ARTS – This half-hour magazine style local arts and culture series features a variety of stories that showcase the arts scene in the Greater Washington area. This month, segments include:

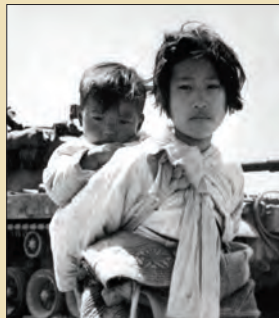
DOCUMENTING CHINATOWN – Award-winning documentary editor Penny Lee turns producer to preserve stories of the Chinese American experience.

PŌHAKU: CREATION STONES – Christopher K. Morgan of D.C.'s Dance Place explores his Hawaiian heritage through his latest dance theater piece, Pōhaku.

FABRIC OF LIFE – Local textile artist Julia Kwon uses bojagi, an ancient Korean quilt-making tradition, to tackle contemporary issues faced by Asian American women.

THE MUSEUM REIMAGINED – The name “Smithsonian” conjures up large impressive buildings on the National Mall. But a program called the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center is leading the way in rethinking the idea of “museum” by bringing history, art and cultural experiences into communities.

Repeats Sun 5/5, 5 & 11 p.m.; Wed 5/8, 1 p.m.; Thur 5/9, 11 p.m.; Sun 5/12, 2:30 p.m.; Mon 5/13, 1 p.m.; Mon 5/20, 5:30 p.m.; Tue 5/21, 2:30 p.m.; Fri 5/24, 2 p.m.; Sun 5/26, 6:30 p.m.



Saturday, May 4 · 9:30 p.m.

THE WETA MOVIE: CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON

– In 19th century Qing Dynasty China, a warrior gives his sword to his lover to deliver to safekeeping, but it is stolen, and the chase is on to find it. *Repeats Sun 5/5, 12 noon.*



Saturday, May 4 · 11:30 p.m.

THE STORY OF CHINA – Join Michael Wood as he explores the history of the world's newest superpower.

Episode 1. Ancestors. Wood joins a family reunion on "Tomb Sweeping Day"; meets the bloodthirsty First Emperor; and travels with a million pilgrims to a country festival. **Episode 2. Silk Roads and China Ships.** Explore China's first international age under the Tang Dynasty as Wood travels Silk Road deserts; sails the Grand Canal; describes the coming of Christianity in the streets of old Xi'an; and goes back to school in a dusty Chinese town!



Sunday, May 5 · 2 p.m.

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: PRISON SONGS – The people imprisoned in a Darwin jail are shown in a unique and completely new light in Australia's first ever documentary musical where over 800 inmates share their feelings, faults and experiences through song.



Sunday, May 5 · 3 p.m.

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: LEITIS IN WAITING – The documentary tells the story of Tonga's evolving approach to gender fluidity through a character-driven portrait of the most prominent leiti (transgender) in the Kingdom, Joey Mataale, a devout Catholic of royal descent. Her story reveals what it means to be different in a deeply religious and conservative society, and what it takes to be accepted without giving up who you are.



Sunday, May 5 · 4 p.m.

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: TE KUHANE O TE TUPUNA (The Spirit of the Ancestors) – A grandfather and a girl travel from the most remote island in the world, Easter Island, in search of Mana, the sacred power of their ancestors.



Monday, May 6 · 11 p.m.

INDEPENDENT LENS: OUT OF STATE – Shipped thousands of miles away from Hawai'i to a private prison in the Arizona desert, two Native Hawaiians discover their indigenous traditions from a fellow inmate serving a life sentence.



Sunday, May 11 · 11:30 p.m.

THE STORY OF CHINA – Join Michael Wood as he explores the history of the world's newest superpower. **Episode 3. Golden Age.** In Kaifeng, Wood hears the story of the boys who became emperors; tries a 1,000-year-old recipe and works a giant astronomical clock. **Episode 4. The Ming.** Hear the story of China's most famous dynasty. Viewers will visit the Great Wall and the Forbidden City; sail the South China Sea on a junk; visit a fabulous Chinese garden; and travel to Macao with the first Jesuit missionary to China.



Sunday, May 12 · 3 p.m.

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: CORRIDOR FOUR – This documentary follows the life of nationally recognized K9 Unit Officer Isaac Ho'opi who was responsible for saving numerous people from the Pentagon during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Sunday, May 12 · 4 p.m.

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: LET'S PLAY MUSIC!
Slack Key with Cyril Pahinui and Friends – Master slack key musician Cyril Pahinui jams with some of the most revered and talented musicians in Hawai'i in intimate kanikapila style backyard performances.



Sunday, May 12 · 5 p.m.

OFF THE MENU: ASIAN AMERICA – Go into the kitchens, factories, temples and farms of Asian Pacific America to explore how the bond with food reflects an evolving community. At the same time, delve into a wealth of stories, traditions, and unexpected characters that nourish this nation of immigrants.



Sunday, May 19 · 12:10 a.m.

THE STORY OF CHINA – Join Michael Wood as he explores the history of the world's newest superpower. **Episode 5. The Last Empire.** Discover the splendors of China's last empire, the Qing. From China's favorite novel to story-telling houses and all-female mosques, it's an age full of surprises. **Episode 6. The Age of Revolution.** Survey the three great revolutions that gave birth to today's China. Wood visits wild mountain villages; describes the fall of the empire; and stays in the last communist commune.



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DISH Network: 8076 • Cox: 1026 (Fairfax), 1003 (Fredericksburg) • Verizon FiOS: 526 • RCN: 613

Sunday, May 19 · 3 p.m.

TYRUS: AMERICAN MASTERS – A look into the life of renowned Chinese American painter Tyrus Wong and his impact on American art and popular culture. The Disney legend was the inspirational painter behind *Bambi*, *April in Paris* and *Sands of Iwo Jima*, to name a few.

Sunday, May 19 · 4:30 p.m.

POV: THE BIRTH OF SAKE – The program goes behind-the-scenes at Japan's Yoshida Brewery, where a brotherhood of artisans, ranging from 20 to 70, spends six months in nearly monastic isolation as they follow an age-old process to create saké, the nation's revered rice wine.

Monday, May 20 · 9 p.m.

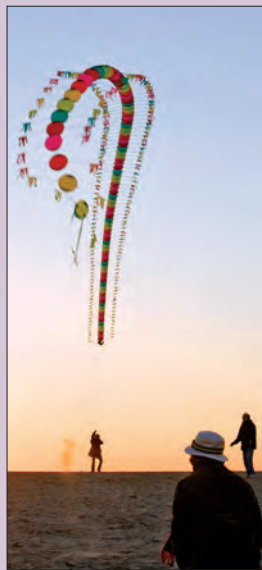
NORMAN MINETA AND HIS LEGACY: AN AMERICAN STORY – Meet the statesman who served as cabinet secretary for Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush. Imprisoned by the U.S. during World War II for his Japanese ancestry, Mineta rose to become the first Asian American to serve in a presidential cabinet.

Tuesday, May 21 · 8 p.m.

KOLKATA WITH SUE PERKINS – Exploring how past, present and future co-exist in Kolkata, India, through the lives of people from every part of society – the richest to the poorest – and how they all keep the city working.

Wednesday, May 22 · 3 p.m.

RELOCATION ARKANSAS: AFTERMATH OF INCARCERATION – During World War II, nearly 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry in the United States were forced into internment camps because they looked like the enemy. Two of the camps were located in Arkansas, a land of deep racial divide where a code of segregation ruled every interaction. After the war, the Takemoto family chose to stay in Arkansas as sharecroppers, but as non-white, non-black newcomers, they struggled to fit in.





Thursday, May 23 · 1-4:30 p.m.

SUPPER CLUB – In an afternoon of culinary delight, sample the best sweets in Hong Kong, visit a 500-year-old soba restaurant in Kyoto, take part in a Japanese tea ceremony, and watch the creation of a new Singapore Sling and some sizzling Szechuan dishes.

Friday, May 24 · 2:30 p.m.

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: POI E: THE STORY OF OUR SONG – A film tells the story of how “POI E”, a simple song with a catchy beat, became New Zealand’s unofficial national anthem. Not many songs have the power to bridge cultures, save towns, change lives, travel the world, set records and give pride to a culture, a community, a language and a people.

Friday, May 24 · 3:30 p.m.

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: MAKING GOOD MEN – What would you say if you came face-to-face with your childhood bully as an adult? A film chronicles the story of two men – Norm Hewitt, a former New Zealand rugby player, and actor Manu Bennett (*The Hobbit*) – who reveal their account of bullying with unprecedented honesty and reconcile many years after one violently attacked the other at a boarding school.

Friday, May 24 · 4:30 p.m.

PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: BEING BRUNO BANANI – This film spotlights the first and only Tongan luge athlete, who managed to qualify in a remarkably short amount of time for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi.

Saturday, May 25 · 9:30 p.m.

THE WETA MOVIE: A PASSAGE TO INDIA – Based on the renowned E.M. Forster novel, this period drama centers on the changing dynamic between British colonials and native locals in India during the 1920s.



Sunday, May 26 · 3 p.m.

THE QUIETEST PLACE ON EARTH – The Hawaiian Islands are the most remote major island group on earth. On Maui, the Haleakala volcano rises 10,000 feet – nearly two miles – into the sky, and the massive crater located at its summit carries the unique distinction of “The Quietest Place on Earth.” This poetic documentary explores Maui’s geological and spiritual birthplace through the eyes of Hawaiian artists, scientists, doctors, authors and musicians.

Sunday, May 26 · 4 p.m.

THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE – The history series examines the origin, history and impact of the 1882 law that made it illegal for Chinese workers to come to America and for Chinese nationals already here to become U.S. citizens. The Act remained in force for more than 60 years.



On the cover: THE STORY OF CHINA: SILK ROADS AND CHINA SHIPS, courtesy Mick Duffield

Above: THE WETA MOVIE: A PASSAGE TO INDIA, courtesy American Public Television; THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE, courtesy Royal BC Museum.

At left: PACIFIC HEARTBEAT: POI E: THE STORY OF OUR SONG, courtesy American Public Television.

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