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WETA Arts Spotlights Visual and Performing Arts
— Robert Aubry Davis Hosts New Local WETA Television Program —
— Sundays at 2 p.m. in April on WETA TV 26 and WETA HD —

Washington, D.C. — WETA Arts, a new local program from WETA TV 26, spotlights and celebrates visual and performing art in Greater Washington and around the nation. WETA Around Town’s Robert Aubry Davis, a fixture in the Washington-area arts scene, hosts the program. WETA Arts airs Sundays at 2 p.m. in April on WETA TV 26 and WETA HD and leads into an afternoon of fine arts programming.

“WETA is proud to expand its commitment to serving the local community with great cultural programming,” commented Kevin Harris, vice president and television station manager of WETA. “WETA Arts showcases an exciting local and national arts scene and kicks off a notable Sunday afternoon line up that includes music, theater, opera and more.”

This new, half-hour magazine-style arts series presents a variety of stories, profiles, and critic discussions, introducing emerging and established artists alike — and includes art history, a local arts feature, a regional events calendar and trivia. Featured this month, for example, are eclectic choreographer Rosie Herrera and her dance creations; the latest book by art provocateur Camille Paglia; and a review of National Gallery of Art exhibition Color, Line, Light: French Drawings, Watercolors, and Pastels from Delacroix to Signac. Also on the bill are a visit with Tony-Award-winning director Diane Paulus about the Broadway revival of the musical Pippin; the jazz-influenced animation of filmmaker Tom Schroeder; and Artisphere’s exhibition The Next Wave: Industrial Design Innovation in the 21st Century.

Host Robert Aubry Davis is a native Washingtonian and an active member of the area’s cultural community. He is a regular lecturer at an array of local seminars and performances, and he has been host and moderator of WETA TV 26’s Emmy Award-winning weekly arts discussion broadcast, WETA Around Town, since its inception in 1986. September marks his 35th anniversary with the station, where for more than 20 years he hosted popular radio programs Songs for Aging Children and Millennium of Music as well as the afternoon drive time program on WETA 90.9 FM. WETA Arts local correspondents include prominent art, theater and film critics who make WETA Around Town interstitial segments Washington’s source for the latest reviews and recommendations.

Glenn Baker serves as the executive producer of WETA Arts. Baker is WETA’s new Senior Director, Production and Creative Services and is a filmmaker with more than 30 PBS documentaries among his credits. His productions have been recognized with more than a dozen national awards. Christine Stoddard, producer of WETA Arts, serves as WETA’s Associate Producer, Local Projects and is an interdisciplinary writer and filmmaker/ videographer.
*WETA Arts* continues a rich tradition of local television programming on WETA Television that demonstrates the station’s commitment to the community, spotlighting its people, places and cultural offerings. In addition to *WETA Around Town*, airing between programs throughout the broadcast schedule, *WETA All Access* and *The WETA Guide* explore Greater Washington’s resources, activities, businesses and institutions. Additional highlights include the Emmy award-winning *Washington in the ‘60s* and *Washington in the ‘70s*, the scrumptious *Breakfast in Washington* and the exciting *Pizza in Washington*, premiering this May.

The complete WETA television schedule is available at [www.weta.org](http://www.weta.org). Viewers can watch WETA TV 26 over the air on channel 26.4, and on Comcast 26, Cox 26 and 802, Dish 8076, FiOS 26 and 471, and RCN 26. WETA HD is available over the air on channel 26.1, and on Comcast 220, Cox 1026 and 1003, FiOS 526, Direct TV 26 and 26-1, and RCN 613.

WETA Television and Classical WETA 90.9 FM are public broadcasting stations serving the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia with high-quality programming. Classical WETA 90.9 FM brings classical music, concerts and specials to Greater Washington. As the leading PBS station in the nation’s capital, WETA Television broadcasts on four channels: WETA TV 26, WETA HD, WETA UK and WETA Kids. WETA Television celebrates the people and history of this region through programs such as *WETA Around Town*, *WETA Extras* and *The WETA Guide*. For national PBS audiences, WETA produces *PBS NewsHour; Washington Week with Gwen Ifill*; films by Ken Burns such as *The Central Park Five*, premiering next month; and performance specials from the White House, the U.S. Capitol and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Embracing the educational mission of public broadcasting, WETA creates leading public service websites such as [www.ReadingRockets.org](http://www.ReadingRockets.org), [www.LDOnline.org](http://www.LDOnline.org), [www.ColorinColorado.org](http://www.ColorinColorado.org), [www.AdLit.org](http://www.AdLit.org) and [www.Brainline.org](http://www.Brainline.org); and develops community outreach programs to engage people of all ages in the joy of lifelong learning. WETA’s headquarters is located in Arlington, Virginia. Sharon Percy Rockefeller is president and CEO. More information on WETA and its programs and services is available at [www.weta.org](http://www.weta.org).

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