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**PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
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**Arts**

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 132  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/2/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:07:33

A major American composer, with her own deeply American story to tell, is receiving recognition for a lifetime of work. Jeffrey Brown talks to newly-minted Kennedy Center honoree Tania León for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Series Title: Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World  
Episode Title: Culture Wars  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/21/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Experience the 1990s during the Clinton years and the unstoppable rise in popularity of Hip Hop, which becomes a force that is attacked by all sides of the political establishment.

Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover  
Episode Title: Misty Copeland  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 3/24/2023 8:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review Segment Length: 00:26:46

Misty Copeland discusses becoming American Ballet Theatre's first Black principal dancer and the role her mentor, trailblazing Black ballerina Raven Wilkinson, played in her rise. Copeland weighs in on diversity in ballet, motherhood and her future.

## Culture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 138  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/10/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:08:35

Poet Charles Simic died Monday at 84. He was a prolific writer, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, and served as Poet Laureate of the United States. He often wrote, with both bite and humor, of the World War II era and his early years in Yugoslavia before coming to the U.S. as a teenager. In 2007, Simic discussed it in a conversation with the PBS NewsHour's Jeffrey Brown.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: King Arthur's Lost Kingdom  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/1/2023 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Uncover new archaeological evidence at Tintagel that suggests the legend of King Arthur started in a prosperous and sophisticated trading village in 5th-century Britain following the departure of the Romans.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 195  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/30/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only) Segment Length: 00:07:56

After the U.S. invaded Iraq 20 years ago, Iraqi American playwright and actor Heather Raffo created and starred in an acclaimed play "Nine Parts of Desire" about the lives of Iraqi women. She's returned to the subject on film and through a distinctly American lens, setting a new version in Michigan. Jeffrey Brown went there to see the work for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

## Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Nature | The Alps  
Episode Title: The High Life  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/4/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Enjoy the Alps in spring and summertime as newborn animals grow up to face the coming brutal winter.

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: The Elephant and the Termite  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/1/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Witness the dramas of Africa's great wildlife meeting place -- the waterhole. From mighty elephants to tiny termites, an entire community of creatures call the waterhole their home.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 196  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/31/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only) Segment Length: 00:02:39

A tornado plowed into Little Rock, Arkansas, and nearby towns Friday afternoon with reports of heavy damage and many people injured. Video shows the tornado moving across neighborhoods, flipping cars and tearing away rooftops. It was all part of a massive storm front that affected at least 15 states from the Great Lakes to the Deep South.

## Family/Marriage

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 137  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/9/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:09:55

Contractor and U.S. Navy veteran Mark Frerichs was kidnapped and held hostage by Taliban forces for over two and a half years. He was released as part of a prisoner swap last September and is now adjusting to freedom and life back in America. Amna Nawaz went to Lombard, Illinois, where he's staying with family, to sit down with Frerichs for his first television interview since being freed.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 173  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/28/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:11

In the last three years, households eligible for food assistance received at least \$95 more per month as part of a pandemic-era increase to combat hunger. But Wednesday, those benefits will expire, meaning a smaller monthly food budget for nearly 30 million Americans. William Brangham visited a food bank in rural Virginia that's gearing up to meet the increased need this cut will likely trigger.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: No Irish Need Apply  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/14/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review Segment Length: 00:00:00

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of actor Jane Lynch and comedian Jim Gaffigan, revealing the Irish American experience through their families.

## Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 140  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/12/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:08:16

When sports journalist Grant Wahl died of an aortic aneurysm while covering the World Cup in Qatar, a flood of misinformation took over social media, with anti-vaxxers and conspiracy theorists falsely claiming the COVID vaccine was to blame. Wahl's wife, Dr. Celine Gounder, is an infectious disease specialist. She joined Amna Nawaz to discuss the fight against this kind of disinformation.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/8/2023 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

Series Title: American Masters  
Episode Title: Dr. Tony Fauci  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 3/21/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:10

Follow Dr. Fauci across fourteen months, showing a rarely seen side of this passionate scientist, husband, father and public servant.

## Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: The U.S. and the Holocaust  
Episode Title: The Homeless, The Tempest-Tossed (1942 - )  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 1/20/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 02:00:58

A group of dedicated government officials fights red tape to support rescue operations. As the Allies liberate German camps, the public sees for the first time the sheer scale of the Holocaust and begins to reckon with its reverberations.

Series Title: Making Black America: Through the Grapevine  
Episode Title: Episode 1  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/3/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Hour one explores how free Black people, in the North and South, built towns, established schools, held conventions - creating robust networks to address the political, economic, and social needs of the entire Black community.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 174  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/1/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only) Segment Length: 00:11:03

Across the country, at least 150 bills have been filed by Republican legislators targeting transgender Americans. Roughly 100 of those bills specifically restrict doctors and other providers from offering transition-related health care for minors. We hear from concerned parents whose children are most impacted and William Brangham discusses the bills with Erin Reed.

## Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA: Beyond the Elements  
Episode Title: Indestructible  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/18/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Scientists have created virtually indestructible versions of glass, rubber, and plastic. But are they too tough? As the environmental impact of the quest for durability becomes clear, scientists look for ways to maintain utility but minimize harm.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Star Chasers of Senegal  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/8/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A visionary astronomer in West Africa attempts a high-stakes observation of a distant asteroid vital to a NASA mission. From prehistoric ruins to Islamic skywatchers, explore the heritage and future of African astronomy.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Einstein's Quantum Riddle on NOVA Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/29/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

Quantum entanglement is poised to revolutionize technology from networks to code breaking, but first we need to know it's real. Join physicists as they capture light from across the universe in a bid to prove Einstein's "spooky action at a distance."