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Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 5
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/7/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:08

What is poetry and what does it offer us? Carl Phillips has some answers. He's known for the beauty of his language, his depth of exploration and is a recent winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Jeffrey Brown went to St. Louis to speak with Phillips for our arts and culture series, CANVAS

Series Title: Southern Storytellers
Episode Title: Episode 3
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/1/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Some of the South's most influential creators take us to the places that feed their imaginations: author Jesmyn Ward, screenwriter Michael Waldron, poet Natasha Trethewey, and songwriters Justin Moore, Tarriona "Tank" Ball and Thao Nguyen.

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo
Episode Title: The Making and Breaking
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/19/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:55:48

Explore the early life of Frida Kahlo as she discovers her genius for painting following a tragic, life-changing accident, leading her to encounter world-famous muralist Diego Rivera who she later marries, twice

Culture

Series Title: Great American Recipe; The
Episode Title: Episode 3
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Feel the love as the cooks prepare their favorite comfort food and a dish inspired by a loved one. The cooks pour their hearts and souls into recipes ranging from bacon-wrapped meatloaf and cornbread to crab cakes, elk stew and chicken curry.

Series Title: Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein
Episode Title: The Golden Gate Bridge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/1/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The Golden Gate Bridge is an engineering marvel that symbolizes America's can-do spirit. Explore if America can continue to execute bold and ambitious infrastructure projects in the 21st century.

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Bulls and Saints
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/24/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:34

After 20 years of living in the United States, an undocumented family decides to return home. Little do they know it will be the most difficult journey of their lives and reawaken an intense desire for a place to belong. Set between the rodeo arenas of North Carolina and the spellbinding Mexican town they yearn for, Bulls and Saints is a love story about reverse migration, rebellion, and redemption.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Human Footprint
Episode Title: Strangers in Paradise
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Invasive species are reshaping the world's ecosystems, but who's really to blame? Shane wrestles a python, hunts Hawaiian pigs, and gets sucker-punched by a carp to answer the question: in the Age of Humans, how does our species decide what belongs?

Series Title: Human Footprint
Episode Title: The Urban Jungle
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

"In "The Urban Jungle," Shane explores the modern city: an ecosystem built by, for us. He encounters three species thriving in the city, reckons with our complex urban history, and envisions a new and wilder urban future.

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Suwannee: Wild River
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/6/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:52:33

The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America, and its watershed creates woods and wetlands, marshes, and cave systems. From its headwaters in the Okefenokee Swamp, Baratunde journeys downstream, meeting colorful denizens of the Suwannee. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, he learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 9
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/13/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:38

U.S. regulators approved the nation's first over-the-counter birth control pill. The FDA signed off on Opill, a once-a-day tablet available by prescription since 1973 that will soon be readily available online and in stores. The move is being applauded by medical societies and women's health groups who pushed for wider access. Geoff Bennett discussed more with Dr. Jennifer Villavicencio.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: DNA Mysteries
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/22/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA detective work to solve mysteries in the family trees of actor Téa Leoni, and radio host Joe Madison, introducing each of them to parents and grandparents whose names they've never heard before.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secret Lives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Eat Your Catfish
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/30/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Paralyzed by late-stage ALS, Kathryn clings to a mordant wit as she yearns to witness her daughter's wedding. Shot from her fixed point of view, watch a family grappling with the daily demands of disability and in-home caretaking.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 24
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/3/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:01

Signs point to a COVID-19 summer surge for the fourth consecutive year. Overall, infections remain much lower compared to the past, but cases began increasing last month and between 300 and 400 Americans are dying each week. John Yang discussed the growing concerns with epidemiologist Dr. Katelyn Jetelina.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 45
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:34

A ban on gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth went into effect in Texas, making it the most populous state to date with such a ban. The law revokes the medical licenses of any doctor who provides minors with gender-affirming medical care like puberty blockers, hormone treatments or surgeries. Laura Barrón-López reports on families grappling with the potential consequences

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: A Story of Bones
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/9/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

After discovering an unmarked burial ground of an estimated 9,000 formerly enslaved Africans on St. Helena, Annina van Neel and preservationist Peggy King Jorde fight for their proper memorialization, exposing the UK's colonial past and present.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Fatal Flood
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/22/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the spring of 1927, after weeks of incessant rains, the Mississippi River went on a rampage from Cairo, Illinois to New Orleans, inundating hundreds of towns, killing as many as a thousand people and leaving a million homeless. In Greenville, Mississippi, efforts to contain the river pitted the majority black population against an aristocratic plantation family, the Percys -- and the Percys against themselves. A story of greed, power and race during one of America's greatest natural disasters

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:46:26

Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town -- and America -- were transformed.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Octopus: Making Contact
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow an Alaskan professor as he raises and studies a pet octopus in his home, making remarkable discoveries about its extraordinary intelligence, personality and skills. Octopuses are able to recognize faces and interact with other individuals.

Series Title: NOVA | The Planets
Episode Title: Ice Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the far reaches of the solar system, Uranus and Neptune dazzle with unexpected rings, supersonic winds and dozens of moons. And NASA's New Horizons gets a stunning up-close view of Pluto before venturing deep into the Kuiper Belt.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Rebuilding Notre Dame
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/13/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In April 2019, the world watched as a devastating fire almost destroyed Paris's iconic Notre Dame Cathedral. Go behind the scenes with a team of engineers, masons, and timber workers tackling the daunting challenges of restoring the historic landmark.