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**Miami, FL**  
**PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
**October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

**Arts**

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo  
Episode Title: A Star Is Born  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10//2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:00

Dangerous politics and turbulent love shock Frida's world, while love and trauma shape her final years. Diego and she divorce, then remarry. As her body fails her, her painting thrives.

Series Title: Icon: Music Through the Lens  
Episode Title: On the Cover  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/4/2023 3:00:00 AM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the uncensored and never-heard-before stories behind the amazing photographs that graced the front pages of music magazines and played a pivotal role in elevating music photography to iconic status.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 112  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/5/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:08:01

The Roots are one of hip-hop's most important and influential groups and lead lyricist and emcee Tariq Trotter, better known by his stage name Black Thought, has established himself among the leading rappers. The Grammy-winner tells his own story in, "The Upcycled Self: A Memoir on the Art of Becoming Who We Are." Jeffrey Brown spoke with Trotter for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

## Culture

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: The Sunken Basilica  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/15/2023 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:55:15

2014, Turkey. A normal survey flight over Lake Iznik unexpectedly reveals the sunken remains a 4th century basilica. The discovery prompts scientists to probe the elusive history and geology behind the demise of the church that was built in ancient Nicaea -- now known as Iznik. When was the basilica destroyed? How did the basilica get swallowed up by Lake Iznik? And what happened to its community? Spanning the globe, this investigation follows a world-renowned team in this underwater excavation. Thanks to exclusive access to the site, including critical aerial and underwater cinematography, and spectacular CGI, we time travel through the centuries, back to the Roman and Byzantine time, and at the foundation of Christianity itself.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Decoding Hieroglyphics  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/12/2023 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

How ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics were first translated 200 years ago and the archaeological work being done in Egypt to understand one of the most important scribes.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 130  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/29/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:04:48

As 2023 comes to an end, we take a look back at some of the images that have defined this historic and often tumultuous year and hear from the photojournalists who captured them.

## Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston  
Episode Title: Utah: Choose Your Path  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/8/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From paragliding over the Great Salt Lake to canyon climbing to discovering the science behind nature's healing powers, Baratunde journeys west to find out what modern day pilgrims are seeking in Utah's outdoor spaces.

Series Title: Spy in the Ocean, A Nature Miniseries  
Episode Title: Deep Feelings  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/5/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Spy creatures explore animal emotions and the deep feelings we share. With surfing dolphins, kissing manatees and sensitive cuttlefish, witness the emotional rollercoaster of life in the sea.

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: Penguins: Meet the Family  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/31/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A unique celebration of one of Earth's most iconic and beloved birds, featuring all 18 species of penguins for the first time, from New Zealand, Cape Town, the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica. Witness the perils penguins face for survival, from rock climbing to extreme temperatures to predators. Meet the penguins that seem out of place, making their living in dense forests, desert islands and even city streets. Watch how these creatures parent and form lifelong bonds. Discover how scientists identified 37 new colonies of Emperor penguins in Antarctica without even traveling to the continent. Experience penguins' heart-warming family dynamics, like chicks bonding with their fathers, alongside astonishing adaptations and behaviors unique to these aquatic birds.

## Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Family: Lost and Found  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/9/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates uses DNA detective work to solve family mysteries for actor Joe Manganiello and football star Tony Gonzalez—uncovering close relatives whose names they've never heard and compelling each man to rethink his own identity.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Mexican Roots  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/20/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and guests Mario Lopez and Melissa Villaseñor look at the Mexican American experience as seen through the lens of two families.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Country Roots  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/25/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the remarkably diverse backgrounds of country music icons Clint Black and Rosanne Cash.

## Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 87  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/31/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:08

A new federal civil rights lawsuit is raising concerns about the treatment of pregnant detainees at an Alabama jail and the potential harm to their unborn children whom the law claims to protect. Stephanie Sy reports.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: The Battle to Beat Malaria  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/19/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Are scientists on the verge of a breakthrough in the fight against malaria, one of humanity's oldest and most devastating plagues? Follow researchers as they develop and test a promising new vaccine on a quest to save millions of lives.

Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: How to Have an American Baby  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 12/17/2023 11:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Voyage into the shadow economy catering to Chinese tourists traveling to the U.S. to give birth for citizenship. Through a series of intimate vignettes, this story depicts the fortunes and tragedies that befall the ordinary

## Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Native America  
Episode Title: New Worlds  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/30/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native innovators lead a revolution in music, building, and space exploration. From the surface of Mars to the New York City hip hop scene to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Native traditions are transforming life on Earth and other worlds.

Series Title: Native America  
Episode Title: Women Rule  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/13/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native women are leading, innovating, and inspiring in the arts, politics, and protecting the planet. NATIVE AMERICA explores the diverse ways they carry forward deep traditions to better their communities, their lands, and the world.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 129  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/28/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:03:15

Andrés González is a conductor, musician, and advocate for youth music education. He was trained from a young age through El Sistema, a renowned music program in Venezuela, before moving to the United States. He is a mentor at Play on Philly, providing access to music education to low-income and minority students. González shares his Brief But Spectacular take on how music empowers communities.

## Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/8/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Early Earth was a hellscape of molten lava and barren rock, bombarded by meteors, with no atmosphere at all. How did our familiar blue sky - the thin, life-giving band of gasses protecting our planet - come to be?

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Inside China's Tech Boom  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/12/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:52:04

In just a few decades, China has transformed into a science and technology superpower. See inside leading Chinese tech companies and labs to discover how they innovate, what drives their rise, and what it means for the future of the global economy.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: The Next Pompeii  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/17/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover Campi Flegrei, a lesser-known volcano in the shadow of Vesuvius. If it erupts, millions of lives could be at risk. Meet the scientists exploring its geography and developing a warning system to prevent Naples from becoming the next Pompeii.