

**WNET
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2020– MARCH 31, 2020**

ARTS

GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET #1401: MANON

Airdate/Time: 1/5/20, 12pm

Length: 3-hrs

Description: Star soprano Anna Netrebko sings her first Met performances of the title role in *Manon*, Massenet's opera about a country girl with conflicting desires for love and luxury who is drawn into a life of glamorous — but hollow — Parisian sophistication.

COUNT BASIE: THROUGH HIS EYES

Airdate/Time: 2/13/20, 8:30pm; 2/15/20, 4:29pm; 2/16/20, 1:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: This revealing biography, told in Count Basie's own words, uncovers for the first time the private passions and ambitions that inspired the world-famous bandleader and pianist. Until recently, little was known about Basie's private and family life, but this documentary uncovers a treasure-trove of home movies and photo albums that expose Basie's remarkable relationship with his wife Catherine, whose pioneering support for African-American causes placed her at the side of Martin Luther King. Through Basie's intimate footage and letters - and interviews with Quincy Jones and former band members - the film discovers the Count's protective love for his disabled daughter Diane who was never out of his heart and mind: the hidden core of his creative life'. Basie's musical achievements were remarkable: the first African-American to win a Grammy, he brought the Blues to the big band podium. He was 'the King of the Swing Kings'. See rare performances with Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Sammy Davis Jr. and many others. But this film digs deeper, uncovering the inner motivation and passions that drove Basie's career as he became a unique link between jazz and America's turbulent social history.

MILES DAVIS: AMERICAN MASTERS

Airdate/Time: 2/25/20, 9pm; 2/27, 2am

Length: 2-hours

Description: Discover the man behind the legend. With full access to the Miles Davis Estate, the film features never-before-seen footage, including studio outtakes from his recording sessions, rare photos and new interviews.

MARIAN ANDERSON: ONCE IN A HUNDRED YEARS

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CIVIL RIGHTS

INDEPENDENT LENS: THE FIRST RAINBOW COALITION

Airdate/Time: 1/27/20, 10pm; 1/30/20, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In 1969, Chicago community-based groups formed alliances across lines of race and ethnicity to confront issues like police brutality and substandard housing. Hear the movement's little-known story through archival footage and interviews with members.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS: SLAVE TRADE

Airdate/Time: 2/11/20, 8pm; 2/13/20, 1am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Henry Louis Gates, Jr. journeys with film director Ava DuVernay, actor S. Epatha Merkerson and musician Questlove to the unexpected places where their ancestors were scattered by slavery, upending their notions of African American history.

INDEPENDENT LENS: ALWAYS IN SEASON

Airdate/Time: 2/24/20, 10pm; 2/27/20, 4am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: ALWAYS IN SEASON explores the lingering impact of more than a century of lynching African Americans and connects this form of historic racial terrorism to racial violence today. The film centers on the case of Lennon Lacy, an African American teen who was found hanging from a swing set in Bladenboro, North Carolina, on August 29, 2014. Despite inconsistencies in the case, local officials quickly ruled Lennon's death a suicide, but his mother, Claudia, believes Lennon was lynched. Claudia moves from paralyzing grief to leading the fight for justice for her son. As the film unfolds, Lennon's case, and the suspicions surrounding it, intersect with stories of other communities seeking justice and reconciliation. A few hundred miles away in Monroe, Georgia, a diverse group of reenactors, including the adult daughter of a former Ku Klux Klan leader, annually dramatize a 1946 quadruple lynching to ensure the victims are never forgotten and encourage the community to come forward with information that might bring the perpetrators to justice. As the terrorism of the past bleeds into the present, the film asks: what will it take for Americans to begin building a national movement for racial justice and reconciliation?

INDEPENDENT LENS: COOKED: SURVIVAL BY ZIP CODE

Airdate/Time: 3/3/20, 10pm; 3/6/20, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Learn the story of a heat wave that overtook Chicago in July 1995, killing 739 residents, most of them poor, elderly and African American. The heat wave revealed a long-term crisis of poverty, racism, and economic and social isolation in the city.

PBS NewsHour

Airdate/Time: 3/19/20, 7pm

Segment Length: 7 minutes 39 seconds

Segment Description: The 2018 film "Roma," set in Mexico, won myriad awards and acclaim. But it also sparked a national debate about racial and social inequities. Now, its star, Yalitza Aparicio, has carved out a new off-screen role as an advocate for change, championing rights for indigenous people and Mexico's domestic workers. Jeffrey Brown reports from Mexico City.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE

OZONE HOLE: HOW WE SAVED THE PLANET

Airdate/Time: 1/8/20, 10pm; 1/10/20, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Discover the forgotten story of the hole in the ozone layer and how the world came together to fix it. Hear from the scientists and politicians who persuaded Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher to take action and solve the planetary problem.

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NOVA: POLAR EXTREMES

Airdate/Time: 3/5/20, 8pm; 3/7/20, 1am

Length: 2-hours

Description: Following a trail of fossils found in all the wrong places -- beech trees in Antarctica, redwoods and hippo-like mammals in the Arctic -- uncover the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-thick ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life.

FRONTLINE: PLASTICS WARS

Airdate/Time: 3/31/20, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Did the plastic industry use recycling to sell more plastic? With the industry expanding like never before and the crisis of ocean pollution growing, FRONTLINE and NPR investigate the fight over the future of plastics.

HEALTH

FOOD: WHAT THE HECK SHOULD I EAT? WITH DR. MARK HYMAN

Airdate/Time: 1/4/20, 11am; 1/5/20, 11:30pm; 1/8/20, 1:30am

Length: 2-hours

Description: Did you know that oatmeal actually isn't a healthy way to start the day? That milk doesn't build bones, and eggs aren't the devil? In Food: What the Heck Should I Eat?, Dr. Mark Hyman looks at every food group and explains what we've gotten wrong, revealing which foods nurture our health and which pose a threat. He also explains food's crucial role in functional medicine and how food systems and policies affect our environmental and personal health. With myth-busting insights, easy-to-understand science, and delicious, wholesome recipes, Food: What the Heck Should I Eat? is a no-nonsense guide to achieving optimal weight and lifelong health. Eating real food doesn't have to be complicated. Dr. Hyman is going to show us the principles of healthy eating by walking through each of the major food categories - from meats to beverages and everything in between. Dr. Hyman tells the viewer exactly what foods to focus on and what to avoid. He will provide easy steps to get started, taking out all of the guess work of putting together meals. As a bonus, Dr. Hyman will also explain how food is one of the greatest contributors to global warming and pollution, then he will show us what foods will take less of a toll on our environment and our health.

METROFOCUS

Airdate/Time: 3/5/20, 6pm; 3/6/20, 12am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Long Island has seen a surge in cases of COVID-19. Of the more than 30,000 cases in New York State, more than half were reported in New York City- and more than 5,000 were diagnosed on Long Island. Now health experts are sounding the alarm, saying people who are leaving New York City could be infecting those around them and the White House Coronavirus Task Force is advising anyone who has recently traveled to or from New York City to isolate themselves for two weeks. And as many New Yorkers flee to their second homes in the Hamptons to avoid infection, South Hampton Village mayor Jesse Warren joins us to discuss what steps he's taking to keep residents safe.

PBS NewsHour

Airdate/Time: 3/11/20, 7pm & 9pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: President Trump addressed the nation about novel coronavirus the evening of broadcast, announcing the suspension of travel from Europe for a period of 30 days as well as a series of economic relief measures. Earlier in the day, the World Health Organization designated COVID-19 a global pandemic. Yamiche Alcindor and Lisa Desjardins join Judy Woodruff to discuss Trump's remarks and what happens next.

Amanpour and Company

Airdate/Time: 3/17/20, 11pm; 3/18/20, 4pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy discusses efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 in his state. Neel Kashkari, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, explains the state of the U.S. economy and what the future will look like. Yale psychology professor Laurie Santos discusses how the pandemic could influence mental health across the country.

Confronting Coronavirus: A PBS NewsHour Special

Airdate/Time: 3/19/20, 8pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This special focuses on health precautions for individuals and the public-at-large as well as the pandemic's economic impact in both the United States and globally. Anchored by NewsHour's managing editor Judy Woodruff, it includes interviews with officials; reporting from NewsHour's bench of special correspondents throughout the world; and a virtual town hall with curated questions from people across America, to be moderated by NewsHour correspondents Amna Nawaz and William Brangham.

Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

Airdate/Time: 3/27/20, 8:30pm; 3/28/20, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Former CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden discusses the origins of the coronavirus, the current measures to fight it, and where he sees the pandemic headed. He also discusses how the United States can be better prepared to handle future microbial threats.

NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS

Airdate/Time: 3/27/20, 6:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description This episode featured the following: On Friday, the House passed a sweeping \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief bill aimed at helping households, businesses and struggling health care systems, and President Trump signed it. It's the largest emergency relief package in U.S. history. It comes as New Jersey reports another overnight surge in the number of total COVID-19 cases.

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HERITAGE

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FINDING YOUR ROOTS: ITALIAN ROOTS

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Length: 60-minutes

Description: Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of talk show-host Jimmy Kimmel and actors Marisa Tomei and John Turturro, introducing them to ancestors who made immense sacrifices to bring their families from Italy to America.

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NOVA: SECRETS OF THE FORIDDEN CITY

Airdate/Time: 3/4/20, 9pm; 3/6/20, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: For nearly 500 years, Beijing's complex of palaces and temples was the power center of imperial China. Explore this ancient architectural masterpiece, long hidden from western eyes, as experts use ancient craft secrets to restore its fading grandeur.

LOCAL/NATIONAL POLITICS

PBS NEWSHOUR SPECIAL REPORT: STATE OF THE UNION

Airdate/Time: 2/4/20, 9pm

Length: 2-hours

Description: Live coverage of President Trump's State of the Union address.

NEW YORK CITY STATE OF THE CITY: MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO

Airdate/Time: 2/6/20, 1:30pm

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Live coverage of the State of the City address.

PBS NEWSHOUR SPECIAL COVERAGE: THE SENATE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Airdate/Time: 1/21/20, 12:30pm; 1/22/20, 1pm; 1/23/20, 1pm; 1/24/20, 1pm; 1/25/20, 10am; 1/27/20, 1pm; 1/28/20, 1pm; 1/29/20, 1pm; 1/30/20, 1pm; 1/31/20, 1pm; 2/3/20, 11am; 2/5/20, 3:30pm

Length: 5.5 hours on 1/21/20; 5 hours on 1/22/20; 5 hours on 1/23/20; 4 hours on 1/24/20; 2.5 hours on 1/25/20; 5 hours on 1/27/20; 2.5 hours on 1/28/20; 5 hours on 1/29/20; 5 hours on 1/30/20; 5 hours on 1/31/20; 4.5 hours on 2/3/20; 1.5 hours on 2/5/20

Description: Live coverage of the Senate impeachment trial.

NEW JERSEY ISSUES & INTERESTS

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Airdate/Time: 2/24/20, 6:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: On the eve of Gov. Phil Murphy's budget address, Senate President Steve Sweeney agrees to a millionaire's tax if Murphy puts a billion dollars into the pension system. Murphy delivered his budget address after announcing doctors have discovered a tumor on his kidney. A new water basin is being built that could catch 2 million gallons of water runoff in Hoboken. It could totally change the flooding problems in the city. Plus, it's arguably the only kind of music you can feel in your bones before the first notes hit your ears: drumline. And, Monmouth University's first collegiate class based on the board of Long Branch, the Philosopher of Freehold, the Boss himself.

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WOMEN'S

INDEPENDENT LENS: LEFTOVER WOMEN

Airdate/Time: 2/10/20, 10pm; 2/13/20, 4am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Meet three Chinese women labeled "leftover," a derogatory term for unmarried women in their mid-20s and 30s. Follow them as they struggle to stay true to their ambitions amid a state-sponsored campaign that stigmatizes women who aren't married.

RISE UP: SONGS OF THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

Airdate/Time: 3/3/20, 8pm; 3/4/20, 1am; 3/7/20, 4:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Celebrate the centennial of women's right to vote through popular music, including performances by Aretha Franklin, Lesley Gore, Helen Reddy, Loretta Lynn, Gloria Gaynor, Dolly Parton, Joan Jett, Cyndi Lauper, Melissa Etheridge, Tina Turner and more.

MAKERS: WOMEN IN SPACE

Airdate/Time: 3/18/20, 10pm; 3/19, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Trace the history of women pioneers in the U.S. space program. Some, like aviators Wally Funk and Jerrie Cobb, passed the same grueling tests as male astronauts, only to be dismissed by NASA, the military and even Lyndon Johnson, as a distraction. It wasn't until 1995 that Eileen Collins became the first woman to pilot a spacecraft. The program includes interviews with Collins, as well as Sally Ride's classmates Shannon Lucid, Rhea Seddon and Kathryn Sullivan, and features Mae Jemison, the first woman of color astronaut, and Peggy Whitson, the first female commander of the International Space Station. The hour ends with the next generation of women engineers, mathematicians and astronauts-the new group of pioneers, like Marleen Martinez and Dava Newman, who continue to make small but significant steps forward.