

WQED-TV Pittsburgh Quarterly Programs Report: 1st Quarter 2024 (January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024)

WQED-TV has addressed the following major concerns of the communities within the station's service for the period of January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024:

AGRICULTURE

Series Title: The Growing Field: Future Jobs in Agriculture
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/29/2024 7:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Well over half of Pennsylvania's economy is related to or dependent on agriculture. Agriculture has long been the work of farmers growing crops or raising animals, but technology has opened exciting new career pathways. Plant-watering robots, soilless horticulture, and agriculture-related fields including innovative food production and forest conservation are just a few examples. Meantime, skilled workers in more traditional jobs like tractor mechanics and farm equipment sales are still very much in demand. This 30-minute documentary explores possible careers related to agriculture. Viewers will visit an automated dairy farm in rural Washington County, a busy urban greenhouse in Pittsburgh, a robotic peach orchard near Gettysburg, but also learn that the trending jobs are not always "down on the farm".

ARTS

Series Title: Beyond the Canvas – The Carnegie International
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 02/01/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Steel titan Andrew Carnegie, founded the Carnegie Institute as a cultural gift to the city, and set about building a collection for the museum by acquiring art through an International exhibit. A year later, in 1896, the Exhibition that would become known as the Carnegie International premiered in Pittsburgh, beginning a tradition of bringing ground breaking artists and their work to the City. This documentary explores the history of the International and brings into focus the work of three artists Njaimeh Njaie, Tishan Hsu, and James YaYa Hough -- whose provocative work exemplifies our changing world and its challenges.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: David B and the Arts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 03/19/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

"Point of Beginning" is a film by multi-media artist David Bernabo, exploring the process of artist-painter Zoe Welsh as she creates a painting in her studio. Also the WQED digital short "Microcosm of the World: The Pittsburgh Pedantic Arts Residency" by Cassidy Fischer and Ash Warren. The residency is a Pittsburgh-based project that allows visiting artists to develop and explore in their chosen fields. "Point of Beginning: A Film Documenting the Process of Zoe Welsh" - 45:52; "Microcosm of the World: The Pittsburgh Pedantic Arts Residency" – 8:12.

CULTURE

Series Title: Wylie Avenue Days
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 02/02/2024 2:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

This 1991 documentary presents a lively and informative look at the neighborhood once known as Pittsburgh's Black Harlem. "Wylie" explores the Hill's time as a settlement area for African Americans leaving the south during the Great Migration to its glory days as the neighborhood of record for the best of Black Pittsburgh. The program presents a deep dive into one of the city's most storied and iconic regions, one that flourished despite the racism of the time. Highlights include rare archival footage and interviews with the men and women whose talents, families and businesses made the Hill District the place to be. Restored from the WQED Archives, the program is part of the WQED's Pittsburgh History Series.

Series Title: Brain Space & Energy: My Interview with August Wilson
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/18/2024 7:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

WQED Producer Rick Sebak interviewed playwright August Wilson in December 1989, and now, in 2021, he has retrieved and re-edited that footage into a new program. Mr. Wilson talks about growing up in Pittsburgh, his schooling, his love of the blues, and some of the ways he writes his plays.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Artists & Whistle
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 02/03/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Host Minette Seate presents a program of films and works by African American artists and filmmakers. Includes selections from a 2010 interview with filmmaker Nikki Young and her film "*Whistle Lesson*". Also, a 1954 newsreel video on Black artists from the Library of Congress "*One Tenth of a Nation: The Artists*", and the broadcast premiere of the WQED digital documentary "*Windows to Heaven*" by Nathalie Berry, edited by Paul Ruggieri.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Local 1196
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 02/10/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

"Local 1196: A Steelworkers Strike." In March of 2021, the steelworkers of USW 1196 went on strike against ATI in Brackenridge, Pennsylvania, citing unfair labor practices. The documentary gives viewers a rarely seen vantage point: a labor dispute through the eyes of the strikers - from late night picket line conversations to fiery union hall debates, even a glimpse into the personal lives and homes of 1196 members. As days turn to weeks, and weeks to months, the emotional gamut runs from camaraderie and hope, to frustration, anger, and resignation. Shorter version edited specifically for use on Filmmakers Corner.

Series Title: Tamburitzans Presents: Phoenix
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 02/26/2024 9:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

"Tamburitzans Presents: Phoenix" is a celebration of ancestral music and dance from Pittsburgh's world-renowned performance ensemble, founded in 1937. Filmed live at the award-winning Pittsburgh Playhouse of Point Park University, Phoenix showcases the beauty and brilliance of cultural traditions from Croatia, Bulgaria, the Alpine region, Serbia, Greece, Romania and Ukraine in an exciting stage show, alive with music, song and dance. The show highlights the places "The Tammies" have traveled and the loyal audiences who have followed them for decades.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Heroineburgh
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 01/20/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Host/Producer Minette Seate interviews Alicia Lynn Shropshire, who is part of the cast of "Heroineburgh". "Heroineburgh" is a fun and campy web-based series featuring super powered female heroines and villains, fighting a battle of good vs. evil on the streets of Pittsburgh. Also featured, from the Steeltown Reel Teens "Zappa Racing Team". Other films include Bryan Murray's short on the joys of local surfing; "Steel City Surfers: The Search for Stoke", and a short from 2013 on an artist who sculpts with dryer lint "The Lint Lady".

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: 48 Hour Film Project
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 02/17/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Host/Producer Minette Seate interviews director/filmmaker PJ Gaynard on the 2020 edition of the 48 Hour Film Project Pittsburgh. PJ discusses the many ways the Covid pandemic affected the filmmaking process. Also included, first, second, third place and audience award winners of the 48. Films featured include: *"Past the Worst"*; *"Breathe"*; *"Scopaesthesia"*; *"Channel Theory"*; *"Spies Don't Need Saddles"*; from the 2019 48HFP *"Fight To Propose"*, a previously aired film by PJ Gaynard.

Series Title: Make a Joyful Noise 1984
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 02/18/2024 12:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

This 1984 edition of Make a Joyful Noise was one of a series of popular music specials that featured Gospel music performances from choirs, musical groups and singers from across Southwestern Pennsylvania. Recorded live at the WQED studios, performers featured in this episode: The Aliquippa Church in the Round Radio Choir, The Visitors, The Nate Hollis Singers, and Bonita Lee Ridley.

Series Title: WQED Mini Docs: The Photographers
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 02/18/2024 7:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

A Black History Month mini-documentary compilation consisting of four short documentary films by WQED producers, celebrating the accomplishments of local African-American photographers. Featured shorts include: *"Family Portraits"*; *"Limitless"*; *"Keep Pittsburgh Dope"*; and *"Service and Sacrifice"*.

Series Title: Our Neighbor Fred Rogers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 03/17/2024 12:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

A documentary for adults about the history, the mystique, and the real world of Fred Rogers, the TV Producer and puppeteer who became a Presbyterian minister and then a nationally acclaimed, beloved, and oft-imitated celebrity with his daily program for children, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood".

Series Title: Nebby: Pittsburgh Vintage Mixer
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/29/2024 4:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

An inside look at a special shopping opportunity, a sort of hip flea market, held twice a year in Pittsburgh's Lawrenceville neighborhood. People talk about selling and buying cool old stuff, and why we do it.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: CMU IFF
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 03/30/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Host Minette Seate interviews Jolanta Lion and Ritika Gokhale of the Carnegie Mellon University International Film Festival on the upcoming "Faces of Fear" edition. Includes trailers from films in festival. Also, films by: Alex Goldblum's "Visions of the Stone City" - 15:30; James Quinn's "Who Do You Say I Am" - 11:21; Kevin Hejna's "Fallout" - 8:03.

Series Title: The Pittsburgh Flip
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/31/2024 1:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

The Pittsburgh Region is once again getting national attention. This time, for being one of the hottest markets in the county for flipping houses. What makes Pittsburgh so popular and profitable? Find out from the local men and women transforming properties all over town. From duplexes and a young couple's dream home - to a stately manor stripped to the studs - they're turning eyesores into incredible reveals. Plus, a closer look at flipping's potential impact on the region.

EMPLOYMENT

Series Title: Future Jobs: Technology and Our Changing Workforce
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/31/2024 12:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Ongoing advancements in technology have drastically changed the workforce of today. From fields in transportation to the skilled trades and more, a whole new set of skills are needed for a career in this new economy. This documentary explores some of the jobs most in demand, some of the challenges in filling them and the efforts underway to strengthen our future workforce.

Series Title: Future Jobs: Starting Over
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/31/2024 12:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

The coronavirus pandemic is among many reasons that millions of American workers are looking to "reskill" or "upskill" as they prepare for different careers. This documentary follows several Western Pennsylvanians in various stages of identifying, training, and working in new jobs - all guided by emerging trends in the workforce. Among those sharing their stories: an out-of-work DJ who is learning computer coding; a nursing student turned heavy equipment operator; formerly incarcerated men currently learning the trades; an anthropology student who became an airplane mechanic; a former steelworker now working as a nurse.

Series Title: Future Jobs: Growing Our Region's Workforce
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/31/2024 12:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

This documentary explores Pittsburgh's changing workforce needs. Targeting an audience of educators, parents, and students as young as middle school, the program showcases trending and in-demand careers while explaining how young people can prepare early to achieve workforce success. Highlighted careers include: robotics, engineering, construction, additive manufacturing, energy, health care and social service.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Downstream
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/21/2024 12:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

This half-hour documentary explores and exposes threats to Pennsylvania's watersheds, and highlights the efforts of committed scientists, water-quality advocates, and everyday citizens as they work to protect and restore the state's streams and rivers . . . not only to benefit Pennsylvanians, but also for the health and safety of all of the life that exists in our downstream communities.

Series Title: WQED Mini Docs: Our Water, Land, & Air
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/21/2024 12:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Award-winning mini documentaries from the WQED archives are compiled into this new half-hour program. This episode showcases environmental reporting, including the Emmy-winning mini documentary on the 1948 Donora smog tragedy in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Also featured: efforts to revive Pittsburgh's dying Nine Mile Run stream and a visit to the Springdale, Pennsylvania homestead of famed environmentalist Rachel Carson.

Series Title: Ink & Image: Tattoos That Heal
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/08/2024 7:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Tattoos can transform - but in a way that goes far beyond body art. Explore the lives of people who use tattoos for mental health and medical reasons. The compelling documentary introduces self-harm and suicide survivors who use ink to cover their scars, breast cancer patients who get tattoos to make reconstruction look more realistic and veterans hoping to hide the wounds of war.

Series Title: You're Not Alone: Pregnancy, Postpartum and the Mental Health Crisis
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/22/2024 7:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

One in five mothers struggle with perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, yet 75% go untreated. Depression, anxiety, PTSD, and other psychological difficulties are the most common complications of pregnancy and postpartum. While the ongoing stigma of mental illness continues to prevent many in the general population from getting treatment, some people are at a higher risk. Women of color, women living in rural areas and birthing people within the LGBTQIA+ community are less likely to get treatment or unable to seek help. And when they do, they are more likely to face discrimination or biased treatment. In Western Pennsylvania, family-focused mental health care, support groups and doulas that provide birthing companionship are helping turn the tide. New research, medication and culturally competent providers are also showing improved outcomes. Yet, there is much to be done. This documentary introduces individuals and families whose lives have been profoundly impacted by maternal mental health conditions while also highlighting the people and programs working for positive change

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Don't Limit and Lynne
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/06/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

The documentary "Don't Limit Non-Speaking People" is featured. The story of a group of disabled adults who use technology to overcome limitations and communicate their life experiences. Also included "A Determined Voice", a profile of veteran journalist Lynne Hayes Freeland.

Series Title: Alone: Isolation Hurts
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/11/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Social isolation has long been known to affect mental health, but new information shows it can increase the risk of poor physical health and early death. With direct connections to depression, suicide, dementia, stroke, coronary disease and poor sleep, isolation is having an ominous and widespread effect. As many as 40 percent of American adults report feeling cut off from meaningful family and community connection. The COVID pandemic only made things worse with an alarming spike in teenage mental health issues. In 2020, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy raised "loneliness" as a public health issue. This 30-minute documentary introduces a diverse group of people who speak candidly about how isolation exacerbated their experiences with alcoholism, suicide attempts, and emotional trauma, as well as the stigma associated with admitting to being lonely. The program also features ways in which those at risk for isolation's worst consequences are reaching out to make positive, new social connections.

Series Title: Bundle of Nerves: Our Anxiety Epidemic
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/11/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Anxiety is among the most common, yet under-reported of all behavioral health issues. 40 million Americans suffer from anxiety and panic disorders - overwhelming worrying resulting in physical symptoms such as pounding heart, chest pain, shortness of breath and nausea. Through personal stories of those affected, this program examines causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment, while spotlighting innovative initiatives that explore vulnerable populations, such as efforts to address anxiety disorders among college students.

Series Title: Battling Opioids: Stories of Hope
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 02/04/2024 12:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

This 30-minute documentary is another installment in the multi-year, collaborative initiative among Pennsylvania's seven PBS stations - raising awareness, breaking the stigma and spotlighting new opioids treatment. With stories all focused in Western Pennsylvania, topics include: recovery during the COVID 19 pandemic; parental addiction causing an overcrowded foster system; clinics on wheels in rural areas; a welcoming space that's become a respite for people struggling to stay clean.

MEDIA

Series Title: It's A Joy: WQED-FM is Fifty Years Old
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/01/2024 7:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

A celebration of WQED-FM 89.3, Pittsburgh's All-Classical radio station with historic footage, live performances, and comments from listeners, on-air hosts, and Fred Rogers. Host/narrator Rick Sebak interviews the staff of Pittsburgh's pioneering radio station on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary. Through archival footage, we re-visit the station's inaugural sign-on day and experience its journey from inspired idea to acclaim as one of the country's premiere classical music stations.

Series Title: Friends and Neighbors
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/21/2024 2:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

This thirty-minute WQED documentary commemorates the fiftieth Anniversary Year, going behind the scenes for special insights from the members of the cast and crew who helped make the original programs. And we look at some of the many ways Fred Rogers and his Neighborhood continue to inspire new generations.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: Equity On Ice: The Willie O'Ree Academy
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/04/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

The Pittsburgh Penguins have launched a unique hockey program designed to provide training, social and mentorship opportunities for African American youth. It is named for the NHL's first Black player, Willie O'Ree, who made his debut with the Boston Bruins in 1958. O'Ree would face a myriad of racist taunts and unfair treatment during his career, ultimately emerging as a lifelong advocate for players of color and economically disadvantaged youth. Black players and audiences remain significantly under-represented in the NHL, and in all phases of hockey. But the Pens are working for positive change. Unlike other programs, the Academy is not focused on getting kids of color on skates for the first time. Most participants are already seasoned players. But they are now challenged by new obstacles, often being the only player of color on the ice, usually with white coaches, and only one Black family in the stands cheering them on. O'Ree's legacy is now "center ice" again as WQED explores The Willie O'Ree Academy through the legacy of its legendary namesake and the voices and activities of today's young participants.

Series Title: A Force for Change: Esther Bush and the Urban League
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/04/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

A documentary profile of Esther Bush, former President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh. The program examines Ms. Bush's career as the leader of one of the region's leading

civil rights organizations and the transformative work of the Urban League. The program includes commentary from colleagues and allies from her thirty-plus year career. Written and produced by Minette Seate.

Series Title: WQED Mini Docs: Musical Mentors Madam Dawson/Prattis & The Piano
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/07/2024 1:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Two award-winning mini documentaries from the WQED archives are compiled into this half-hour program. Madame Dawson's Opera Company tells the story of Mary Cardwell Dawson who formed the National Negro Opera Company in 1941, opening doors and launching careers for African-Americans who had little access to classical music training. The feature also highlights efforts to restore the grand Victorian-style house in Pittsburgh where the opera company was founded. Prattis & The Piano recounts the career of Pittsburgh Symphony principal keyboardist Patricia Prattis Jennings, who in 1966 became the first African American woman to be awarded a full contract by a major American symphony orchestra, breaking decades of discrimination in the world of classical music.

Series Title: The Cost of Inheritance: An America Reframed Special
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 01/11/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Explore the issue of reparations for African-Americans. Building on key issues of diversity and democracy; slavery and its aftermath; and socio-economic indicators, this documentary puts real people and their family histories into the reparations debate. Personal stories, expert interviews and rich archival materials underscored by evocative music weaves a narrative around the issue of reparations today so many years after the historical understanding of the end of slavery in America. Noted speakers address the cumulative impact that Reconstruction, Black Laws, Jim Crow, modern day violence, discrimination added to divergent wealth trajectories and opportunities firmly rooted in the system of enslavement. Individuals seeking to bridge our human divide share their reparations quests and we begin to understand the myriad of initiatives already happening across the country on local, state & national levels to make reparations a reality.

Series Title: Torchbearers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 01/14/2024 12:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

A documentary on Pittsburgh's civil rights pioneers. Torchbearers uses interviews, photos and archival footage to tell the story of Pittsburgh's struggles during the so-called golden era of civil rights. Torchbearers spans events from the 1950's through the 70's, and features many of the men and women who risked everything for their beliefs.

Series Title: Memories of the March
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/14/2024 1:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

In 1963, a quarter of a million people gathered in Washington, DC to protest racial inequality and to support civil rights for all Americans. At that demonstration, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his most quoted speech, "I have a dream." In this 2014 WQED Pittsburgh documentary, men and women from Western Pennsylvania who attended the March on Washington recount that momentous event, explaining how it changed their lives and continues to shape their present-day actions.

Series Title: A Beacon for Change: The Pittsburgh Courier Story
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/14/2024 1:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Groundbreaking, influential, transformative. From its beginnings in 1907, the Pittsburgh Courier has been a leader among the nation's African American newspapers - sparking historic change on issues ranging from education, housing and employment to discrimination in the military. With rare archival images and compelling interviews, this documentary explores the Courier's impact on civil rights, social justice, arts, culture and sports. The paper also provided historians with an invaluable chronicle of everyday life in the black community.

Series Title: Return to the Roots of Civil Rights
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/15/2024 7:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

In 2006, WQED Pittsburgh followed a group of Western Pennsylvanians who journeyed to the sites of America's Civil Rights struggle. The "Return to the Roots of Civil Rights Bus Tour" covered nearly 2,600 miles, traveling from Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to cities throughout the Deep South. Participants, who ranged in age from 15 to 75, explored historic locations and met some of the foot soldiers who helped abolish segregation.

Series Title: Civil Rights: Witnesses to History
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 02/06/2024 12:00:00 AM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

In the early 1960s, their youthful actions reshaped America. WQED Pittsburgh shares the unforgettable memories and rare photographs of Civil Rights era activists in this archived collection of stories originally produced in 2009. Among those featured: Reverend C.T. Vivian,

Sister Patricia McCann, and freedom singer Rutha Harris, all of whom fought against segregation and for African-Americans' right to vote.

RELIGION/ETHICS

Series Title: Come By Here: A History of Five Churches
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 02/01/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Much of the Pittsburgh region's rich African-American history is centered in the church. With hundreds of predominantly black congregations in Western Pennsylvania, this program focuses on just a few - each with a unique and compelling history. Profiles include a landmark church in the heart of Pittsburgh; a tiny rural congregation thriving despite changing times; a church with a rich musical history; a study of blue collar workers who built their own church while helping to build the region's industry.

Series Title: Repairing The World: Stories from the Tree of Life
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 01/25/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Repairing the World documents Pittsburgh's powerful community response to hate in the aftermath of the assault on three congregations at the Tree of Life synagogue. On October 27, 2018, eleven people were killed and six wounded in the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history. Against the backdrop of a tumultuous period in the country, a traumatized community works to heal as they experience the impact and dangers of antisemitism, racism, hate speech, and gun violence. Through the voices of survivors, family members, diverse Pittsburgh residents and leaders, the film shows the powerful display of unity in a moment of crisis, the resilience of a vibrant city, and a community working together to understand what it means to be "stronger than hate".

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: Invented, Engineered & Pioneered in Pittsburgh
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 01/19/2024 4:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

It's a celebration of engineers and innovators in the Pittsburgh region over the past 250 years. We consider accomplishments and improvements of engineers from the eighteenth-century military men who built Fort Pitt to the computer engineers who are building robots at Carnegie

Mellon University today. From Ferris wheels to computer games, engineers around here have helped create the modern world.

TRANSPORTATION

Series Title: Nebby: A Short History of Route 88
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/29/2024 4:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Travel along the old state highway from Overbrook to Point Marion.

WAR/VET/NATIONAL SECURITY

Series Title: Fly Boys: Western Pennsylvania's Tuskegee Airmen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 02/08/2024 12:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

"Fly Boys: Western Pennsylvania's Tuskegee Airmen" covers the "Tuskegee Airmen Experiment", a military experiment to see if Black men were capable of flying complicated engines of war. The airmen flew fighter and bomber planes during World War II and were trained at Tuskegee, Alabama. These are the stories of the men who lived through the experience as well as from family members who remember them. Plus, some white pilots tell how they owe their survival to the heroics of this group of men. The Tuskegee Airmen included pilots, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance and support staff, instructors and all the personnel who kept the planes in the air. This is not to be confused with the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment.

Series Title: The Good Fight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 02/04/2024 1:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

African Americans have played a role in our country's defense since the American Revolution. World War II was no exception. Seventy-five years after the D-Day invasion, WQED shares the stories of WWII veterans and war workers - men and women who fought the good fight -- battling racism at home while fighting for democracy overseas. With compelling interviews and memorable archives, the documentary explores the legacy of these Southwestern Pennsylvanians and their lasting impact on their fellow Americans.

WOMEN

Series Title: Visible
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/18/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Five visual artists from Western Pennsylvania show their work and share stories of the rewards and challenges of being a woman in their field. Featured is the creative, innovative, ground-breaking work of: Gloria Stoll Karn, known for her 1940s pulp fiction art; Alisha B. Wormsley, whose interdisciplinary work examines gender, race, class, and time; Lori Hepner, a digital artist focused on light painting and photography; Jo-Anne Bates, an abstract print artist capturing the language of daily life; Dee Briggs a sculptor whose chosen medium of steel traces back to her roots.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Remembering Therese Rocco
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/13/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

To commemorate her passing, host Minette Seate presents a special director's cut of the documentary recounting the life and career of Therese Rocco, Pittsburgh and the nation's first female Assistant Police Chief, executive produced by Sharon Liotus. Re-named "The Epitome of Grace: The Therese Rocco Story", the doc features first-hand accounts from Therese as well as appearances by prominent local law enforcement figures.

Series Title: WQED Mini Docs: Pittsburgh Women In World War II
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/04/2024 7:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Award-winning mini documentaries from the WQED archives are compiled into this new half-hour program. This episode showcases the wartime contributions of Pittsburgh-area women. Scheduled features (prior to final edit) include Florence Reynolds (WASP pilot), Lillie Lesesne (WAC nurse), Eleanor Berge (WAVE), Eva Turner (WAC), Sally Stephenson (WAVE) and Laurette Smith Cribbins (home front "Rosie the Riveter").

Series Title: WQED Mini Docs: Broadcast Pioneers
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/21/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

This program explores the careers of four women who made significant contributions to broadcasting in the Pittsburgh region and beyond. Josie Carey was a pioneer in children's

programming. Ricki Wertz hosted a popular kids' entertainment show. Eleanor Schano was a groundbreaking news journalist. Lynne Hayes-Freeland hosted one of the nation's longest running public affairs programs focused on African American issues. Note: This program is a compilation of previously-released short feature stories (Ricki Wertz, 2004; Josie Carey, 2005; Eleanor Schano, 2009; Lynne Hayes-Freeland, 2020), now compiled into one 30-minute production.

YOUTH

Series Title: All The Marbles
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/07/2024 1:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

For decades, Pittsburgh has been a powerhouse for children who play the game of marbles. At a time when most children use their thumbs for texting and video games, meet a small but mighty group of kids and coaches who use their thumbs to move marbles around a ring - all the while winning crowns, building friendships and making lasting memories.

Series Title: Childhood Lost: The Adulthood of African American Girls
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/18/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary

Childhood Lost: The adulthood of African American Girls, is a thirty-minute documentary that seeks to raise public awareness around the important issue of adulthood. Adulthood is the perception that African American girls are more adult, more aggressive, more sexually aware and less in need of support and care than girls of the same age, but of different race. WQED explores the consequences of adulthood here in our region, and introduces some of the people who are challenging systems, defying perceptions and working to give Black girls the support, compassion and equity they deserve.