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ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
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ARTS & CULTURE

Go-Go City: Displacement and Protest in Washington, DC

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Length: 60-minutes

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State of the Arts #4202

Airdate/Time: 10/25/23, 8:30pm; 10/26/23, 11:30pm; 10/27/23, 2:30am; 10/28/23, 7:30pm; 10/30/23, 5:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: In the USSR, they rebelled against the regime through satire and parody. In New York, they were crowned Soviet Pop Artists. Now, decades after the collapse of both the USSR and their friendship, the dissident artists once known as the duo Komar and Melamid reflect on their unlikely life story, as Russian totalitarianism once again reaches a fever pitch and the Zimmerli Art Museum mounts a new exhibition: Komar and Melamid in America. The Trenton Circus Squad features jugglers, unicyclists, aerialists, and clowns—a mix of inner-city youth and kids from the surrounding suburbs and area private schools—all working together to put a smile on audience faces. Founder Tom von Oehsen, who once studied at the legendary Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Clown College, has been bringing his circus dreams to life for the past eight years under a big top in Trenton and beyond. Heather Palecek's solargraphs are taken with simple pinhole box cameras. She returns to them months or even years later to see what her collaboration with nature has produced. Her images made in the Pine Barrens are in the current exhibition A Pinelands Portrait at the Stockton University Art Gallery.

Behind The Strings

Airdate/Time: 10/31/23, 9:37pm; 11/2/23, 3:37am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: When Mao's Cultural Revolution ended, China's door cracked open. Four young, classical musicians seized the opportunity to flee to the West as Western Classical music was banned. The Quartet began a lifetime adventure - studying with great masters, attending Juilliard, and performing at major music festivals and best classical music venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and The Kennedy Center.

POV #3612 “Fire Through Dry Grass”

Airdate/Time: 11/9/23, 9pm; 11/11/23, 3am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Wearing snapback caps and Air Jordans, the Reality Poets don't look like typical nursing home residents. In Fire Through Dry Grass, these young, Black and brown disabled artists document their lives on lockdown during Covid, using their poetry and art to underscore the danger and imprisonment they feel. In the face of institutional neglect, they refuse to be abused, confined, and erased.

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Repairing The World: Stories from the Tree of Life

Airdate/Time: 10/26/23, 9pm; 10/28/23, 3am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: 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 antisemitic 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."

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POV #3614 “How to Have An American Baby”

Airdate/Time: 12/28/23, 9pm; 12/30/23, 3am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Voyage into the shadow economy that caters to Chinese tourists who travel to the US to give birth in order to obtain citizenship for their babies. Told through a series of intimately observed vignettes, the story of a hidden global economy emerges-depicting the fortunes and tragedies that befall the ordinary people caught in its web.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

NJ Business Beat with Raven Santana #108

Airdate/Time: 11/4/23, 5pm; 11/5/23, 9:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Raven Santana sits down with state leaders to discuss Governor Murphy's economic trip to East Asia, the new relationships and partnerships forged during the visit, how it will impact NJ businesses and how our local universities are teaming up with schools overseas.

Pathway to Success #411

Airdate/Time: 11/4/23, 9am; 11/7/23, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Learn about the inaugural Juneteenth Black Business Expo, where entrepreneurs, corporations, and government agencies joined for networking and to showcase Black excellence, from Wall Street to today.

Que Pasa NJ! #409

Airdate/Time: 11/11/23, 9am; 11/14/23, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Host Carlos Medina chats with Dr. Maria Rodriguez, CEO Arturo Villanueva, PSEG's Angela Ortiz and actor/director Adrián Martinez.

ENVIRONMENT

American River

Airdate/Time: 11/2/23, 8pm; 11/4/23, 2am; 11/26/23, 9:30am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Mary Bruno spent her childhood along a toxic stretch of one of the most neglected waterways in America. Decades later, she returns to kayak the river of her youth and tell its story. AMERICAN RIVER follows Bruno and river guide Carl Alderson on a four-day, 80-mile adventure down New Jersey's Passaic River, from its pristine source in a wildlife refuge to its polluted mouth in Newark Bay. With breathtaking cinematography, the river's extraordinary history, geology, and ecology are revealed as the kayakers navigate challenges, travel through urban landscapes, and head toward the industrial center that poisoned the Passaic for the past 60 years.

Keeping The Pinelands

Airdate/Time: 11/15/23, 8pm; 11/17/23, 2am; 11/25/23, 6pm; 12/2/23, 7pm; 12/11/23, 5am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This program examines New Jersey's Pinelands, focusing on the area's unique ecosystem, its history, and its culture and lore.

Covenant of the Salmon People

Airdate/Time: 11/27/23, 9pm; 11/29/23, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: The Nez Perce Tribe teeters on the brink of a biodiversity and cultural crisis and their fight continues to restore and recover wild salmon to their historic numbers.

HERITAGE

Ahora Si! – Jersey’s Latin Beat: A Chat Box & Que Pasa Special

Airdate/Time: 10/18/23, 8pm; 10/20/23, 2am; 10/21/23, 6pm; 10/22/23, 6pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Co-hosts David Cruz (Chat Box) and Carlos Medina (Qué Pasa, NJ) celebrate New Jersey’s unique Latino culture through conversations with legislators, journalists, chefs, artists and athletes.

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Native America #201

Airdate/Time: 11/16/23, 9pm; 11/8/23, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: NATIVE AMERICA is a four-part PBS series that challenges everything we thought we knew about the Americas before and since contact with Europe. It travels through 15,000-years to showcase massive cities, unique systems of science, art, and writing, and 100 million people connected by social networks and spiritual beliefs spanning two continents. The series reveals some of the most advanced cultures in human history and the Native American people who created it and whose legacy continues, unbroken, to this day. The series explores this extraordinary world through an unprecedented combination of cutting edge science and traditional indigenous knowledge. This episode focuses on Native innovators leading 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.

Karamu: Feast for the 7th Day

Airdate/Time: 12/26/23, 11:30pm, 12/27/23, 8pm, 12/29/23, 2am; 12/30/23, 5pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Hosted by lifestyle expert Sira Williams, KARAMU: FEAST FOR THE 7TH DAY explores the tradition of Kwanzaa, focusing on the final feast that concludes the annual

celebration. The half-hour program explores the history, principles, and symbols of Kwanzaa while celebrating the culinary traditions of West Africa. Featuring dishes from Mali, Ghana, and Nigeria, KARAMU: FEAST FOR THE 7TH DAY focuses on food and culture, and their integral relationship to building community. Sira also shares her personal story as a child born in Mali, West Africa, to her American mother and Malian father, giving viewers insight into her experience growing up and the importance of African roots in American culture.

LAW & POLITICS

Reporters Roundtable with David Cruz #3606

Airdate/Time: 10/28/23, 6pm; 10/29/23, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin discusses top issues as residents begin to vote, from abortion rights, parental notifications and gun rights to the latest on the Turnpike extension and ANCHOR program. Reporters Colleen O'Dea (NJ Spotlight News), Fred Snowflack (Insider NJ) and Brent Johnson (NJ.com) break down the top headlines in the state and the nation.

Chat Box with David Cruz #407

Airdate/Time: 11/4/23, 6:30pm; 11/5/23, 10:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: GOP Strategist Chris Russell and NJ State Democratic Committee Chairman LeRoy Jones, Jr. discuss the upcoming legislative elections and issues that may sway voters. Plus, a chat with actor/comedian George Lopez about his career, comedy influences, life lessons and facing a Jersey crowd on his latest tour.

NJ Decides 2023: Election Night

Airdate/Time: 11/7/23, 8pm

Length: 3 hours & 30-minutes

Description: Live election night coverage includes a special edition of Reporters Roundtable with David Cruz followed by in-studio and in-the-field statewide coverage and analysis from the NJ Spotlight News team.