

**WNET
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
2nd QUARTER 2023**

AGING

AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE

Airdate/Time: 5/4/23, 10pm; 5/7/23, 12pm & 5pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In the pledge special AGING BACKWARDS 4, former ballerina Miranda Esmonde-White uses groundbreaking science to develop a plan anyone can use to keep their minds sharp and their bodies active using gentle daily movement including range-of-motion exercises for improved posture and energy as you age.

YOUNG @ HEARTS 40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

Airdate/Time: 5/14/23, 7pm; 5/16/23, 5am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Meet the world's oldest rockers: the Young@Heart chorus! After hundreds of shows performed all over the world, they celebrate their 40th anniversary live on stage in their hometown of Northampton, MA. Paying tribute to members who have passed, the chorus sings highlights from their musical repertoire including songs by Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, Creedence Clearwater Revival and Sonic Youth.

SAGES OF AGING

Airdate/Time: 5/18/23, 10pm; 5/26/23, 4am; 6/17/23, 5am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: SAGES OF AGING synthesizes inspirational and insightful comments culled from unique interviews with a dozen leading experts in the field of aging. Conceived and hosted by Ken Dychtwald, Ph.D., this hour-long special provides viewers the opportunity to reflect on the breadth of knowledge, years of experience, and untold lessons learned from these pioneers who forged today's aging field.

ARTS

GREAT PERFORMANCES: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BROADWAY'S BEST

Airdate/Time: 5/12/23, 9pm; 5/15/23, 2am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Enjoy a revue of milestone Broadway shows and songs from 1973 to 2023 hosted by two-time Tony Award winner Sutton Foster. Features performances by Andre De Shields, Chita Rivera, Vanessa Williams and more from Lincoln Center's David H. Koch Theater.

AMERICAN MASTERS: NAM JUNE PAIK

Airdate/Time: 5/16/23, 9pm; 5/21/23, 2am

Length: 120-minutes

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AMERICAN MASTERS: LITTLE RICHARD: THE KING AND QUEEN OF ROCK AND ROLL

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GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET: MEDEA

Airdate/Time: 6/17/23, 9pm

Length: 2.5 hours

Description: Enjoy Sondra Radvanovsky as the titular mythic sorceress in this production of Cherubini's rarely performed masterpiece with tenor Matthew Polenzani as Medea's unfaithful husband. Maestro Carlo Rizzi conducts. Joyce DiDonato hosts.

ENVIRONMENT

NOVA: ARCTIC SINKHOLES

Airdate/Time: 4/5/223, 9pm; 4/7/23, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Scientists investigate colossal explosions in Siberia and other evidence that rapidly melting soil in the Arctic is releasing vast amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. NOVA explores the implications for our climate future.

NOVA: WEATHERING THE FUTURE

Airdate/Time: 5/12/23, 9pm; 5/14/23, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: It's hard not to notice: our weather is changing. From longer, hotter heat waves, to more intense rainstorms, to megafires and multi-year droughts - the U.S. is experiencing the full range of impacts from a changing global climate. But people on the front lines of these destabilizing weather trends around the country are coming up with new ways to adapt to the many challenges they bring. The lessons they're learning today can help all of us adapt in the years ahead, as the planet gets warmer and our weather gets weirder.

CHANGING PLANET

Airdate/Time: 4/19/23, 9pm; 4/21/23, 2am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Join conservation scientist Dr. M. Sanjayan as he explores efforts to confront climate change in Australia, Brazil, California and Kenya. Knowledge from Indigenous communities and the latest science combine to create innovative and inspiring solutions.

HEALTH

INDEPENDENT LENS: MATTER OF MIND: MY ALS

Airdate/Time: 5/1/23, 10pm; 5/4/23, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a neuromuscular disease with an average survival time of 2-5 years from diagnosis. In this intimate story, three people bravely face different paths as they live with the progressively debilitating illness.

NOVA: YOUR BRAIN: PERCEPTION DECEPTION

Airdate/Time: 5/17/23, 9pm; 5/19/23, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Is what you see real? Join neuroscientist Heather Berlin on a quest to understand how your brain shapes your reality, and why you can't always trust what you perceive. Learn the surprising tricks and shortcuts the brain takes to help us survive.

NOVA: YOUR BRAIN: WHO'S IN CONTROL?

Airdate/Time: 5/24/23, 9pm; 5/26/23, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Are you in control of your brain, or is your brain controlling you? Dive into the latest research on the subconscious with neuroscientist Heather Berlin to see what's really driving the decisions you make.

BELOW THE BELT: THE LAST HEALTH TABOO

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HERITAGE

LA FRONTERA WITH PATI JINICH #201-203

Airdate/Time: #201: 4/3/23, 9pm & 4/6/23, 4am

#202: 4/10/23, 9pm & 4/13/23, 4am

#203: 4/17/23, 9pm & 4/19/23, 4am

Length: 60-minutes each

Description: Savor the sights, sounds and flavors of the U.S.-Mexico border alongside acclaimed James Beard Award-winning chef Pati Jinich as she experiences the region's rich culture, people and cuisine.

HOW SABA KEPT SINGING

Airdate/Time: 4/18/23, 10pm; 4/20/23, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Musician David "Saba" Wisnia always believed that he survived the horrors of Auschwitz by entertaining the Nazi guards with his beautiful singing voice. When his curious

grandson, Avi, suspects there's more to the story, the pair embark on a journey that leads them into the mystery of Saba's past. How Saba Kept Singing tells a story about faith, family and the power of discovery, proving love can grow and take hold in even the grimmest of places.

THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST: INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING

Airdate/Time: 4/20/23, 8:30pm; 4/23/23, 2pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: This program offers a deeper understanding of the three-part PBS documentary that explores America's response to one of the greatest atrocities of the 20th century. Featuring exclusive insights from filmmakers Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, we learn how the creative team made decisions about who to interview and what to include to shape this landmark film. Exploring a range of questions that remain relevant to society today, the program reveals how the film can be used as a tool to bring critical conversations about the Holocaust into American homes and classrooms. This special presentation also features select clips from the series to illustrate the rise of Hitler and Nazism in Germany in the context of global anti-Semitism and racism while shedding light on what the U.S. government and American people knew and did as the catastrophe unfolded in Europe.

RISING AGAINST ASIAN HATE: ONE DAY IN MARCH

Airdate/Time: 5/2/23, 10pm; 5/4/23, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Explore the fight against Asian American hate following the March 2021 mass shootings at three spas in Atlanta. Examine how this critical moment of racial reckoning sheds light on the struggles, triumphs and achievements of AAPI communities.

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BUFFALO SOLDIERS: FIGHTING ON BOTH FRONTS

Airdate/Time: 6/12/23, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Explore the complex history of Black Americans who enlisted in the U. S. military as a path to citizenship, a livelihood, and greater respect, and how they fought in military conflicts abroad and civil rights struggles at home.

LAW & POLITICS

INDEPENDENT LENS: FREE CHOI SOO LEE

Airdate/Time: 4/24/23, 10pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Sentenced to death for a 1973 San Francisco murder, Korean immigrant Chol Soo Lee was set free after a pan-Asian solidarity movement of Korean, Japanese, and Chinese Americans helped to overturn his conviction. After 10 years of fighting for his life inside San Quentin, Lee found himself in a new fight to rise to the expectations of the people who believed in him. On his journey from an inspiring icon to a swing-shift janitor struggling with drug addiction, Chol Soo Lee personifies the ravages of America's prison industrial complex.

FRONTLINE: CLARENCE AND GINNI THOMAS: POLITICS, POWER AND THE SUPREME COURT

Airdate/Time: 5/9/23, 9pm; 5/11/23, 3am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: The power and influence of Clarence and Ginni Thomas on the Supreme Court and American politics. An investigation of the controversial rise of one of Washington's most powerful couples, and their role in reshaping the country's politics and law.

RUBY RIDGE: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

Airdate/Time: 6/13/23, 9pm; 6/15/23, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Examine the 1992 FBI siege at Ruby Ridge that helped launch the modern militia movement through eyewitness accounts, including Randy Weaver's daughter and federal agents involved in the deadly confrontation.

LGBTQ

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NJ SPOTLIGHT NEWS WITH BRIANA VANOZZI

Airdate/Time: 6/7/23, 5:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode covered the following: The burning of an LGBTQ+ pride flag that was flown at the Sparta United Methodist Church shocked churchgoers in 2022. The flag had

been stolen in the past, but it was the first time it was destroyed. The vandalism motivated members of the church to form a Sussex County chapter of PFLAG, an organization that unites parents, families and allies of members of the LGBTQ+ community. Since starting in February, the group has been holding monthly meetings at the church.

PRIDELAND

Airdate/Time: 6/20/23, 9pm; 6/22/23, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Follow queer actor Dyllon Burnside on a journey across the South to meet diverse members of the LGBTQ community. From a lesbian rodeo champ in Texas to an African American mayor ally in Alabama, he discovers how LGBTQ Americans are finding ways to live authentically and with Pride in the modern South.

INDEPENDENT LENS: MAMA BEARS

Airdate/Time: 6/21/23, 10pm; 6/22/23, 3am; 6/26/23, 2am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Although they grew up as fundamentalist, evangelical Christians, these moms are now willing to risk losing friends, family, and faith communities to keep their kids safe-even if it challenges their belief systems and rips apart their worlds.

NEW JERSEY ISSUES & INTERESTS

STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH STEVE ADUBATO

Airdate/Time: 4/15/23, 8:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Former Governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie, joins Steve Adubato for a compelling conversation about President Trump's criminal proceedings and what this means for the 2024 Presidential Election, and his views on NJ's public school curriculum. David Sciarra, Esq., Former Executive Director of Education Law Center, sits down with Steve Adubato to discuss the work of the Education Law Center, the changes needed to desegregate and diversify NJ's public schools and the need for educational equity regardless of where a student lives.

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carry from being enforced. Gun rights advocates are challenging the constitutionality of a law Murphy signed in December that bans guns in dozens of so-called sensitive places in New Jersey. On Tuesday, U.S. District Court judge Renée Marie Bumb issued a preliminary injunction allowing concealed firearms to be carried in several of those “sensitive places” where the state has attempted to block them, including parks, beaches, bars, libraries, zoos and public gatherings. Individual businesses and homeowners are still able to decide whether or not they’ll allow firearms on their property.

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WOMEN

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE SUN QUEEN

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Length: 60-minutes

Description: For nearly 50 years, chemical engineer and inventor Maria Telkes applied her prodigious intellect to harnessing the power of the sun. She designed and built the world's first successfully solar-heated modern residence and identified a promising new chemical that, for the first time, could store solar heat like a battery. And yet, along the way, she was undercut and thwarted by her boss and colleagues - all men - at MIT. Despite these obstacles, Telkes persevered and, upon her death in 1995, held more than 20 patents. She is now recognized as a visionary pioneer in the field of sustainable energy. An unexpected and largely forgotten heroine, Telkes was remarkable in her vision and tenacity - a scientist and a woman in every way ahead of her time. Her research and innovations from the 1930s through the '70s continue to shape how we power our lives today.

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