

**WNET  
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT  
1st QUARTER 2023**

## **AGING**

### **AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY**

**Airdate/Time:** 2/23/23, 10pm

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Hosted by Miranda Esmonde-White, AGING BACKWARDS 4: THE MIRACLE OF FLEXIBILITY WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE instructs on how incorporating gentle flexibility and range of motion exercises can improve posture and help reverse the signs of aging, improve organ health, and increase energy. Post-pandemic, it's become clear that inactivity during isolation weakened our muscles, leading to poor posture. This has taken a toll on our overall health and caused a dramatic increase in back pain incidents. This program examines how sitting less and moving more is vital to good posture and every aspect of life, from maintaining healthy organs to remaining pain-free and staying young.

### **THE GREAT AGE REBOOT**

**Airdate/Time:** 2/25/23, 1:30pm

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** The new special THE GREAT AGE REBOOT offers strategies for a bright future as we age. Featuring experts such as four-time New York Times best-selling author Michael Roizen, M.D., author and financial expert Jean Chatzky, acclaimed economist Peter Linneman, community developer Albert Ratner, and more, the program helps viewers navigate this brave new world. With practical, relatable advice on how to make the best decisions for one's brain, body, and bank account, THE GREAT AGE REBOOT aims to reshape how viewers think about old age - and help them plan for an audacious future.

### **MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/4/23, 8am, 2pm & 11pm; 3/8/23, 1am; 3/18/23, 1pm; 3/19/22, 1:30pm

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** Memory is one of the most important functions of the brain, and problems with it are becoming increasingly more common, even among teenagers and young adults. Plus, 80 percent of people who had COVID-19 later complain of memory and focus issues. In this program, psychiatrist and founder of Amen Clinics Dr. Daniel Amen will show you how you can improve your memory and potentially rescue it if it's headed for trouble. You will discover some of the most common-and one of the most surprising-causes of memory loss and when you should be concerned. Dr. Amen will share the seven foods and supplements that research shows you can use every day to enhance your memory. And he will show you how to supercharge your memory with 11 simple daily practices.

## ARTS

### GREAT PERFORMANCES: FROM VIENNA: THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

**Airdate/Time:** 1/1/23, 8pm

**Length:** 90-minutes

**Description:** Great Performance celebrates the new year with this annual classical music celebration featuring waltzes by Strauss from the opulent Musikverein hosted by Hugh Bonneville.

### INDEPENDENT LENS: NO STRAIGHT LINES

**Airdate/Time:** 1/23/23, 10pm; 1/26/23, 4am

**Length:** 90-minutes

**Description:** From DIY underground comix scene to mainstream acceptance, meet five queer comics artists whose uncensored commentary on LGBTQ+ life left no topic untouched and explored art as a tool for social change.

### FIGHT THE POWER: HOW HIP HOP CHANGED THE WORLD #101 - #104

**Airdate/Time:**

**#101:** 1/31/23, 9pm; 2/2/23, 2am

**#102:** 2/14/23, 9pm; 2/16/23, 2am

**#103:** 2/21/23, 9pm; 2/23/23, 2am

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**Length:** 60-minutes each

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### BLACK BROADWAY: A PROUD HISTORY, A LIMITLESS FUTURE

**Airdate/Time:** 3/4/23, 9pm; 3/7/23, 9pm

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** Join an all-star cast performing songs from the hit musicals Dreamgirls, Ain't Misbehavin, The Color Purple, Porgy and Bess and so many more to celebrate the rich history and evolution of Black roles and voices on Broadway. Weaving the history, prominence and hopes for the future through music, the cast is led by Stephanie Mills, Norm Lewis, Corbin Bleu, Niki Renee Daniels, Peppermint, Tiffany Mann and Sydney James Harcourt. Special

appearances include Clayton Cornelius, James Monroe Iglehart, Brittany Johnson and many more.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

### **INDEPENDENT LENS: THE BIG PAYCHECK**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/16/23, 10pm; 1/19/23, 4am

**Length:** 90-minutes

**Description:** The Big Payback is the story of how a rookie alderwoman in Evanston, Illinois led the passage of the first tax-funded reparations bill for Black Americans and stirred up a debate about the debt owed from the U.S.

### **INDEPENDENT LENS: THE PICTURE TAKER**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/30/23, 10pm; 2/2/23, 4am

**Length:** 90-minutes

**Description:** The vibrant, complicated life of Ernest Withers African American photographer of the Civil Rights movement, and paid FBI informant was anything but black and white.

### **FROM SWASTIKA TO JIM CROW**

**Airdate/Time:** 2/26/23, 7pm; 2/28/23, 5am

**Length:** 60-minutes

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## ENVIRONMENT

### **NATURE: THE ALPS: THE HIGH LIFE**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/4/23, 8pm; 1/6/23, 1am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** This program explores The Alps in spring and summertime as newborn animals grow up to face the coming brutal winter.

### **NATURE: SOUL OF THE OCEAN**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/25/23, 8pm; 1/27/23, 1am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Take a deep breath and experience the complex world of ocean waters. NATURE shows a never-before-seen look at how life underwater co-exists in a marriage of necessity.

### **NATURE: The Serengeti Rules**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/15/23, 8pm; 3/17/23, 1am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** This episode documents one of the most important, but untold, science stories of our time—a tale with profound implications for the fate of life on our planet. Beginning in the 1960s, a small band of young scientists headed out into the wilderness, driven by an insatiable curiosity about how nature works. Immersed in some of the most remote and spectacular places on Earth—from the majestic Serengeti to the Amazon jungle; from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools—they discovered a single set of rules that govern all life. Now in the twilight of their eminent careers, these five unsung heroes of modern ecology—Bob Paine, Jim Estes, Mary Power, Tony Sinclair, and John Terborgh—share the stories of their adventures, and how their pioneering work flipped our view of nature on its head. Across the globe, they discovered that among the millions of species on our planet, some are far more important than others. They called these species “keystones” because they hold communities of plants and animals together, just like a keystone holds a stone arch in place. When keystones are removed, ecosystems unravel and collapse—a phenomenon no one had imagined or understood until their revolutionary discoveries. But with new knowledge also comes new hope, and these same visionaries reveal the remarkable resilience of nature—and how the rules they discovered can be used to restore the natural world, from American lakes to war-ravaged African parks.

## **HERITAGE**

### **THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST #101-#103**

**Airdate/Time:**

**#101:** 1/6/23, 9pm

**#102:** 1/13/23, 9pm

**#103:** 1/20/23, 9pm

**Length:** 150-minutes each

**Description:** Series examines America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian disasters of the 20th century and how the Holocaust challenged the very ideals of our democracy in this three-part documentary series by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick, and Sarah Botstein.

### **AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: ZORA NEALE HURSTON: CLAIMING A SPACE**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/17/23, 9pm; 1/19/23, 2am

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## **LAW & POLITICS**

### **2023 STATE OF THE STATE: NEW YORK NOW SPECIAL EDITION (LIVE)**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/10/23, 1pm

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Live coverage of Governor Hochul's State of the State address.

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### **NEW YORK STATE OF THE CITY: MAYOR ERIC ADAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/26/23, 12pm

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Live coverage of Mayor Adams's address on the State of the City.

### **NEW YORK STATE BUDGET ADDRESS**

**Airdate/Time:** 2/1/23, 12pm

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Live coverage of Governor Hochul's Budget Address.

## **PBS NEWSHOUR: PRESIDENT BIDEN'S STATE OF THE UNION**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/7/23, 9pm

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** The Newshour provides live coverage of the President's address.

## **NEW JERSEY ISSUES & INTERESTS**

### **NJ SPOTLIGHT NEWS WITH BRIANA VANOZZI**

**Airdate/Time:** 2/13/23, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following coverage: Democrats tout 'tough-on-crime' legislation and critics say measures will fuel racial injustice. Banning guns in AC casinos, with legal expert weighing in and casino association stating that safety of guests is priority; Lawmakers hear arguments over smoking ban in NJ casinos, with workers making the case in Trenton, while opponents fear loss of business to neighboring states; major toxic waterway cleanup kicks off in NJ, with NJ sites in West Deptford, Byram and South Plainfield awarded Superfund clean-up money; Business Report: Amazon cleared in worker deaths, opposition to power plant in Newark, an a compilation of other top business stories; and school superintendent resigns after student's suicide, with four teens charged with attack on 14-year-old freshman Adriana Olivia Kuch.

### **STATE OF THE ARTS #4006**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/5/23, 11:30am

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** Photographs show us worlds that we might otherwise never see. Edwin Torres is an award-winning young photographer, journalist, and Deputy Digital Director for NJ Governor Phil Murphy. Artworks in Trenton featured Edwin's photos of his family in the South Bronx and Puerto Rico. This episode also covered the following: A Princeton University Art Museum exhibition explores how, in 1945, America's most popular magazine, *Life*, used photographs to persuade an unbelieving public that the atrocities of the Holocaust really had taken place. *State of the Arts* speaks to photographer Deb Willis about her book and breakthrough exhibition, "Posing Beauty: African American Images from the 1890s to the Present." Plus, photographer Wendel White's series, "Schools for the Colored."

### **STATE OF THE ARTS #4102**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/26/23, 11:30am

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description** Photographer Xiomáro captures both the look and feel of Morristown's historic Revolutionary War spaces, including Washington's headquarters. A founding member of the



Cuban Collective, Los Carpinteros, international artist Alexandre Arrechea creates a new exhibition at ArtYard in Frenchtown, NJ. Meet the artist during his residency there as he creates monumental work. And the East Lynne Theater Company in Cape May presents the New Jersey premiere of Kyle Bass's "Possessing Harriet," about a young woman's search for freedom in 1839.

### **NJ SPOTLIGHT NEWS WITH BRIANA VANOZZI**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/31/23, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following coverage: Trump indictment causes new headache for NJ Republicans, which included an interview with Charles Stile, political columnist for The Record and NorthJersey.com; ELEC commissioners resign after Legislature passes controversial bill and critics say "Elections Transparency Bill" strips agency of its independence; transgender advocates march to raise visibility, and a rally in Trenton took place on National Transgender Day of Visibility; "Not much has changed" in worst nursing homes, comptroller says, and Kevin Walks commented "We sounded the alarm last year and we're sounding it again today"; experts share early results of Paulsboro blood tests and a study is ongoing into levels of toxic chemical in residents' blood; push to hold social media companies accountable for potential harm, with Assemblyman Herb Conaway discussing efforts to curb "addictive features" and impact on children; and NJ commits another \$70M to electric buses, trucks and more, which will replace diesel-burning vehicles in communities with high levels of air pollution.

## **VETERANS' ISSUES**

### **SECRETS OF THE DEAD: WORLD WAR SPEED**

**Airdate/Time:** 1/18/23, 10pm; 1/20/23, 3am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Follow historian James Holland on his quest to understand how the use of amphetamines affected the course of World War II and unleashed the first pharmacological arms race.

### **MY GRANDPARENTS' WAR: HELENA BONHAM CARTER**

**Airdate/Time:** 2/28/23, 9pm; 3/1/23, 2am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Follow actress Helena Bonham Carter as she explores the heroism of both sets of her grandparents during WWII -- her grandmother, an air warden and outspoken politician, and her grandfather, a diplomat who save hundreds from the Holocaust.

### **VOCES ON PBS: AMERICAN EXILE**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/28/23, 10pm; 3/30/23, 3:30am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Brothers Manuel and Valente Valenzuela both volunteered and fought in Vietnam. Fifty years later they are among thousands of veterans who are being deported. The brothers don their uniforms for one last fight, to bring all the veterans back home.

## **WOMEN**

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### **SECRETS OF THE DEAD: VIKING WARRIOR QUEEN**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/22/23, 10pm; 3/24/23, 3am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Join a team of archaeologists as they examine one of the most significant Viking graves ever found and test the DNA of the remains of the female warrior buried inside, rewriting our understanding of Viking society.

### **INDEPENDENT LENS: HIDDEN LETTERS**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/27/23, 10pm; 3/30/23, 2am

**Length:** 90-minutes

**Description:** The bonds of sisterhood, and the parallels of struggles among generations of women in China, are drawn together by the once-secret written language of Nushu, the only script designed and used exclusively by women.

### **SECRETS OF THE DEAD: LADY SAPIENS**

**Airdate/Time:** 3/29/23, 10pm; 3/31/23, 3am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Incredible scientific investigations from across the globe are helping piece together the untold story of prehistoric women. The latest research separates fact from fiction and sheds new light on our ancient foremothers.