

**Quarterly Issues – Programs List  
WETK, WVTB, WVTM, WVER  
October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018**

**ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE/ADDICTION:**

Series Title: **The Heroin Effect**

Airdate: October 4, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 p.m.

Length: 90 minutes

Description: Using a small New Hampshire community as a stand-in for the many suburban communities devastated by the opioid crisis, The Heroin Effect follows people and families affected by addiction, shows what successful recovery can look like, and advocates for a health care system that recognizes addiction as a treatable disease. The film features intimate personal discussion with individuals afflicted with addiction, including one man's diary-style video footage documenting his own daily drug use. By presenting these perspectives as well as those of individuals touched and affected by the crisis, the film helps us better understand the humanity of the afflicted and the challenges we face in finding a solution. This is no longer a race issue. In actuality, it never really was...it affects black, brown and white alike. Drug addiction does not discriminate.

Series Title: **Nova: Addiction #4512**

Airdate: October 17, 2018

Airtime: 9:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Delve into America's opioid crisis - in a world in which many other diseases can be traced to addictive behavior, how do addictions work, and what can the science of addiction tell us about how we can resolve this dire social issue?

**ARTS:**

Series Title: **Champlain College Student Showcase: Fall 2018 #202**

Airdate: October 18, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: A selection of current work from students in the television and film programs at Champlain College. 2 annual showcases will offer a look at contemporary subjects and offer a peek inside the mind of students in Vermont and their learning process.

Series Title: **Sunlight Man**

Airdate: October 25, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 p.m.

Length: 90 minutes

Description: This feature documentary is an intimate and personal biography of novelist John Gardner, author of *Grendel*, *The Sunlight Dialogues*, *October Light* and other works. The film was written, photographed, edited and produced by his son, Joel Gardner.

#### **CHILD ABUSE:**

Series Title: **Independent Lens: Dawnland**

Airdate: November 5, 2018

Airtime: 10:00 pm

Length: 60 minutes

Description: See how a group of Native and non-Native leaders in Maine came together to acknowledge and address the abuses suffered by Native children in the hands of the child welfare system, illuminating the ongoing crisis of indigenous child removal.

#### **COMMUNITY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:**

Series Title: **Vermont This Week**

Airdate: Fridays, October 5, 2018 – December 28, 2018

Airtime: 7:30 p.m.

Length: 30 minutes

Description: Stewart Ledbetter reviews state news stories with a panel of journalists.  
(Vermont PBS Production)

Series Title: **The VPR-Vermont PBS Debates: Lt. Governor's Debate (Live)**

Airdate: October 10, 2018

Airtime: 12:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Hosted by VPR's Vermont Edition, the debate between Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman & Don Turner.

Series Title: **The VPR-Vermont PBS Debates: U.S. House Debate (Live)**

Airdate: October 17, 2018

Airtime: 12:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Hosted by VPR's Vermont Edition, the debate between Rep. Peter Welch & Anya Tynio.

Series Title: **The VPR-Vermont PBS Debates: Governor's Debate (Live)**

Airdate: October 24, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Hosted by VPR's Vermont Edition, the debate between Gov. Phil Scott & Christine Hallquist.

Series Title: **The VPR-Vermont PBS Debates: U.S. Senate Debate**

Airdate: October 29, 2018

Airtime: 12:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Hosted by VPR's Vermont Edition, the debate between Sen. Bernie Sanders & Lawrence Zupan.

Series Title: **Power Struggle**

Airdate: November 1, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 pm

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Democracy prevails when a nuclear engineer turned whistle-blower, a 93-year old grandmother, and a scrappy new governor join forces with a dedicated array of citizen activists to accomplish a rare grassroots environmental victory in closing an aging nuclear reactor in Vermont. Filmed over five years, this feature-length documentary chronicles the heated political battle to close the aging Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, located on the banks of the Connecticut River in southern Vermont.

## **CULTURE:**

Series Title: **Rooted: Cultivating Community in the VT Grange**

Airdate: November 15, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 pm

Length: 60 minutes

Description: The Grange, or Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, was the heart of rural community life in America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Local Grange halls hosted suppers, dances, plays, and monthly meetings to relieve the monotony and isolation of farm work. In one-on-one interviews and at social gatherings, members of the Middle Branch and Riverside Granges-both active in Vermont-reminisce about growing up in the Grange "family" and grapple with the challenge of preserving community in a world too busy to connect.

Series Title: **Pass It On**

Airdate: December 4, 2018 – January 1, 2019

Airtime: 7:00 p.m.

Length: 30 minutes each

Description: Five half hour programs that celebrate the people who are preserving the music, dance and storytelling typical of the Yankee and French-Canadian cultures that have grown up along Lake Champlain.

Series Title: **The Hanji Box**

Airdate: December 6, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Drama from award-winning Vermont filmmaker, Nora Jacobson, centers around the stormy relationship between a mother and her adopted teenage daughter is complicated by issues of adoption. When an object of great significance to the daughter is broken, the mother travels to New York's Koreatown to see if she can get it fixed. A charismatic Korean artist and an adventure of cultural immersion, and adoption--her own--await her.

## **EDUCATION:**

Series Title: **Mister Chris and Friends (6 episodes)**

Airdate: November 21, 2018

Airtime: 10:00 am

Length: 30 minutes each

Description: *Mister Chris and Friends*, the joyful new kids music series from Vermont PBS, encourages learning, exploration, and fun for the entire family! Musician and early childhood educator Chris Dorman stars as *Mister Chris*, a delightful farmer and performer who makes wishes and leads children on adventures to learn more about how wishes might come true. Along the way, he meets up with friends and finds clues that help him to explore the topic at hand. Each episode is imbued with music and movement, with a strong focus on social and emotional development.

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Series Title: **My Mother's Early Lovers**

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Description: Drama from award-winning Vermont filmmaker, Nora Jacobson, about a young Vermont woman who explores her mother's past and uncovers a secret at the heart of her family's history. Based on an autobiographical memoir by Sybil Smith, the film suggests that the truth--no matter how painful--provides a path to redemption.

## **HEALTH/HEALTHCARE:**

Series Title: **God Knows Where I Am**

Airdate: October 15, 2018

Airtime: 10:00 p.m.

Length: 120 minutes

Description: Discover the story of Linda Bishop, a New Hampshire mother who suffered from severe bipolar disorder with psychosis. She imprisoned herself in an abandoned farmhouse and remained there, a prisoner of her own mind, eventually starving to death.

## **MEDIA:**

Series Title: **Frontline: The Facebook Dilemma (Part 1) #3704**

Airdate: October 29, 2018

Airtime: 9:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Early warnings about Facebook's impact on privacy and democracy in the U.S. and around the world. Dozens of original interviews and rare footage show how the company faced claims of misuse while becoming an unprecedented global power.

Series Title: **Frontline: The Facebook Dilemma (Part 2)**

Airdate: October 30, 2018

Airtime: 10:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Facebook's response to charges of promoting "fake news" and disrupting American politics. Dozens of original interviews and rare footage show the company's role sowing division worldwide and the challenges facing the powerful social media platform.

## **MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS:**

Series Title: **Left on Pearl**

Airdate: November 8, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 pm

Length: 60 minutes

Description: LEFT ON PEARL documents how a march to honor International Women's Day in Boston during the early 1970's shifted course in more ways than one when a group of women ignored the planned route and turned left down Pearl Street to occupy 888 Memorial Drive, a Harvard-owned former knitting factory they intended to take over as a women's center. What ensued was a 10-day standoff with local authorities as the women refused to back down. The film offers a fascinating demonstration of intersectionality in action, as the women's cause meets up with the gay rights movement, as well as the push for the university to build low-income housing to make up for the homes it had demolished in the name of expansion. Ultimately, it offers a timely examination into the power of protest to achieve some much-needed social change.

Series Title: **Howard Zinn: You Can't Be Neutral On a Moving Train**

Airdate: November 29, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 pm

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Featuring rare archival materials and interviews with Zinn and colleagues such as Noam Chomsky, You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train captures the essence of this extraordinary man who was a catalyst for progressive change for more than 60 years. Narrated by Matt Damon, featuring music by Pearl Jam, Woody Guthrie & Billy Bragg.

## **NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:**

Series Title: **Washington Week**

Airdate: Fridays, October 5 – December 28, 2018

Airtime: 8:00 p.m.

Length: 30 minutes

Description: Join moderator Robert Costa for a robust roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major stories emanating from the nation's capital.

Series Title: **Frontline #3702: Trump's Showdown**

Airdate: October 2, 2018

Airtime: 9:00 p.m.

Length: 120 minutes

Description: Go inside President Trump's fight against the investigation of his campaign and whether he obstructed justice. With the threat of impeachment growing, Trump wages unprecedented war against the Special Counsel, FBI and even his own Attorney General.

Series Title: **PBS Newshour Election Night Coverage**

Airdate: November 6, 2018

Airtime: 8:00 pm

Length: 4 hours 20 minutes

Description: PBS Newshour national election coverage for the 2018 midterms (live).

## **NUCLEAR ISSUES/WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION:**

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## **RECREATION/LEISURE/SPORTS:**

Series Title: **Autumn Watch New England**

Airdate: October 17, 18 & 19, 2018

Airtime: 8:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: In this live three-part production, travel to the colorful landscapes of New England, meet a cast of unforgettable wildlife and experience some of the best autumn has to offer, including leaf peeping, pumpkin carving and cranberry harvesting.

Series Title: **Thrills and Spills in the North Country**

Airdate: December 10, 2018

Airtime: 9:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: A look at the history of winter sports in the Northeast, including local businesses that have grown out of it, the skiing, skating and sledding champions that hail from this region and the ghosts of forgotten resorts and sports venues.

## **RELIGION/ETHICS:**

Series Title: **Sacred**

Airdate: December 10, 2018

Airtime: 10:00 p.m.

Length: 90 minutes

Description: Shot by more than 40 filmmaking teams around the world, the film immerses the viewer in the daily use of faith and spiritual practice. At a time when religious hatreds dominate the world's headlines, this film explores faith as primary human experience, and how people turn to ritual and prayer to navigate the milestones and crises of private life. The film's director commissioned or sourced footage from top independent filmmakers from more than 25 countries -- and a wide range of religious traditions -- each team contributing a single scene. The film, sweeping in its global reach, yet intensely intimate, is a tour de force that unifies these scenes into a single work, told without narration, without experts and, for long stretches, without words at all.

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT/INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Series Title: **Nova: Operation Bridge Rescue #4516**

Airdate: October 3, 2018

Airtime: 9:00 p.m.

Length: 60 minutes

Description: Follow the rebuilding of the 19th century Blenheim Covered Bridge in North Blenheim, New York. Watch elite craftsmen raise this engineering icon under grueling time pressure and witness traditional artisans in China restoring ancient covered bridges to ensure their survival.

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## **YOUTH:**

Series Title: **Circus Dreams**

Airdate: October 11, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 p.m.

Length: 90 minutes

Description: CIRCUS DREAMS documents a year in the life of Circus Smirkus, one of the world's only traveling youth circuses. The vibrant feature documentary immerses viewers into the lives of the 12-to-18-year-old performers, capturing their intense work ethic, passion for performance, deep friendships and budding loves. With a heartwarming story and compelling characters, Circus Dreams is an inspiring testament to the power of youthful dreams.

Series Title: **Nothing Like Dreaming**

Airdate: December 20, 2018

Airtime: 7:00 p.m.

Length: 90 minutes

Description: Drama from award-winning Vermont filmmaker Nora Jacobson. A Vermont teenager, grieving over the death of her best friend, seeks refuge with an outsider artist who is deemed dangerous because of his mental health history.