WQED-TV Pittsburgh Quarterly Programs Report: 4th Quarter 2023 (October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023)

WQED-TV has addressed the following major concerns of the communities within the station's service for the period of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

CULTURE

Series Title: Visiting Volant Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/08/2023 12:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Nestled in the rolling hills of northwestern Pennsylvania is a "Mayberry" kind of town. You'll find fly fishing, a covered bridge, old grist mill, specialty shops and that warm small town feel. People come from all over the world to visit Volant. But if the residents there hadn't been creative, the town might have closed-up when hard economic times ensued.

Series Title: Live from Nied's Hotel

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/08/2023 1:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

It doesn't look like much from the outside, but inside, Nied's Hotel in Lawrenceville has evolved from a friendly neighborhood tavern to an entertainment destination. Country performer Slim Forsythe weaves viewers through this engaging, musical documentary program featuring the Beagle Brothers, Molly Alphabet and Slim - both onstage and off.

Series Title: Everything In Hardware

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/08/2023 1:30:00 PM

Service: WQED Format: Documentary

The Bindley Hardware Company was a lucrative wholesaler and retailer at the turn of the 20th century in Pittsburgh. More than a century after its fade into obscurity, the hardware seller has now been reinvented into an American roots band - thanks to one of the family's few surviving ancestors. Jon Bindley weaves his music into the company's long-lost timeline, with recovered artifacts, historian interviews, and Pittsburgh imagery - all culminating on a fact-finding mission to South Florida. Along the way, Jon comes to understand what it means to be a son of the rust belt.

Series Title: A History of Pittsburgh In 17 Objects

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/08/2023 2:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Producer Rick Sebak chooses an unusual set of 17 objects to lead viewers on a tour of certain parts of Pittsburgh's past. Objects include a Heinz pickle pin, a trolley token, a powder horn from Fort Pitt, one of Teenie Harris' cameras and a Three Rivers bike, rack among many others.

Series Title: Brain Space & Energy: My Interview with August Wilson

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/12/2023 8:00:00 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: Halloween 2022

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/21/2023 11:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

New episode featuring three creepy films: Rick Sebak's 1991 documentary "George Romero and the city of the Living Dead"; Lauren Keller's violent revenge thriller "A Little Glass of Rum"; and Glenn Syska/Andy Keleman's "Tastefully Done". "George Romero and the City of the Living Dead "- 28:24; "A Little Glass of Rum" - 20:00; "Tastefully Done" - 6:40.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Poe Fest

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/28/2023 11:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

This episode features a new live action adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's "Tell Tale Heart", directed by Thad Ciechanowski and the team at Dijitmedia. It is one of three films based on works by Poe screened in this episode and produced by the same award winning team. Featured films: "The Tell Tale Heart" - 19:40; "The Raven" - 14:57; "The Cask of Amontillado" - 21:47.

Series Title: Forgotten/Found

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/30/2023 7:30:00 PM

Service: WQED Format: Documentary

The tourism industry calls it "ruin porn" - a chic fascination with landmarks in decay. Pennsylvania is filled with historic, vacated places just waiting to be explored. To coincide with this growing trend in abandoned tourism, WQED visits a few unique, offbeat attractions. Destinations include Eastern State Penitentiary, a haunting world of crumbling cell blocks and empty guard towers in Philadelphia; Eckley Miners' Village, a coal patch ghost town in Luzerne County; the Carrie Blast Furnace, once the epitome of Pittsburgh steelmaking, the site now hosts weddings, film crews and Halloween parties; Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine in Schuylkill County.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: CREATE PA

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/04/2023 11:00:00 PM

Service: WQED Format: Documentary

Season premiere includes an interview with Morgan Overton, workforce director of CREATE PA, a collaboration of the Pittsburgh Film Office and the Pittsburgh Public Theater. The program seeks to identify and train a diverse workforce for a variety of craft skills in the film and theater industry. A selection of short films from across the region includes: "Capitalism Wins" (Nathan Fullerton and Edwin Huang) - 7:10; "Long Live the Larpers" (Benjamin Carlucci) - 7:49; "The Shortest Night of Summer" (Benjamin Carlucci) - 9:43; "This Is A Love Story" (Noah J Welter) - 5:18; "From Pittsburgh to Ukraine" (WQED Digital Doc) - 7:03; "The Sailor" (Lily and Ahmed Ragheb) - 10:31.

Series Title: Tamburitzans Presents: Phoenix

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/25/2023 8:00:00 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: Memories From The Table

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/27/2023 7:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

This documentary celebrates our deep connections to food through family, friends and traditions. Featured segments include a yearly gathering to make pierogi for Christmas, a student's tribute to the culinary delights of her Italian and Hispanic grandmothers, a group of fraternity brothers who conduct an annual sausage making event, and more.

Series Title: It's Pittsburgh & A Lot of Other Stuff: I Shall Always Love You, Sweetheart

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/08/2023 2:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

"The Pennsylvania Road Show": In 1992, Brian Butko had a snazzy convertible and introduced us to the Lincoln Highway in Pennsylvania and talked about the Ship Hotel near Bedford. He's since published books on both those subjects. "Pennsylvania Diners and Other Roadside Restaurants": In 1993, we officially worked together on this delicious look at some of the coolest places to eat in the Keystone State. Brian talked about trying to save the old Serro's Diner and about the unusual "D-I-N-O-R" spelling in northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond. ISALY'S We had done a long segment about Isaly's in our 1990 program called "Things That Aren't There Anymore", but in 2001, we worked with Brian to make a new video for an exhibit at the History Center. "Wigwan Village": In August 2003, while working on "A Program About Unusual Buildings", we followed the Butkos to Kentucky to see the iconic Wigwam Village in the town of Cave City. You can still sleep in a tepee there! "Lincoln Highway": Since 1992, Brian had been campaigning for a national PBS special about the Lincoln Highway. In 2008, we finally did it. By then Brian was a nationally recognized expert and historian of the highway, and we used his books extensively while traveling and while editing the program called "A Ride Along the Lincoln Highway".

Series Title: It's Pittsburgh & A Lot of Other Stuff: I Think Santa Will Like the Sleigh

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/08/2023 2:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Light Up Night! A clip from our "Happy Holidays in Pittsburgh" program from 2002. Just a quick look at the excitement of starting the holiday season in Downtown Pittsburgh. Jim Richards is a local author and arts entrepreneur, and he has gathered an interesting collection of about 30 black-and-white images of downtown Pittsburgh in the wintertime in an exhibition he calls "PITTSBURGH MEMORIES". It's on display at One Oxford Center throughout the 2010 Holiday Season. LIGHTS on HOUSES! People help brighten the darkest days of the year by putting lights on their houses and all sorts of illuminated things in their front yards! We stop and talk to a number of folks whose displays caught our attention. We visit the Oakland Square Historic District, Regent Square, the South Side Slopes, Whitehall and Hazelwood. Saturday before Christmas in the Strip, Cameraman Frank Caloiero weaves his way through the crowds, while I stop and talk to anybody and everybody. The Strip still has wonderful characters, stupendous foodstuff and lots of homemade goodies.

Series Title: Darr Mine Disaster

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/14/2023 8:30:00 PM

Service: WQED Format: Documentary

OnQ chronicles the history of the worst mining disaster in Pennsylvania history. On December 19, 1907, the Darr Mine exploded in Van Meter, Westmoreland County, killing 239 men and boys. This documentary includes rare archival material, interviews with people who had personal connections to the Darr, and the story of those who believe a "religious miracle" kept the tragedy from being much worse.

Series Title: WQED Holiday Sessions 2022

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/21/2023 8:00:00 PM

Service: WQED Format: Documentary

A follow-up to WQED Holiday Sessions 2020, the program features a new line-up of Pittsburgh area musicians performing holiday favorites at various venues and recording studios in Pittsburgh, PA, and Youngstown, OH. This is a special televised edition of WQED's popular digital music series. Featured artists and songs as of November 21, 2022: Blind Colours (Rock), "Sarajevo (Carol of the Bells)"; Byron Nash & Jacquea Mae of NASH.V.ILL (Rock/Soul), "This Christmas"; Chantal Braziel (Classical Soprano), "Ave Maria"; Chip and the Charge Ups (Power-Pop/Punk) "Black and Gold Christmas"; Polkamaniacs (Polka/Rock), "Snow Miser/Heat Miser"; Soulful Femme (Blues), "Christmas Time is Here"; The Vindys (Alt-Rock), "White Christmas".

Series Title: WQED Holiday Sessions 2020

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/21/2023 8:30:00 PM

Service: WQED Format: Documentary

Pittsburgh area musicians perform holiday favorites in this special televised edition of WQED's popular digital music series. Featured artists and songs: Avi Diamond & Shane McGlaughlin, "Light One Candle"; Freddie Nelson, "Hallelujah"; Frzy, "Deck the Bars"; INEZ & JROUZ3, "Let it Snow"; Jon Bindley & Bryce Rabideau, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"; Scott Anderson & Pete Hewlett, "The Christmas Song"; Tomi Adebayo, "O come, O come Emmanuel".

Series Title: It's Pittsburgh & A Lot of Other Stuff: Gingerbread Lane

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/22/2023 4:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

It's a giant sort-of-Victorian holiday village covered in candy! It's an astounding work of folk art. It's Gingerbread Lane. We follow its creator, chef Jon Lovitch, from icing in February to assembling in November at Station Square. Sweet stuff!

Series Title: A Christmas Cookie Story

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

For many Western Pennsylvanians, a day of cookie baking is as celebratory as the holidays. Families gather in kitchens throughout the region to mix dough, whip frostings and scatter sprinkles. It's a time to embrace ethnic traditions and remember loved ones who handed down now creased and crumbling recipes. This holiday documentary features a pizzelle-making church group, gingerbread house artists, one of the area's busiest cookie bakeries, and a woman who donates her cookies as a goodwill gesture, and Pittsburgh's popular cookie tour.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Garbage

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 12/30/2023 11:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Filmmaker Jose Muniain and screenwriter Brian Broome join host/producer Minette Seate for a conversation about their award-winning short "*Garbage*". The fictional film explores the negative misconceptions about race as a young man is confronted with a proposition that could change his life. Also featured, two films from the Steel Town Reel Teens, a documentary short on urban gardening from WQED Next Generation Fellow Calyx DeRoche and the previously aired, "*One Last Trip*". "*Garbage*" - 18:00; "*Bug*" - 4:05; "*Reel Queens*" - 7:36; "*Kung Fu Joe*" - 6:50; "*One Last Trip*" - 8:00.

Series Title: Leo Beachy: A Legacy Nearly Lost

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

In the early 1900s, Leo Beachy took unforgettable photographs of life in Western Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Most of his precious glass plate negatives were destroyed in 1927. But when 2,800 plates surfaced in recent years, his elderly niece began a mission to preserve her uncle's legacy. This Emmy-winning documentary includes the amazing Beachy collection and Maxine Beachy Broadwater's efforts to preserve the negatives and make the photos available worldwide.

EDUCATION

Series Title: Cartoon Academy: Outer Space

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/05/2023 12:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Cartoonist Joe Wos shows viewers how to draw cartoons - using simple, easy-to-remember lines, shapes, letters and numbers. "Outer Space" is the theme for this episode as Joe draws an astronaut and his robotic friend, and planets with human characteristics. Viewers will also have an alien encounter! Along the way, Joe shares educational facts about space, while explaining the importance of motion, movement and imagination.

Series Title: Cartoon Academy: Dinosaurs!

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/05/2023 1:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Pittsburgh cartoonist Joe Wos takes students through the creative steps of drawing cartoon characters - using easy-to-remember shapes, letters and numbers with every stroke of his marker. In this episode, Joe takes viewers back to prehistoric times. As he draws a Tyrannosaurus Rex, a Triceratops, and a Pterodactyl, Joe shares educational facts about the creatures and the time period during which they lived. Students will also learn the importance of artistic terms including setting, composition & texture.

Series Title: Cartoon Academy: Under the Sea

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/05/2023 1:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Cartoonist Joe Wos takes viewers through the creative steps of drawing cartoon characters - using easy-to-remember lines, shapes, letters, and numbers. Among the "toons" in this episode: an octopus, seahorse crab, blobfish - even a pirate and sea monster. Joe shares educational facts about these ocean-themed characters, while showing the importance of depth, dimension, texture, and costumes in his drawings

Series Title: Cartoon Academy: Playful Pets

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/05/2023 2:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Pittsburgh cartoonist Joe Wos takes students through the creative steps of drawing cartoon characters, while sharing educational facts on the cartoon subjects. Viewers will also learn artistic terms during each lesson. In this episode, sketch along with Joe as he draws a happy dog, a fancy hamster and a wary fish.

Series Title: Cartoon Academy: Down On The Farm

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/05/2023 1:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Cartoonist Joe Wos takes us through the creative steps of drawing characters using easy-toremember shapes, letters, and numbers, while sharing artistic terms and facts about the cartoon subjects. This episode features a cow, rooster, duck, and pig. Joe also explains the importance of symmetry and conveying emotion through facial expressions

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title: Hope After Heroin: The Epidemic In Our Backyard

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/08/2023 12:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

From 2002 to 2013, heroin-related overdose deaths in the U.S. increased more than 280 percent - and the Pittsburgh region hasn't escaped the drug's vicious grip. This documentary explores the problem in Western Pennsylvania. People who have experienced addiction - themselves or through a loved one - share their stories of struggle, stigma and loss. They also show how they've managed to use their pain as a catalyst for change - providing hope for those struggling with the disease of addiction.

Series Title: Caregivers for Our Aging Population

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/23/2023 7:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

The number of seniors is rising sharply. But the number of family members who can provide care for these older adults lags significantly. Is the medical community prepared for the explosive growth in the number of elderly patients? Pennsylvania has passed the CARE Act to address challenges faced by caregivers. But will families ultimately get the support and education they need? This program focuses on caregivers who balance love and obligation - with stress, financial woes and other concerns.

Series Title: Ink & Image: Tattoos That Heal

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/16/2023 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: TEAMology: Bouncing Back and Being Happy

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/05/2023 12:00:00 PM

Service: WQED Format: Documentary

TEAMology's mission is to understand and improve emotional health to enhance every child's ability to succeed in school, career, and life. The "TEAM" is led by a charming cast of puppets - Amelia, Harper, Lamar, Paco, Philo and Ruby. This episode explores three themes. Coping with Stress: From conflicts with friends and families to dealing with lots of homework, Ruby and her TEAMology friends help kids stress less and feel better. Asking for Help: Amelia and Lamar help their friend realize that if you've tried your best but still can't figure it out, ask for help. That's called teamwork! Big Problems vs. Small Problems: Philo helps some out-of-this-world friends recognize the difference between a small problem and a big problem and explains ways to handle problems safely and effectively.

Series Title: Broken: Women - Families - Opioids (Local)

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/12/2023 7:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Opioid addiction is destructive across all demographics. But compared to men, a woman's addiction can have more devastating implications. The addiction may begin with one woman, but consequences spread to vulnerable people around her. Some children are born addicted, while others face uncertain futures because of addicted mothers. Many children are placed in foster care, but an increasing number are being raised by grandparents and extended family further disrupting lives. The documentary explores how opioid addiction among women is breaking the family bond and changing the fabric of society.

Series Title: Cresson: Remembering Life at The San

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/16/2023 8:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

The tuberculosis sanatorium in Cresson, PA closed in 1964, but former patients are still haunted by their experiences. Many people remember the dangerous illness, the stigma of a TB diagnosis, and the landmark hospital in Cambria County that was nicknamed "The San." This documentary includes rare archival photos, film and compelling interviews woven around the memories of Chuck Felton, who launched a fascinating website about his life as a teenage patient in the 1950s.

Series Title: You're Not Alone: Pregnancy, Postpartum and the Mental Health Crisis

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/14/2023 8:00:00 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

MEDIA

Series Title: It's A Joy: WQED-FM is Fifty Years Old

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/30/2023 8:00:00 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: A Very Quick History of an Unusual TV Station

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/24/2023 1:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

A fun capsule history of WQED, America's first community sponsored TV station, with clips and memories from Fred Rogers and others. Hosted and produced by Rick Sebak. Edited by Rich Capaldi.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: Equity On Ice: The Willie O'Ree Academy

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/05/2023 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: Freedom House Ambulance: The First Responders

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/31/2023 12:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

This 30-minute documentary explores the rise and fall of Freedom House Ambulance. In 1967, Pittsburgh's inner city produced America's first EMT service. Comprised solely of Black men and women recruited from the city's Hill District neighborhood, the paramedics of Freedom House Ambulance became trailblazers in providing pre-hospital and CPR care. Initially conceived to respond to the needs of Pittsburgh's African American community who often times couldn't rely on police during an emergency, their ground breaking work became the basis for all paramedics training in the country. The program features rare archival images, the story of the original founder, interviews with surviving paramedics, memories of lifelong Hill District residents.

RELIGION/ETHICS

Series Title: An Unlikely Refuge: Surviving the Holocaust in Shanghai

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/05/2023 8:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

As a follow-up to WQED's PBS national documentary "Harbor from the Holocaust", this 30-minute local documentary examines the Pittsburgh connections to a little-known story of Jews who found refuge in Shanghai during the Holocaust. Segments include the stories of a Chinese diplomat who saved thousands of people by providing visas, a woman who taught scores of Jewish refugee children, and the remembrances of a Pittsburgh man born in the Shanghai ghetto.

Series Title: The Letters: A Plea for Help

Length: 17 minutes

Airdate: 10/05/2023 11:13:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

This short documentary tells the dramatic story of a family's efforts to flee Nazi occupied Austria with the help of Pittsburgh residents. From the Rauh Jewish Archives at Pittsburgh's Heinz History

Center, a dozen letters document correspondence between Gertrude Deutsch Perles in Vienna and Abraham (Abe) Sanford Levy in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood. With nearly half of Austria's Jews seeking refuge in other countries, the Perles faced the nearly impossible task of finding a willing family to support them. This video was produced by WQED in conjunction with the PBS docuseries "*The U.S. and the Holocaust*", a film by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick & Sarah Botstein.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Babylon

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/07/2023 11:00:00 PM

Service: WQED Format: Documentary

Host-Producer Minette Seate interviews filmmakers Kristen Lauth Shaeffer and Andrew Halasz on their 360 virtual reality video "By The Waters of Babylon". The video features the Clarion Quartet, classical musicians who perform the music of artists imprisoned in concentration camps by the Nazis during World War II. Includes trailer and excerpt. Additional films: Iris Samson's "The Letters: A Plea for Help" - 15:00; David Safin"s "Up on the Hill" - 15:00; John Rice's "Milk Crate" - 12:20.

Series Title: Repairing The World: Stories from the Tree of Life

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 10/26/2023 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".

Series Title: Stories of the Holocaust

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/12/2023 8:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Every year, there are fewer people alive to tell their stories. This program records the heartbreaking and sometimes heroic memories of Pittsburgh-area people who experienced the Holocaust. Among those who share their memories: Fritz Ottenheimer, who escaped Nazi Germany in 1939 and returned as an American soldier; Moshe Baran, a Jewish man who fought with the partisans against the Nazis; Sam Gottesman, who survived Auschwitz and other labor camps with his father, Isaak.

Series Title: From Pittsburgh to Poland: Lessons of the Holocaust

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/26/2023 8:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

This one-hour documentary chronicles a journey by Holocaust survivors and educators from Pittsburgh to Poland where they took part in the March of the Living. This international program brings together thousands of people on Holocaust Remembrance Day, where they march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, former Nazi work and death camps. The documentary focuses on the personal stories of the Pittsburgh Holocaust survivors - and shows how Pittsburgh teachers will use the experience in their curriculums for years to come.

Series Title: Tree of Life: A Concert for Peace and Unity

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 10/29/2023 1:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra performs a concert in remembrance of Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue tragedy. This expanded version for WQED viewers includes additional music selections and readings from the November 27, 2018 concert not seen in the 60-minute PBS version. Music Director: Manfred Honeck, Featured Performers: Itzhak Perlman, Michael Rusinek, Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh. Filmed at Heinz Hall. Music selections and composers are listed below. Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten Arvo Prt, "Kaddish" from Deux Melodies Hbraques for Clarinet and String Orchestra Maurice Ravel (arr. Tognetti); "Largo" from Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Opus 47 Dmitri Shostakovich Eli, Eli ("My God, My God"); "A Walk to Caesarea" David Zehavi (arr. Pigovat) Larghetto for Orchestra; James MacMillan "Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains" from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn, Ein deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem), Opus 45 IV. "Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen" Johannes Brahms; Three Pieces from Schindler's List for Violin and Orchestra Remembrances, Jewish Town Krakow Ghetto 1941, Theme John Williams "Nimrod" from Variations on an Original Theme, "Enigma" Opus 36 Edward Elgar.

TRANSPORTATION

Series Title: It's Pittsburgh & A Lot of Other Stuff: Squirrel Hill Tunnels

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/22/2023 4:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

We celebrate the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Squirrel Hill Tunnels! Looking at history, the ongoing renovation project, and some surprises, including help from Sam Hall, WTAE's traffic reporter.

WAR/VET/NATIONAL SECURITY

Series Title: Long Road Home: Tony's Story

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/06/2023 7:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

This 30-minute program focuses on Iraq-era war veterans coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after deployment. Tony Canzonieri of Charleroi, Pennsylvania talks openly about his struggle with prescription drugs, alcohol and infidelity, and his current efforts to help other veterans now returning to the U.S.

Series Title: In Country: A Vietnam Story

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/10/2023 4:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

A poignant story of hope and healing, "In Country: A Vietnam Story" chronicles the return of three friends to South Vietnam since their discharge from the U.S. Army. Together with the Friends of Denang, a humanitarian organization that makes regular pilgrimages to Vietnam in the hopes of healing old wounds, Chris Moore, Leroy Perry and Andrew Boone rediscover a country and a people they last saw through the harsh prism of war. During the film, the men recount some of their harrowing experiences as young soldiers more than three decades ago. They also confront their pasts during emotional trips to The War Remnants Museum and visits with children whose birth defects were most likely caused by their mothers' exposure to Agent Orange.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: We Left As Brothers

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/11/2023 11:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

A documentary highlighting the journey of six Vietnam veterans who return to Vietnam on a journey of discovery and healing. And with the support of a larger group from the Veterans Breakfast Club. We join the group as they retrace their steps through a country much changed since their days of service and share the emotional stories that brought them together. The Veterans Breakfast Club is a local non-profit dedicated to telling the stories and preserving the histories of area veterans.

Series Title: Fly Boys: Western Pennsylvania's Tuskegee Airmen

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/12/2023 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: 11/12/2023 1:00:00 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.

Series Title: ...After War Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/12/2023 1:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

The media has a strong history of focusing on the challenges of veterans returning to their homes, families and workplaces. But all too often, the stories focus on the negative. This documentary focuses instead on the positive - showcasing local men and women who've found success after service. Content segments include a married couple who started a boxing club for fellow veterans and first responders, a veteran who found healing through art, and more.

Series Title: Warriors: A Semper Fi Odyssey

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/12/2023 2:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

This documentary offers a compelling visit to a retreat in Western Pennsylvania where physically wounded veterans heal, bond and re-adjust to life after battle. The program will also explore the Pittsburgh medical community's groundbreaking efforts to explore traumatic brain injury (TBI) mapping in veterans who have experienced severe head injuries.

WOMEN

Series Title: Visible Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/07/2023 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.

YOUTH

Series Title: Serving Time, Too

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/02/2023 7:30:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

Two million American children have at least one parent in jail or prison. Since 1970, the number of incarcerated parents has risen by 400 percent. In the wake of those staggering statistics are children who become the invisible victims - facing emotional and physical turmoil, and financial hardships. Yet there are Western Pennsylvania organizations working to implement change. This documentary sheds light on a topic that is often ignored, but impacts thousands of children and ultimately the entire community.

Series Title: Filmmaker's Corner: Not Just A High School Musical

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 12/23/2023 11:00:00 PM

Service: WQED

Format: Documentary

This episode features the documentary "The Making Of", a behind-the-scenes look at the Freeport Area High School's production of "No, No, Nanette". Produced, filmed and edited by the school's students and featuring the work of the entire school, the 52-minute film gives an in depth look at what it takes to put on a modern High School musical.