



WSBE-TV Quarterly Issues & Programs List  
January – March 2018

The Rhode Island PBS Foundation has determined that the following issues were of importance to the Rhode Island community during the past three months, and has broadcast the following programming to address those issues.

**QPTR Category: Arts**

***Double Feature: Presented by RI Film Festival***, ARTS Fridays at 8:00 pm, 60 minutes

This one-hour series showcases the art of the short film and the artists who create them. Each week, ***doubleFEATURE*** presents award-winning short films that have made their world premiere or been screened at a recent Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF). In addition, between the short films, interviews with filmmakers and industry professionals behind the camera lens are conducted by RIIFF Executive Director George T. Marshall, Director of the RI Film and Television Office Steven Feinberg, as well as independent filmmaker and RIIFF Program Director Shawn Quirk.

***Rhode Island Live***, Sundays at 10:00 pm, 60 minutes

The series showcases the musicians that live and travel through Rhode Island. Artists span a variety of music genres, from rock to rap, from traditional spiritual to blues and folk. Filmed at venues and festivals in Rhode Island, the program showcases the diverse musical talent available to Rhode Islanders.

***NetWorks #701***, Tuesday, 2/6 at 8:00 pm on **Learn**, 60 minutes

***NetWorks #702***, Tuesday, 2/13 at 8:00 pm on **Learn**, 60 minutes

***NetWorks #601***, Tuesday, 2/20 at 8:00 pm on **Learn**, 60 minutes

***NetWorks #602***, Tuesday, 2/2 at 8:00 pm on **Learn**, 60 minutes

Since 2008, a unique Rhode Island arts project has proliferated through collaboration between two friends, one an art collector and the other an artist. "NetWorks" was created to document, celebrate, and foster the richly creative and diverse Rhode Island artistic community. Episodes feature any one of at least a dozen local artists, profiled in their studios or preferred work spaces, as they describe in their own words what inspires them.

***The Station Nightclub: A Life and Lyrics Special***, Saturday, 2/17 at 10:00 pm

On February 20, 2003, the worst nightclub fire in Rhode Island history claimed 100 lives and injured 230 when a fire in The Station nightclub ignited, spread, and engulfed the building in little more than five minutes. At the time, it was the second-worst fire in New England and the fourth-deadliest nightclub fire in US history. *Life and Lyrics* with Lisa Purcell marks the 15th anniversary with a special one-hour program honoring the victims, survivors, first responders, officials, and volunteers, and explores how music was essential in their ability to heal and cope

with the tragedy. Part of the special was shot on location at the newly dedicated The Station Memorial Park in West Warwick, on the site of the nightclub.

### **QPTR Category: Biography**

***The Amazing Life and Times of Austin T. Levy***, Thursday, January 4 at 8:00 pm, 60 minutes  
The enormous impact and prolific legacy is told of visionary entrepreneur Austin T. Levy (1880-1951), a textile industrialist who pioneered paid vacations and profit sharing long before such things became common. He lived, worked, and dreamed of a better life for his friends and neighbors. His entrepreneurship and visionary investment in community transformed the village of Harrisville in the town of Burrillville in northwest Rhode Island in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

***Island Nurse***, Thursday, 1/11/18 at 8:00 pm, 60 minutes  
This is the story of Mary Donnelly, the nurse and heart of Block Island, RI. After more than 54 years of nursing, Mary retired at age 86 in May 2013, after 54 years of service. The documentary also includes some of Block Island's history as well as individual stories of resilience and survival on Block Island.

***A Road to the Alamo: The Albert Martin Story***, Thursday, 1/25/18 at 8:00 pm, 30 minutes  
This is the story of the little known Rhode Island connection to the uprising at the Alamo in Texas. It's told by Rhode Island filmmaker Francis Leazes, Jr. who recreates the life of this little-known Alamo hero, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and died at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. The film explains why Martin was at the Alamo and details the forces that drove his father Joseph S. Martin to move his family to Texas, a lethal decision.

***41***, Friday, 2/16 at 8:00 pm on **Learn**, 2 hours  
The documentary tells the story of Nicholas O'Neill, The Station nightclub fire's youngest victim. It paints a portrait of Nicky's 18 years - packed full in so short a time with prolific writing, composing, acting... and an obsession with the number 41. But what makes the film so remarkable is the story after the story: what happened - and continues to happen -after the deadly fire took his life on February 20, 2003. Signs are everywhere that Nicky's spirit continues to move among his family and friends. Even strangers. 41 is a story of uplifting hope, insight, and comfort.

### **QPTR Category: Cities & Towns**

***Watch Hill: Portrait of a New England Seaside Village***, Tuesday, January 2 at 8:00 pm on **Learn 36.2**, 60 minutes  
Located on a peninsula at the most southwesterly point of Rhode Island, Watch Hill is surrounded by the sea on three sides. It is the point where three states meet, RI, Connecticut and New York. Generations have summered here; others have worked, fished or just observed its quiet charm. Its story is told by people who love Watch Hill and are committed to preserving it.

### **QPTR Category: Community Politics, Government**

#### **A Lively Experiment**

Four guest panelists debate and discuss current events and topics of local importance in this weekly political affairs program. Moderated by Jim Hummel, the revolving panel of guests includes news reporters and newsmakers, opinion leaders and academics, political analysts and politicians.

1/5/18 (replay of 12/29/17 episode); Top local story; Top national story; Biggest winner and loser; Only in Rhode Island moment; Predictions for 2018

1/12/18 \$204M budget deficit; PawSox stadium legislation; Condition of R.I. public schools and proposed \$500M in bonds

1/19/18 State of the State address; PawSox stadium legislation – passes Senate and now heads to House; Friction between House and Senate leaders; Labor groups boycotting political fundraisers

1/26/18 PawSox; Opioids lawsuit –dozens of local communities joining national lawsuit against manufacturers; the Governor’s budget; Providence principal convicted of not reporting abuse; prospect of universal health insurance coming to R.I.

2/2/18 Efforts to diversify the Rhode Island State Police; State’s “Fun Sized” public relations and tourism campaign; President’s State of the Union Address

2/9/18 Mayor Elorza and Providence issues; Amount of bonding; Proposed use of Interstate 195 land

2/16/18 Ethics complaint against Governor Raimondo; Truck tolls; Secretary of State proposes change in primary date

3/16/18 Guns, schools, students; Speed camera follow-up; FCC in RI over use of 9-1-1 funds; Takeaways from PA special election; President Trump dismisses Secretary of State Tillerson – what it may mean for talks with North Korea

3/23/18 Emergency 9-1-1 under fire; Legislative grants; Governor’s race; UHIP ordered to hire

### ***Tax Forum 2018***, Thursday, 3/29 at 8:00 pm

Tax preparation and filing advice is provided by seasoned tax professionals in both the public and private sectors. Topics this year are Tax Reform – changes in standardized and itemized deductions. Plus, Charitable Contributions – substantiation requirements; mortgage interest and rental real estate; staying organized and record keeping; taxability of pensions and annuities; state refund status; fraud and identity theft; self-employment; receiving a notice from the IRS or division of taxation; tax litigation.

### **OPTR Category: Culture/Cultural History/Community**

### ***Some Kind of Funny Porto Rican***, Tuesday, 3/27 at 8:00 pm on **Learn**, 60 minutes

The documentary explores three generations of Cape Verdeans born and raised in the Fox Point neighborhood of Providence. It chronicles the community's music, ties to the old country, and the maritime and seafaring traditions Cape Verdeans maintained from the Port of Providence. It also follows the evolution of this once vibrant community of immigrants eventually displaced by urban renewal in the 1970s.

### **OPTR Category: Education**

### ***School Talk***, Sundays at 10:00 am; Sundays at 3:30 pm on **Learn 36.2**

Produced at Bridgewater State College in nearby Massachusetts, this weekly talk show features experts and recognized leaders, and is dedicated to covering contemporary issues related to

education. The show often includes topics about, and guests from, the Rhode Island education system.

- Jan. 7: #552 Appropriate, Effective Early Childhood Education with Dr. Nelson Gregory, Professor, Bridgewater State University, Author, President, MA Association of Early Childhood Teacher-Educators
- Jan. 14: #548 Teachers, Testing and Federal Law with Dr. Lisa Battaglino, Dean, College of Education and Allied Studies, Bridgewater State University
- Jan. 21: #522 Teaching English Language Learners with Amy Sox Agudeio, Professor, Rhode Island College
- Jan. 28: #508 Neuroscience & ADD in Gifted Students with Dr. Layne Kalbfleisch, Researcher, Author, Professor, George Mason University
- Feb. 4: #551 Digital Technology in Higher Education with Dr. Edmund Cabellon, Bridgewater State University
- Feb. 11: #534 Teaching Nonviolence with Ajay Benton, Abraham Henderson, Dir., AmeriCorps, Institute for Study & Practice of Nonviolence, Providence, RI
- Feb. 18: #543 Reading First with Dr. Nancy Witherell, Co-Coordinator, Massachusetts International Literacy Association, Professor, Bridgewater State University
- Feb. 25: #517 Raising Resilient Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder with Dr. Robert Brooks, Author, Psychologist, Former Director of Psychology, McLean Hospital
- March 4: #550 Pressures Professors, and Promises with Barry Maloney, President, Worcester, State University
- March 11: #549 Education in the Juvenile Justice System with Massachusetts Commissioner Peter Forbes
- March 18: #541 Teachers' Unions in a Changing World with Lawrence Purtill, President, National Education Association of Rhode Island
- March 25: #492 Multicultural/Lingual Education with Dr. Jorge P. Osterling, Bilingual Career Ladder Program, George Mason University

***Destinos: An Introduction to Spanish***, weekly Monday through Friday at 3:30 am, 30 minutes  
The series teaches speaking, listening, and comprehension skills in Spanish. This telenovela, or Spanish soap opera, immerses students in everyday situations with native speakers and introduces the cultures, accents, and dialects of Mexico, Spain, Argentina, and Puerto Rico. Featuring closed captioning in Spanish, students develop an understanding of Spanish and an appreciation of many Hispanic cultures as they become absorbed in the mysterious and entertaining story.

***High School Quiz Show: Rhode Island***, Saturdays at 6:00 pm, 3/31, 30 minutes  
Eight teams of Rhode Island's best and brightest compete head to head in the newest opportunity for Rhode Island high school students to vie for the glory of a championship title. Each week, the 30-minute multi-round matches test the teams' knowledge of facts in 10 categories, including math, geography, science, literature, history, and the arts, as well as their awareness of current events, sports, and popular culture. The winner of each match advances to the next round in bracket-style play.

### **OPTR Category: Farming/Farming History**

***The Missing Chapter***, Thursday, 1/25/18 at 8:30 pm, 30 minutes

The documentary features narratives of 18th Century tenant farmers during the crucial period often overlooked in history: the period after the American Revolution and before the sweeping changes brought by the Industrial Revolution. Filmed on location at the historic Coggeshall Farm Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island.

***Harvesting Rhode Island #208***, Tuesday, 3/13 at 8:00 pm on **Learn**, 30 minutes

***Harvesting Rhode Island #209***, Tuesday, 3/13 at 8:30 pm on **Learn**, 30 minutes

The second season is an 11-part series capturing the richness and diversity of Rhode Island's farming traditions – vegetables, fruits, flowers, trees, animals, bees, shellfish, and more. Executive producer Alex Caserta, director and editor Soren Sorensen, and director of photography Jason Rossi bring this chronicle of local farms to viewers each week.

### **OPTR Category: Healthcare**

***The New Barbarianism***, Saturday, 3/24 at 10:00 pm, 60 minutes

Former West Warwick resident Justin Kenny wrote and co-directed the documentary focusing on the dangers to healthcare and humanitarian workers increasingly in the crosshairs as hospitals and aid centers become the battlefield in today's wars in Yemen, Syria, and Afghanistan. *The New Barbarianism* examines the surge in targeted violence against medical and other humanitarian workers, against the Geneva Conventions.

### **OPTR Category: Holocaust Remembrance**

***Promise to My Father***, Thursday, 1/18/18 at 8:00 pm, 60 minutes

From local filmmaker and founder of the World War II Foundation Tim Gray, the documentary follows Israel "Izzy" Arbeiter as he revisits the sites of his darkest hours as a teenager during the Holocaust in Nazi-occupied Poland. With his grandson in tow, Izzy travels to Treblinka, Auschwitz and Stuttof, and various Holocaust memorials, with the hope of bringing closure to this painful chapter of his life. He also visits his childhood home, now condemned, in the Polish city of Plock. Cameras follow the 87-year-old into the basement of the home, where he attempts to unearth family heirlooms hidden for decades.

### **OPTR Category: How-to/Hobbies**

***The Garage with Steve Butler***, Saturdays at 2:00 pm, 30 minutes

The premise of the show is to teach woodworking to the viewer, and to make it accessible economically, and technically. The show instills the belief that anyone interested should try woodworking for fun and creativity without worry of breaking the bank. There is a sense of nostalgia that harkens back to bygone days when folks would roll up their sleeves and work in their basement or garage – hence the name of the show.

### **OPTR Category: Local Culture**

***Original Food Truck, Haven Brothers: Legacy of an American Diner***, Tuesday, 3/6 at 8:00 pm on **Learn**, 60 minutes

The Haven Brother Diner is a late night lunch cart serving patrons in Providence, Rhode Island for more than 120 years. It is the oldest operating diner on wheels.

**QPTR Category: Minorities/Civil Rights**

Peter Wells, publisher and editor of the *Providence American* newspaper, hosts the public information program addressing key local and national issues that impact Rhode Island's communities of color.

***In Another Opinion # 201***, Sunday, 1/14/18 at 10:30 am, 30 minutes

***In Another Opinion # 202***, Sunday, 1/28/18 at 10:30 am, 30 minutes

***In Another Opinion # 203***, Sunday, 2/11/18 at 10:30 am, 30 minutes

***In Another Opinion # 204***, Sunday, 2/25/18 at 10:30 am, 30 minutes

***In Another Opinion # 205***, Sunday, 3/11/18 at 10:30 am, 30 minutes

***In Another Opinion # 206***, Sunday, 3/25/18 at 10:30 am, 30 minutes

Nellie Gorbea, RI Secretary of State

**QPTR Category: National Politics/Government**

***White House Chronicle***, Fridays at 7:30 pm, 30 minutes

Filmed at the Rhode Island PBS studios, Llewellyn King and Linda Gasparello bring news analysis and political commentary about the week's headlines to a national audience, and do it with a sense of humor.

**QPTR Category: Public Affairs**

***Story in the Public Square***, Sundays at 11:00 am, 30 minutes

Each week, the executive director of the Pell Center of Public Policy at Salve Regina University in partnership with *The Providence Journal* interviews contemporary print, screen, music, and other storytellers about their creative process and explores how their stories impact public understanding and policy.

1/7/18 Oona Hathaway & Scott Shapiro

01/14/18 Margalit Fox

01/21/18 Sulome Anderson

1/28/18 Omer Bartov

2/4/18 Teja Arboleda

2/11 /18 Timothy Edgar

2/18/18 Gabriela Domenzain

2/25/18 Margalit Fox (repeat)

3/11/18 Maddie McGarvey

3/18/18 Jacob Groshek

3/25 /18 Jacquelyn Schneider

### **QPTR Category: Recreation/Leisure**

***East Coast Antiques***, Sundays at 3:30 pm, 30 minutes

Created and directed by Mike Rossi of Rhode Island, the series takes viewers behind-the-scenes of the antiques world and features the people and items that continue to make collecting antiques one of the hottest pastimes today. Mike, a licensed auctioneer, antiques store manager, and antiquities collector himself, will take viewers to festivals and flea markets up and down the east coast.

***Weekends with Yankee***, Mondays at 7:30 pm, 30 minutes

WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE is a 13-part travel and lifestyle series named for the long-running publication. With New England among the nation's top tourist destinations, the magazine-style program takes viewers on an insider's exploration of the cities, countryside locales and far-flung places in the quaint and scenic region. WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE offers a behind-the-scenes pass to the unique attractions that define the region, and the hidden New England that only locals know.

### **QPTR Category: Women**

***Today's Woman New England***, Sunday, 1/14/18 at 12:30 pm, 60 minutes

In the series pilot, Caroline Elliott and her guest co-host explore topics of health, childcare, business, community service, current affairs and pop culture along with regional experts, and invite active participation by the studio audience and viewers. Created by, for, and about women, the show features fast-paced and informative segments.

### **QPTR Category: Youth**

***Teenage Critic***, Saturdays at 11:30 am; Sundays at 3:00 pm on **Learn 36.2**, 30 minutes

Local teens explore art and culture each week by visiting historical sights, talking to creative people, eating cultural food, and having fun along the way. In production since 2010, Confessions of a Teenage Critic (aka Teenage Critic) features teenage co-hosts, as well as teenagers working behind the scenes as production assistants, camera operators, and editors.