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Arts

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: HOPPER: An American Love Story
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Discover the secrets behind Edward Hopper's most iconic and enigmatic works. Meet the man behind the brush, and see how his marriage to fellow artist Josephine Nivison Hopper shaped his art and career.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 167
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/21/2024 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:43

Film buffs will frequently cite "Citizen Kane" or "Gone with the Wind" as early classics. But a new exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts seeks to showcase lesser-known Black filmmakers and actors who have a rich history of their own. Jeffrey Brown has the story for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 190
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2024 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:32

Lenny Kravitz has been busy. He has a new single out Friday from his album set for release in May, an international tour planned for this summer and earlier this month, he earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Geoff Bennett spoke with Kravitz in Los Angeles and visited some of his old haunts. It's for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Culture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 131
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/2/2024 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:37

Spray-painted words and pictures, usually clandestine and often illegal, are getting erased by a group of New Englanders who have tagged themselves the anti-graffiti vigilantes. But the method they employ against the perpetrators is an art in itself. Pamela Watts of Rhode Island PBS Weekly reports for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Easter Island Origins
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Episode Title: Episode 179
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/7/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:18:13

Chen Almog-Goldstein's husband and daughter were murdered by Hamas and she and her three youngest children were then kidnapped and held for 51 days in Gaza. She tells her story. Suzanne Nossel CEO of PEN America Center discusses the power of culture to shape the world order. Plus, reports on Putin's propagand machine and rising violence in Haiti.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Serengeti Rules
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Flyways
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:10

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic regions and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water. But their populations are crashing. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Sharks of Hawaii
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/11/2024 2:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn surprising facts about the sharks that call the warm waters near Hawaii's islands their home. Meet the White Tip Reef shark, Whale shark, Tiger shark and more.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Fathers and Sons
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors LeVar Burton and Wes Studi—two men who grew up without their fathers. With few clues to guide him, Gates introduces them to ancestors they've never known—revealing connections to key moments in history.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Far and Away
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse Williams—telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secret Lives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/28/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Van Gogh's Ear
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

The night when Vincent van Gogh cut his own ear defines his turbulent life and art. Generations have theorized about what really happened on December 23, 1888, in the French town of Arles, but no one has been clear on the details—until now.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/18/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Cancer Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/30/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:49

Three heroes and their dramatic journeys in the fight against cervical cancer.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the issue of reparations in the U.S. with a focus on historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue. Through narratives, inquiries, and insights, the film aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Episode Title: Episode 162
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/13/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:18:28

Once the home of the American dream, suburban neighborhoods now reveal a systemic racial disparity, with new Black and Brown residents struggling with the declining conditions left by white occupants who have moved out. In his book "Disillusioned," reporter Benjamin Herold looks at 5 suburbs across the country. He speaks with Michel Martin about what families are experiencing in these communities.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 194
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/29/2024 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:31

Thursday marks one year since Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich was detained by Russian police. He has remained in detention ever since on espionage charges, an accusation both the U.S. and Journal strongly deny. Nick Schifrin speaks with Gershkovich's family and examines efforts to release him.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Nero's Sunken City
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Baiae... An escape for ancient Rome's powerful elite, the Las Vegas of its day. Now, archaeologists are mapping underwater ruins and piecing together what life was like in this playground for the rich.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Graveyard of the Giant Beasts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A mining operation in Cerrejon, Northern Colombia, opened a window onto a previously unknown period of the earth's history – and a world teeming with giant creatures emerged. The biggest of them all was Titanoboa, a 43-foot snake, the largest that ever lived. No other creature could match Titanoboa in its size and strength, or so it was thought.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Polar Extremes
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/24/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:52:46

Join renowned paleontologist Kirk Johnson on an epic adventure through time at the polar extremes of our planet. Following a trail of strange fossils found in all the wrong places—beech trees in Antarctica, hippo-like mammals in the Arctic—Johnson uncovers the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-high ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life. What caused such dramatic changes at the ends of the Earth? And what controls the dial on Earth's thermostat? Today, the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else in the world, and Antarctica has locked in its ice enough water to raise sea level by a terrifying 200 feet. The way that the poles respond to a warming climate is one of the greatest wildcards in predicting our climate future. Johnson uses Earth's history, written in stone, as a cipher to decode what is going on at our polar extremes today, and what the future may hold.