

**WNET**  
**ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT**  
**July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017**

## ARTS

### **EERO SAARINEN: AMERICAN MASTERS #3001**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/7/17, 9pm; 7/11/17, 5am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Program explores the life of the modernist architect behind visionary buildings like St. Louis' Gateway Arch. The bio travels with his son, director of photography Eric Saarinen, ASC, as he visits his father's work on a cathartic journey.

### **THEATER CLOSE-UP #207: BURIED CHILD**

**Airdate/Time:** 8/4/17, 9pm

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** From The New Group: Ed Harris and Amy Madigan star in Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1978 play about a Midwestern family with a dark secret.

### **SHAKESPEARE LIVE! FROM THE RSC**

**Airdate/Time:** 8/11/17, 9pm

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** On the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, GREAT PERFORMANCES presents the RSC's gala, with David Tennant, Benedict Cumberbatch, Judi Dench, Joseph Fiennes, John Lithgow, Ian McKellen, Helen Mirren, David Suchet and many more.

### **GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET #1109: LA TRAVIATA**

**Airdate/Time:** 8/25/17, 9pm

**Length:** 2.5-hours

**Description:** Sonya Yoncheva sings the tragic courtesan Violetta in Verdi's classic, with Michael Fabiano as her ardent lover Alfredo and Thomas Hampson as his disapproving father Germont, in a revival of Willy Decker's staging conducted by Nicola Luisotti.

### **TYRUS WONG: AMERICAN MASTERS**

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**AMERICAN MASTERS #2902: PEDRO E. GUERRERO**

**Airdate/Time:** 9/10/17, 8pm

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**ENVIRONMENT/NATURE**

**BIG PACIFIC #103: VORACIOUS**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/5/17, 8pm; 7/7/17, 2am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** See how the challenge of finding food drives all life in the Pacific. Meet a destructive army of mouths, a killer with a hundred mouths and the biggest mouth in the ocean. For creatures large and small, every mouthful counts.

**BIG PACIFIC #104: PASSIONATE**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/12/17, 8pm; 7/14/17, 2am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Program examines how the quest to multiply has spawned a stunning array of unusual behaviors and adaptations. View forest penguins with a tenuous marriage and the secret rendezvous of great white sharks, and hear the tale of male pregnancy.

**GREAT YELLOWSTONE THAW**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/5/17, 9pm; 7/7/17, 3am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Host Kirk Johnson who's the Director of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, visits this unique wilderness to unravel the story of this particular winter in Yellowstone. A Yellowstone winter is a brutal one. With temperatures that plunge down to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit the wildlife has to find strategies to survive. Some animals leave, some hide and some tough it out. Grizzlies hunker down and hibernate, but this winter the temperatures have been erratic and some bears are emerging early. Finding food is a huge challenge, but our camera crews follow one male who's lucky enough to hit the jackpot and find a bison that's been released from its icy tomb down in the valley. But he has to hang onto it while the scavengers hassle him. Great Gray owls suffer as their prey hides under an

icy layer of snow that proves almost impossible to break through. Will this lack of food affect their mating and ability to raise a family in the Spring? Cameraman Jeff Hogan is following them to find out. And top wolf biologist Doug Smith explains why he's concerned about the number one predator. With a winter that's had less snow than usual it's favored the prey and the wolves are starving hungry.

### **WILD ALASKA LIVE #101**

***Airdate/Time:*** 7/23/17, 8pm; 7/25/17, 1:30am

***Length:*** 60-minutes

### **WILD ALASKA LIVE #102**

***Airdate/Time:*** 7/26/17, 8pm; 7/28/17, 1:30am

***Length:*** 60-minutes

### **WILD ALASKA LIVE #103**

***Airdate/Time:*** 7/30/17, 8pm; 8/1/17, 1:30am

***Length:*** 60-minutes

***Description:*** Airing live over 3 nights, with hosts Martin and Chris Kratt, PBS, in partnership with the BBC, will turn the cameras on a must-see natural spectacle as thousands of the world's wildest animals gather to take part in Alaska's amazing summer feast. The Kratts, Emmy Award-winning zoologists, adventurers, expose viewers to a must-see natural spectacle as thousands of the world's wildest animals - brown and black bears, salmon, orcas, walruses and more - congregate for one of the greatest events on nature's calendar.

### **IRELAND'S WILD COAST**

***Airdate/Time:*** 8/2/17, 8pm; 8/4/17, 2am

***Length:*** 120-minutes

***Description:*** Program explores one of the most spectacular coastlines in the world featuring the wildlife and wild places that make it so special. Emmy award winning wildlife cameraman Colin Stafford-Johnson takes viewers on an authored odyssey along Ireland's rugged Atlantic coast - the place he chooses to make his home after 30 years spent shooting some of the world's most celebrated wildlife films.

### **OPEN SPACES & HISTORIC PLACES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY**

***Airdate/Time:*** 8/18/17, 10:30pm

***Length:*** 30-minutes

***Description:*** Discover where to hike, swim, kayak and explore as Megan explores the coastal and inland regions of Monmouth County, taking a look at the natural and built environments, preservation efforts, recreational activities and the local history. Meet the people who are stewards of the green spaces and historic sites in Monmouth County.

### **NOVA #4411: ECLIPSE OVER AMERICA**

***Airdate/Time:*** 8/21/17, 9:30pm; 8/23/17, 8pm; 8/25/17, 1:30am

***Length:*** 60-minutes

***Description:*** Scientists and citizens alike observed the first total solar eclipse to traverse the US mainland in more than a generation. Program also revealed the storied history of eclipse science and followed current, cutting-edge research into the solar corona.

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## HEALTH/HEALTHCARE

### **BRAIN MAKER WITH DAVID PERLMUTTER, MD**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/1/17, 2pm; 8/12/17, 4pm; 8/16/17, 1:30am

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** Debilitating brain disorders are on the rise -- from children diagnosed with autism and ADHD to adults developing dementia at younger ages than ever before. But a medical revolution is underway that can solve this problem: Astonishing new research is revealing that the health of your brain is, to an extraordinary degree, dictated by the state of your microbiome -- the vast population of organisms that live in your body and out --number your own cells ten to one. What's taking place in your intestines today is determining your risk for any number of brain-related conditions. Dr. Perlmutter explains the potent interplay between intestinal microbes and the brain.

### **EAT TO LIVE WITH JOEL FUHRMAN, MD**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/8/17, 1pm; 7/9/17, 8am; 7/10/17, 4:30am; 7/12/17, 3am

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** Cut through the hype and get the facts you need to lose weight and lower blood pressure and cholesterol without drugs. Dr. Fuhrman provides the latest research that sets you on the path to recovery including with diabetes or pre-diabetes.

### **FRONTLINE #3114: HUNTING THE NIGHTMARE BACTERIA**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/25/17, 10pm; 7/27/17, 3:30am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** "Nightmare bacteria." That's how the CDC describes a frightening new threat spreading quickly in hospitals, communities, and across the globe. FRONTLINE reporter David Hoffman investigates the alarming rise of untreatable infections: from a young girl thrust onto life support in an Arizona hospital, to a young American infected in India who comes home to Seattle, and an uncontrollable outbreak at the nation's most prestigious hospital, where 18 patients were mysteriously infected and six died, despite frantic efforts to contain the killer bacteria. Fueled by decades of antibiotic overuse, the crisis has deepened as major drug companies, squeezed by Wall Street expectations, have abandoned the development of new antibiotics. Without swift action, the miracle age of antibiotics could be coming to an end.

### **THE HEALING MIND WITH DR. MARTIN ROSSMAN**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/29/17, 4:30am & 2:30pm

**Length:** 90-minutes

**Description:** Break the worry cycle and transform that energy into a positive force for a happy, healthier life. Using proven clinical techniques, this easy-to-use plan shows how to take control of reactions to stress and anxiety.

### **FRONTLINE #2816: THE VACCINE WAR**

**Airdate/Time:** 8/1/17, 10:30pm; 8/3/17, 3:30am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Public health scientists and clinicians tout vaccines as one of the greatest achievements of modern medicine. But for many ordinary Americans vaccines have become controversial. Young parents are concerned at the sheer number of shots -- some 26 inoculations for 14 different diseases by age six -- and follow alternative vaccination schedules advocated by gurus like Dr. Robert Sears. Other parents go further. In communities like Ashland, Oregon, up to one-third of parents are choosing not to vaccinate their kids at all. And some advocacy groups, like Generation Rescue, argue that vaccines are no longer a public health miracle but a scourge; they view vaccines as responsible for alarming rises in certain disorders, including ADHD and autism. This is the vaccine war: On one side sits scientific medicine and the public health establishment; on the other a populist coalition of parents, celebrities (like Jenny McCarthy), politicians and activists. It's a war that increasingly takes place on the Internet with both sides using the latest social media tools, including Facebook and Twitter, to win the hearts and minds of the public.

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## **HERITAGE**

### **TREASURES OF NEW YORK #131: THE IRISH CATSKILLS**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/2/17, 7pm

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** An enclave of inns, hotels, and bungalows in New York's famed vacation spot was a summer getaway for many Irish Americans. The film traces the history and legacy of this beloved chapter of Irish-Americana by using archival photos, home movies, dozens of interviews and contemporary videography to tell the story on a personal and anecdotal scale.

### **STORY OF CHINA #103: THE LAST EMPIRE/THE AGE OF REVOLUTION**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/11/17, 8pm

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Program journeys back in time to see the splendor of the last Chinese dynasty, the Qing. The film bears witness to the fateful First Opium War, which sparked the fall of the empire, and, after the 20th-century revolutions, the birth of today's China.

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### **WEEKEND IN HAVANA**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/18/17, 8pm; 7/20/17, 1:30am

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** Host Geoffrey Baer travels to Havana, where dancers, musicians, architects and writers invite him into their lives to experience the color, culture and history of a beautiful and seductive city only recently re-opened to Americans.

### **POV #3005: JOE'S VIOLIN/SHALOM ITALIA**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/24/17, 10pm; 7/27/17, 4:30pm

**Length:** 60-minutes

**Description:** A donated violin forges an unexpected friendship between Holocaust survivor Joseph Feingold and Bronx schoolgirl Brianna Perez. Three Italian Jewish brothers seek the cave where they hid as children to escape the Nazis.

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## **LOCAL/NATIONAL POLITICS**

### **METROFOCUS #2189**

**Airdate/Time:** 7/28/17, 6pm; 7/29/17, 12:30am

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** MetroFocus covered the following: After a crushing blow to his plan to repeal Obamacare, President Trump takes aim at deadly gang violence and drug abuse with a visit to Long Island. Alexander Hamilton's widow left behind an institution ensuring a shot for thousands of children. A talk with the President and CEO of Graham Windham, Jess Dannhauser. It was 40-years ago that David Berkowitz left

our city on edge as his murder spree raged on. Get a sneak peek of the Smithsonian Channel's "The Lost Tapes: Son of Sam." The story of a man who has walked 6,000 miles through every block of our 5 boroughs.

### **METROFOCUS #2228**

***Airdate/Time:*** 9/26/17, 6pm; 9/27/17, 1:30am

***Length:*** 30-minutes

***Description:*** MetroFocus covered the following: Long Island veterans and their mental health. DACA "Dreamers" and their safety. Just some of the issues facing Long Island Congressman Thomas Suozzi, and joined MetroFocus to discuss. An outraged pastor says opioids may be a crisis, but crack is still "the" scourge in many African-American communities. He'll be here to discuss the matter. As PBS's "The Vietnam War" continues, MetroFocus looks at the role television played as a window into the conflict, and as a catalyst for America to end its involvement in it.

### **METROFOCUS #2200**

***Airdate/Time:*** 8/15/17, 6pm; 8/16/17, 12:30am

***Length:*** 30-minutes

***Description:*** MetroFocus covered the following: After Alt-Right activists and neo-Nazis took to the streets and deadly violence erupted in Virginia this weekend, America reels and New York reacts. NY Congressman Jerrold Nadler will be here with reaction to these events and the next steps he, Congress, and the President must do to stem the current tide of hate and polarity in our country. If rail problems at Penn Station have been a drag for commuters, think about the "mom and pop" shops that call the transit hub "home." MetroFocus went underground to find out how hard they've been hit financially through these "days of delays." For over 200 years the New York Academy of Sciences has been making a difference at home and around the world. Find out how.

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## **NEW JERSEY ISSUES & INTERESTS**

### **STATE OF AFFAIRS #115**

***Airdate/Time:*** 8/5/17, 8:30am

***Length:*** 30-minutes

***Description:*** Joseph Marbach, President of Georgian Court University discusses why he believes one of the most pressing issues in New Jersey right now is the affordability of higher education and shares the importance of TAG and Federal PELL Grants for students who are the first in their family to receive a higher education, and for those who would not be able to afford college without this assistance. Jim McGreevey, Chairman of the New Jersey Reentry Corporation explains the role the New Jersey Reentry Corporation plays in removing all barriers to employment for citizens returning from incarceration. McGreevey is joined by Edwin Ortiz, Former Client of the New Jersey Reentry Corporation who shares how the organization has helped him build a new life for himself.

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### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS #7035**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/18/17, 5:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* NJTV News covered the following: Kim Guadagno says Phil Murphy is walking back on campaign promises, calling out his plan to raise taxes by more than a billion dollars. Storms, of the weather kind, are brewing and the state's got big plans to make sure the lights stay on. A New Jersey Democrat is leading the move to censure Trump for his Charlottesville comments. NJTV News spoke to one of the 79 U.S. representatives endorsing the idea. Scratch this off the list of New Jersey lottery games. It's a sweet season for Jersey peaches. NJTV News covers all the juicy details. And it seems someone finally heard the music. NJTV News covers new details on the fate of the Westminster Choir College.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS #7053**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/13/17, 5:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* NJTV News covered the following: A victory for Newark schools. The State Board of Education gives them the votes they've worked decades to win. The nonprofit Arnold Foundation is a key player in New Jersey bail reform. Now it's responding to criticism about its risk assessment tool, a cornerstone of bail reform. In Camden, county leaders believe they found the right resources to put an end to homelessness. That light at the end of the tunnel could be an oncoming transportation crisis. Critical questions for key politicians. Times restaurant reviewers say the best New York Pizza's made right here in New Jersey. NJTV News tells you where they found it.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS #7058**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/20/17, 5:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* NJTV News covered the following: Will the bill to overhaul health care sell? Gov. Christie opposes the Graham Cassidy bill to repeal Obamacare. He says it's bad for New Jersey residents. That massive data breach at Equifax impacts millions. Sen. Menendez has a plan to make it safer for consumers. At Gold's Gym in Howell a new exercise program is giving Parkinson's sufferers a fighting chance.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS #7065**

**Airdate/Time:** September 29, 2017, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** NJTV News covered the following: Politics, police and property taxes raise the temperature on the state's governor's race. Why clean water advocates criticize Newark over test results of lead in the water and what the city has to say. It's National Preparedness Month and Neptune wants residents to be ready for the next hurricane or disaster. An executive order sends supplies and disaster recovery teams to help the people of Puerto Rico. And members of the president's club join the pro-golf tour briefly. Congressman Pallone's pushing for passage of a bill that would help schools get the lead out of their drinking water. And budding ballerina's audition for a place in the land of the sugar plum fairies. The Nutcracker's casting, already!

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## **WAR/VETERANS' HISTORY AND ISSUES**

### **THE VIETNAM WAR #108: THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD**

**Airdate/Time:** 9/26/17, 8pm & 10pm; 9/28/17, 2:30am

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** When troop withdrawals begin, soldiers left in Vietnam ask what they are fighting for. News breaks of a shocking massacre at My Lai, and questions grow about the war's rectitude. The Cambodia invasion sparks large protests, with tragic consequences.

### **THE VIETNAM WAR #109: A DISRESPECTFUL LOYALTY**

**Airdate/Time:** 9/27/17, 8pm & 10pm; 9/29/17, 2:30am

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** South Vietnamese forces fighting on their own suffer a terrible defeat in Laos. After being re-elected in a landslide, Nixon strikes a peace deal with Hanoi that allows American prisoners of war finally to come home to a bitterly divided country.

### **THE VIETNAM WAR #110: THE WEIGHT OF MEMORY**

**Airdate/Time:** 9/28/17, 8pm & 10pm; 9/30/17, 2:30am

**Length:** 120-minutes

**Description:** Nixon resigns amidst Watergate, while a brutal civil war continues in Vietnam. North Vietnamese troops overtake Saigon with overwhelming force. For the next 40 years, Americans and Vietnamese from all sides search for healing and reconciliation.

**LEGACIES OF WAR: VIETNAM**

***Airdate/Time:*** 9/18/17, 9:30pm & 11:30pm; 9/20/17, 4am

***Length:*** 30-minutes

***Description:*** This program explores the legacy of the Vietnam War through the experiences of veterans from the New York tri-state area. Veterans highlight stories of their service in Vietnam and the treatment they received upon coming home, along with a discussion of how Vietnam affected how American civilians view veterans of all wars. Proudly featured as part of the PBS Stories of Service Wavelength Series.

**LEGACIES OF WAR: COMING HOME**

***Airdate/Time:*** 9/21/17, 11:30pm; 9/23/17, 4am

***Length:*** 30-minutes

***Description:*** This program explores life after military service through the stories of veterans who came home to the New York tri-state area. The film examines the history of coming home after service, how the reception of returning service members has changed over time, and the challenges veterans face upon reintegrating to civilian life. Proudly featured as part of the PBS Stories of Service Wavelength Series.