

MPBN TV ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

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Introduction

This report is divided into three pertinent areas – Children’s Programs, Locally Produced Programs, and National Programming.

MPBN’s Children’s Programs continue to attack the problem of potentially harmful television exposure by providing a substantial schedule of programs which consider the greatest needs of youngsters, and which meet those needs with programs that are truly educational. The programs assist children in realizing their value with respect to their peers. They offer an understanding of humanity, behavior and tolerance, and which present the environment of the world and its surroundings in a context that will help that young person cope with challenges all his or her young life. And, these programs provide young pre-school children with the skills and understanding they need to successfully begin their schooling.

The Locally-Produced Programs of MPBN are the results of our continuing assessment of the needs, requirements and wishes of the citizens of the state, and of a cohesive season-long effort to meet those needs in the most-timely and efficient manner possible. The variety of the programming, as well as the award-winning productions, speaks to the general relevance and quality of those efforts. These programs are focused on subjects and topics not covered by other media in the state. The scope and quantity of local programming is one of the highest priorities of the organization, measuring the importance attached to the needs of the citizenry. The subjects of the topical and timely public affairs programs usually cover public policy or controversial issues, and the programs serve to enlighten and educate viewers on the information on both sides of issues.

National Programming, supplied by the Public Broadcasting Service and other organizations, helps the citizens of Maine to understand the policies and principles of our government, its agencies and representatives, and assists each viewer in making informed choices on enabling every viewer to listen, to understand, to choose and to act. Other programs give insight to historical, cultural, artistic, philosophical or religious implications of American life, a perspective not available on other television outlets. This listing of National Programming is not comprehensive, but includes a representative selection of programming from this quarter targeted to community issues/problems.

MPBN’s overall approach to Issues and Problems is to provide a substantial schedule of programs of a substance, a quality, an indispensability and relevance unmatched by other broadcast outlets.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Sesame Street

Weekdays at 10AM Saturdays. This venerable series of five half –hour programs each week continues to offer the best programming anywhere in entertainment and education for pre-school youngsters. Songs, skits, animation, object lessons and the incomparable Muppet characters continue to delight, fascinate, and instruct children in reading, speaking, and in understanding the world around them. 5 half-hours a week.

Arthur

Weekdays at 3pm. This animated series presents Arthur the aardvark, a young school-age character that encounters typical adolescent problems at school and at home while interacting with his peers and his family. The storyline developed in each episode convey object lessons in how to deal with these problems and series to teach young people that, despite their perceptions; they are definitely not odd mammals, but normal individuals.

Odd Squad

Weekdays at 4PM ODD SQUAD is a PBS KIDS live-action media property designed to help kids ages 5-8 learn math. The show focuses on two young agents, Olive and Otto, who are part of the Odd Squad, an agency whose mission is to come to the rescue whenever something unusual happens. A math concept is embedded in each of their cases, as Olive and Otto work together to problem-solve and save the day in each episode. ODD SQUAD is created by Tim McKeon (Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends, Adventure Time, The Electric Company) and Adam Peltzman (The Electric Company, The Backyardigans, Wallykazam!) and produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment and The Fred Rogers Company. Five half-hours per week ended February 12, 2016

Wild Kratts

Weekdays at 7AM & 7:30AM. Saturday and Sunday at 9AM. "Wild Kratts" joins the adventures of Chris and Martin Kratt as they encounter incredible wild animals, combining science education with fun and adventure as the duo travels to animal habitats around the globe. Each adventure explores an age-appropriate science concept central to an animal's life and showcases a never-before-seen wildlife moment, all wrapped up in engaging stories of adventure, mystery, rescue, and the Kratt brothers' brand of laugh-out-loud-comedy that kids love. Real-life Chris and Martin introduce each "Wild Kratts" episode with a live action segment that imagines what it would be like to experience a never-before-seen wildlife moment, and asks, "What if...?" The Kratt brother's transition into animation and the adventure begins, bringing early-elementary school children into the secret lives of extraordinary creatures, many of which have never been animated before -- including Tiger quolls, Draco lizards, and Caracals! Five half-hours per week. Saturday airings ended February 13, Sunday episodes February 14. 7:30AM weekday episodes ended February 12. 5 half –hours per week.

Curious George

Weekdays at 8am, 8:30am (8:30AM weekdays airing ended January 21), & 2pm Saturday 8am and 8:30am For more than 75 years, generations of young children have been charmed by the literary adventures of Curious George. Based on the best-selling Curious George books by Margret and H. A. Rey, the daily series expands George's world to include a host of colorful new characters and original locales, while maintaining the charm of the beloved books. Each half-hour episode includes two animated stories, followed by short live-action pieces showing real kids who are investigating the ideas that George introduces in his stories. The series aims to inspire kids to explore science, math and engineering in the world around them. 7 Half-Hours per week.

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood

Weekdays at 9am & 9:30AM. "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" is an animated series with live-action interstitials. Fred Rogers' original Neighborhood of Make Believe is recreated in vibrant color and texture; his signature puppet Daniel Striped Tiger is transformed into a curious and playful 4-year-old joined by his friends O the Owl, Prince Wednesday, Katerina Kitty cat and Miss Elaina. The series curriculum is school-readiness and social-emotional learning, and each preschool themed episode offers a musical strategy for children and parents to use together. Ten half-hours per week.

Dinosaur Train

Weekdays at 11am & 11:30am. "Dinosaur Train" is an animated series for 3-to-6 year olds. The series features a curious young T-rex named Buddy who, together with his adopted Pteranodon family, takes the Dinosaur Train to meet, explore, and have adventures with all kinds of dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures. Ten hours per week.

Bob the Builder

Sundays at 7am. Aimed at preschoolers, this series follows the adventures of Bob and his machines: Scoop the leader/digger, Muck the digger/dumper, Dizzy the cement mixer, Lofty the crane and Roley the steamroller. Bob's business partner Wendy and Pilchard the cat all help out in the builder's yard. Other characters include Farmer Pickles, his tractor Travis and the naughty scarecrow Spud -- who is always up to mischief. One half-hour per week.

Thomas & Friends

Weekdays at 12:30pm & Sunday at 7:30am. Set on the imaginary island of Sodor, the series follows the adventures of Thomas, a cheeky little Tank Engine, and his friends, Edward, James, Gordon, Percy, Henry and Toby, plus Emily, the first female steam engine -- all under the watchful eye of Sir Topham Hatt, the manager of the Sodor Railway. Six half-hours per week.

Peg + Cat

Weekdays at 10:30AM & 1pm Weekdays. This series is designed to engage preschool children and teach them how to solve math-based problems with Peg, a chatty and tenacious five year-old, her feline pal, Cat, and her smart, handsome, cool friend Ramone. 10 half-hours per week.

Super Why!

Weekdays at Noon. This series focuses on the adventures of four fairytale friends who transform into reading-powered superheroes: Alpha Pig with Alphabet Power, Wonder Red with Word Power, Princess Presto with Spelling Power, Super Why with the Power to Read and Super YOU with the Power to Help. Together, they are the "Super Readers!" The Super Readers jump into books (literally) to find answers to everyday preschool challenges and embark on exciting adventures, where they play interactive reading games to overcome obstacles and save the day. In every episode, young viewers dive directly into a pop-up story to experience a brightly-illustrated children's tale brought to magical life. Five half-hours per week.

Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About That

Weekdays at 1:30pm. Coming to television for the first time ever in an animated series, the Cat in the Hat whisks preschoolers off on a voyage of scientific discovery. "The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!" features six-year-olds Sally & Nick, best friends and next door neighbors, who are transported on magical journeys to all corners of the globe where the natural world becomes their playground. With the Cat as their guide, his two energetic helpers, the zany duo, Thing One and Thing Two and the enigmatic Fish along for the ride, every outing becomes an unpredictable adventure. In each episode, Sally and Nick head off with the Cat in his one-of-a-kind custom vehicle, the Thinga-ma-jigger, a quintessentially Seussian contraption that instantly transforms from plane to boat to submarine with just a flick of the jigger-ma-whizzer or a honk of the shrinkamadoodle. They go everywhere from the ocean bottom, to a rainforest, or to the center of a beehive. The Cat in the Hat "knows a lot" but he doesn't know everything making him the perfect guide for learning and fun. Five half-hours per week.

Nature Cat

Weekdays at 8am & 3:30pm., Saturday and Sunday at 8:30AM beginning January 30. NATURE CAT follows Fred, a house cat who dreams of exploring the great outdoors. In each episode, once his family leaves for the day, Fred transforms into Nature Cat, "backyard explorer extraordinaire." Nature Cat can't wait to get outside for a day of backyard nature excursions and bravery, but there's one problem: He's still a house cat with no instincts for nature. Like many of today's kids, Nature Cat is eager and enthusiastic about outside activities, but is at times intimidated by them. With the help of his animal friends, Nature Cat embarks on action-packed

adventures that include exciting missions full of nature investigation, "aha" discovery moments and humor, all while inspiring children to go outside and "play the show." Twelve half-hours per week

Nature Cat Special

Monday 1/18 & Friday 1/22 @ 8am and 3:30pm, Saturday 1/23 & Sunday 1/24 @ 8:30AM. 6 One hour airings

Ready Jet Go! Premier

Monday 2/15 & Friday 2/19 @ 7:30AM & 3:30PM. The new series Ready Jet Go! Launches with a one-hour premiere special. 4 airings, 1 hour episode.

Ready Jet Go!

Weekdays @ 7:30AM & 4PM. Saturday & Sunday @ 9AM beginning February 20. READY JET GO! Is a 3D animated series for 3-8 year-olds with a focus on astronomy, scientific exploration, innovation and invention, and Earth as it is affected by our solar system? The show is about two neighborhood kids—one with an all-consuming drive for science fact and another with an overwhelming passion for science fiction. They both befriend the new kid on their street, Jet Propulsion, whose family happens to be aliens from Bortron 7. The comedy series teaches kids a variety of Earth science concepts (gravity, tides, moon phases, seasons) as well as an introductory explanation of innovation, astronomy, and our solar system. 12 Half Hour episodes per week.

Colonial Williamsburg: Electronic Field Trips

Thursday 1/14, 2/11 & 3/10 @ 1PM. Live broadcast relating to American Revolution topics. One hour programs.

Curious George Swings Into Spring

Monday 3/21 & Friday 3/25 @ 8:30AM & 2PM. Sunday 3/27 @ 8AM. George has a big case of spring fever and must rescue Hundley when he gets lost in the country. One Hour program

NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

BBC World News

Weekdays at 6am & 6pm. BBC WORLD NEWS: The latest global news from the world's largest news broadcaster. The newscasts contain all the most up-to-date news, interviews, analysis, business reports and world sports news. 10 half-hours per week.

BBC Newsnight

Saturday's at 6am & 6PM (6PM airing ended 1/2) The international version of BBC Newsnight is a weekly round-up of news and current affairs including interviews with global opinion formers and documentary features from all over the world. Presenters include Jeremy Paxman, Kirsty Wark, Gavin Esler and Emily Maitlis. Thought-provoking and informative, Newsnight offers in-depth analysis of complex global issues. BBC Newsnight is commissioned by BBC World News, which is presented nationally on public television by KCET Los Angeles. Produced out of the BBC's London studio, BBC Newsnight and BBC World News draw from the BBC's unrivalled global newsgathering resource of 2,000 journalists and 70 international bureaus. One half-hour per week.

DW News

Weekdays at 5:30pm. As one of the world's largest international broadcasters, Deutsche Welle provides public television viewers the unique opportunity to see our world from another perspective. The economic meltdown taking place in Greece, Portugal, and Spain, revolutions in Egypt and Syria spilling over to Europe, and the worldwide campaign to combat global warming are issues that affect viewers on both sides of the Atlantic. On

DW-TV's Journal, reporters and presenters from our Berlin studios provide your viewers depth and clarity as well as a unique European perspective on the day's events. Five half-hours per week.

Focus on Europe

Sundays at 6AM: Weekly summary of news in Europe. One half-hour per week.

McLaughlin Group

Sundays at 6pm. The McLaughlin Group television program is unscripted and unrehearsed. It is "live-to-tape" meaning that when the cameras start rolling they do not stop until the end of the show. The guests are invited to express their opinions and analysis. We believe that panelists with different positions across the political spectrum create insightful debate. One half-hour per week.

PBS NewsHour Weekend

Saturday & Sunday at 6:30pm. PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND features a summary of the day's national and international news, using renowned experts to offer analysis. Each weekend broadcast will contain original, in-depth field reporting on topics including education, healthcare, the economy, energy, science and technology, religion, finance and the arts. Hari Sreenivasan anchors. 2 half-hours per week.

Nightly Business Report

Weeknights at 6:30pm. Every weeknight, the Emmy winning NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT delivers the day's essential business and economic news. Each lively half-hour combines trusted, credible and unbiased information and extensive financial market coverage with insightful features, analysis and commentaries by noted economists and business experts. Five half-hours per week.

PBS NewsHour

Weeknights at 7PM & Midnight: The PBS NewsHour continues to provide in-depth analysis of current events with a news summary, live interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. 10 One hours per week.

Charlie Rose

Weeknights at 5pm & 11pm: Acclaimed interviewer and broadcast journalist Charlie Rose engages America's best thinkers, writers, politicians, athletes, entertainers, business leaders and scientists in one-on-one interviews and roundtable discussions. 10 One hours per week.

Washington Week with Gwen Ifill

Friday at 8pm: Host Gwen Ifill discusses Washington DC events of the week. One half-hour per week.

Charlie Rose – The Week

Friday at 8:30pm: This new Friday night program will provide a retrospective of the best stories and interviews from the nightly PBS program CHARLIE ROSE. The show will capture the defining moments in politics, science, business, culture, media and sports. One half-hour per week.

Fons & Porter: Love of Quilting

Saturday at 9:30am: Marianne Fons & Liz Porter, the most popular quilters on public television, continue their quilting series full of fun, in-depth demonstrations on the art and craft of creating beautiful quilts. Beginner or expert, viewers with a passion for quilting will be inspired by Fons and Porter's tips, designs and techniques. One half-hour per week.

Martha Stewart's Cooking School

Saturday at Noon: Imagine having Martha Stewart at your side in the kitchen, teaching you how to hold a chef's knife, select the very best ingredients, and truss a chicken and much more. In "Martha's Stewart's Cooking School," you get just that. One half-hour per week. Ended November 21, 2015

Jacques Pepin: Heart & Soul

Saturday at Noon. JACQUES PEPIN: HEART & SOUL is not just another series showcasing Jacques, his delicious recipes or his amazing technique. This is his last full series which will be his most personal yet featuring never-before-seen footage of his life. HEART & SOUL will highlight Pepin's 60 years in the kitchen which includes his apprenticeship as a 13-year-old cooking in some of Paris' most revered establishments such as Meurice and Plaza Athenee and cooking for French President Charles DeGaulle. It will also touch upon a key period in Pepin's life when he crossed the Atlantic and entered the kitchens of New York at Le Pavillon and his 10 years as director of research at Howard Johnson's. The 26-episode series is a reflection of Jacques' history and will reveal a more personal side of the internationally renowned chef as we've never seen before. Fans and cooking aficionados alike will be given an intimate access to his life from playing boules at home, visiting the market, and sailing the seas to gathering clams, tucking into lobster rolls at his favorite shack as well as sharing memories, anecdotes and insights into his philosophy of life. Each episode will feature creative recipes that combine Pepin's culinary history and travel experiences with his expert teaching skills. Simple dishes for the novice and more involved creations for the seasoned cook will be shown and frugal tips will be offered. Occasionally family or guests are invited to cook alongside Jacques or join him in the dining room. Chefs from across the nation will, too, make a contribution, either from their own kitchen, through archival footage or on-camera acknowledgement of Jacques' tutelage and influence. Beginning December 19, 2015

Martha Bakes

Saturday at 12:30pm: This series enables the home baker to create the finest desserts and goodies in his or her home kitchen. Throughout the series Martha Stewart shares the best tips and techniques, giving viewers the confidence to create delectable baked goods -- from scratch -- in their own kitchens. One half-hour per week.

Cook's Country

Saturday at 1pm. COOK'S COUNTRY features the best regional home cooking - from potluck dinners and holiday favorites to simple suppers and lost recipes. The Daytime Emmy®-nominated series takes the same practical, no-nonsense and scientific approach as Cook's Country magazine by providing home cooks with foolproof recipes and cooking techniques developed through rigorous investigation and careful testing. One half-hour per week

America's Test Kitchen from Cook's Illustrated

Saturday at 1:30pm: AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED's ensemble of chefs, cooks, testers and tasters, led by ATK's sartorial "editor-in-chef" Christopher Kimball, reveal the best ways to prepare favorite dishes. One half-hour per week.

Delicious TV: Totally Vegetarian

Saturday at 2pm. "Delicious TV" is a new cooking and lifestyle series hosted by Toni Fiore. Produced locally in Portland, Maine, the show is lively, colorful, and upbeat. Toni's culinary style is casual and Mediterranean and her emphasis is on fresh ingredients easily prepared. "Delicious TV" offers not just recipes but the facts, delights, and challenges of the vegetarian lifestyle as well as invaluable advice on the latest trends in vegetarian food. To many people the art of easily preparing great vegetarian food still remains a mystery. "Delicious TV" dispels the mystery and makes eating healthy...delicious! One half-hour per week.

Moveable Feast with Fine Dining

Saturday @ 2:30PM. Moveable Feast with Fine Cooking takes viewers on a culinary journey with host Pete Evans, Australia's top celebrity chef, and America's most innovative food artisans. Each of the 13 half-hour episodes features a pop-up feast in settings from California's wine country to the bustling skyline of NYC, where Pete and local chefs source the finest ingredients and work against the clock to prepare a multi-course menu for a ravenous group of foodies. Viewers watch as diners sit down to enjoy these spectacular meals hosted in some of the most unlikely places. Series ended January 2, One half-hour per week.

Joanne Weir Gets Fresh

Saturday @ 2:30PM. JOANNE WEIR GETS FRESH carries forward the success of Joanne Weir's previous series with 15 brand-new half-hours featuring the award-winning and internationally admired cooking teacher, author, and restaurateur and television personality. Joanne Weir uses her vast culinary experience and relaxed, down-to-earth approach to help viewers create healthy meals while highlighting the unique and vibrant flavors of fresh ingredients. JOANNE WEIR GETS FRESH follows Joanne as she forages at farms, ranches, farmers' markets, artisan butcher shops and local grocery stores to gather the best ingredients. Back in her home kitchen, Joanne teaches her students how to transform these ingredients into delicious, seasonal creations. Joanne's reflections and practical insights - often humorous, sometimes personal - inspire viewers to create and improvise meals from a wealth of fresh, market ingredients. 1 half – hour per week.

Ask This Old House

Saturday at 3pm: Host Kevin O'Connor, general contractor Tom Silva, plumbing and heating expert Richard Trethewey, landscape contractor Roger Cook and guest experts make personal HOUSE calls, guiding viewers through home improvement techniques. One half-hour per week.

This Old House

Saturday at 3:30pm. America's favorite home improvement series, the Emmy Award-winning THIS OLD HOUSE, with host Kevin O'Connor, general contractor Tom Silva, plumbing and heating expert Richard Trethewey, landscape contractor Roger Cook and master carpenter Norm Abram. One half-hour per week.

Woodwright's Shop

Saturday at 4pm. THE WOODWRIGHT'S SHOP demonstrates traditional furniture making. One half-hour per week.

Rough Cut - Woodworking with Tommy Mac

Saturday at 4:30pm. ROUGH CUT - WOODWORKING WITH TOMMY MAC invites viewers into the world of respected furniture maker Tommy MacDonald, as he travels to historic landmarks to gain design inspiration and then returns to his workshop to demonstrate the steps and techniques needed to create future family heirlooms. In each episode, MacDonald shares his skills and best practices, providing detailed project instructions for anyone interested in learning the basics of the craft. For the more experienced enthusiast, Tommy also showcases his more complex projects with advanced tips and techniques. Each half-hour includes three segments: "Basic Woodworking Techniques," "Weekend Projects" and "The Field Trip." One half-hour per week.

Rick Steves' Europe

Sunday at 11:30am. RICK STEVES' EUROPE offers a fresh perspective on the best travel advice, including where to stay, what to see and how to get around in Europe. Rick Steves shares his extensive knowledge of European history, art and culture. His years as America's most popular European guidebook author blends with his relaxed but informative style to make this one of public television's most popular series. One half-hour per week. 10/26 – TFN

Globe Trekker

Sunday at Noon: GLOBE TREKKER transports viewers to unforgettable destinations through its stunning photography, rhythmic indigenous music and spirit of adventure. In each episode, one vibrant young traveler ventures off the beaten path to soak up the local culture, sample the cuisine and revel in breathtaking vistas. In keeping with their aim of "living as the locals do," charismatic hosts Ian Wright, Justine Shapiro, Zay Harding, Megan McCormick and others explore everything from big-city landmarks to exotic sights in remote villages. One hour per week.

Nature

Most Wednesdays @ 8PM & Sundays @ 10:30AM. NATURE, television's longest-running weekly natural history series, has won more than 200 honors from the television industry, parent groups, the international

wildlife film community and environmental organizations, including the only award ever given to a television program by the Sierra Club. One – two hour programs.

Nova

Wednesday at 9pm & Sunday at 9:30am. PBS' premier science series helps viewers of all ages explore the science behind the headlines. Along the way, NOVA programs demystify science and technology and highlight the people involved in scientific pursuits. Two airings, One hour program.

Secrets of the Dead

Various times: Part detective story, part true-life drama, SECRETS OF THE DEAD unearths evidence from around the world, challenging prevailing ideas and throwing fresh light on unexplained events. Using the most up-to-date science in the laboratory and in the field, scientists and researchers examine the missing pieces of each puzzle, completing the picture of what had been merely an assemblage of suppositions. One hour program

Film School Shorts

Various Dates & Times: Film School Shorts is a new weekly series that showcases short student films from across the country. Each week, viewers can watch hot new episodes featuring quirky comedies, slice-of-life dramas and hard-hitting thrillers from cutting edge filmmakers. Short Films + Big Productions = Film School Shorts. Various dates & times.

Austin City Limits

Saturday at Midnight: AUSTIN CITY LIMITS continues its longstanding tradition of showcasing the best of original American music and beyond. Musical styles range from contemporary and traditional pop to rock, country, blues, bluegrass, Latin, folk, roots and more. All find a home on the AUSTIN CITY LIMITS stage. One, one hour program per week.

Antiques Roadshow

Monday at 8pm & 9pm. ANTIQUES ROADSHOW cameras capture tales of family heirlooms, yard sale bargains and long-lost items salvaged from attics and basements, while experts reveal the fascinating truths about these finds. Two, one hour programs per week.

Independent Lens

Most Mondays @ 9 or 10pm. This acclaimed Emmy Award-winning anthology series features documentaries and a limited number of fiction films united by the creative freedom, artistic achievement and unflinching visions of their independent producers. INDEPENDENT LENS features unforgettable stories about a unique individual, community or moment in history. The series is supported by interactive companion Web sites and national publicity and community engagement campaigns. One 1 – 2 hour program per airing.

Frontline

Tuesdays @ 9 or 10pm: As PBS' premier public affairs series, FRONTLINE's stature is reaffirmed each week through incisive documentaries covering the scope and complexity of the human, social and political experience. One 1 – 2 hour program per week.

Great Performances: Live From Vienna:

Friday 1/1 @ 7:30pm. The Vienna Philharmonic under the baton of Mariss Jansons performs favorite Strauss Family waltzes. One hour thirty minute program.

Sherlock on Masterpiece: The Abominable Bride

Friday 1/1 @ 9pm. Sunday 1/10 @ 10PM Rejoin Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in 1890s London. One Two hour program

Finding Your Roots

Tuesday's @ 8pm & Sunday @ 5PM. Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is the 12th and latest series from the renowned cultural critic and Harvard scholar. In this 10-part series, Professor Gates continues the quest he begun in African American Lives 1 and 2 and Faces of America delving into the genealogy and genetics of an all new group of famous Americans. The series combines history and science in a fascinating exploration of race, family, and identity in today's America. Each hour features a different pair of celebrity guests, who are bound together by an intimate, sometimes hidden link, whether it be as old friends, through long-lost relatives, or even through a common ancestral past. 2 - One hour program per week. Series ended 3/8.

Particle Fever

Wednesday 1/6 @ 10PM. Six scientists are followed during the launch of the Large Hadron Collider. One hour program

Masterpiece Classic: Downton Abbey

Sunday's @ 8PM & 9PM, Friday @ 9PM. Sunday March 6 12noon – 11PMThe Great War is over and a long-awaited engagement is on, but all is not tranquil at Downton Abbey as wrenching social changes, romantic intrigues and personal crises grip the majestic English country estate. The international hit, written by Julian Fellowes, stars Dame Maggie Smith, Elizabeth McGovern and Hugh Bonneville, with guest star Shirley MacLaine. Change arrives in a big way for several key characters at Downton Abbey. A yearly cricket match with the village sees old scores settled and new plots hatched. 1 – 2 hours

Countdown to Downton Abbey

Sunday 1/2 @ 8pm Host Kelli O'Hara counts down the moments to the final season with interviews and clips. One hour program

Tales from the Royal Wardrobe

Sunday 1/3 @ 7PM & Saturday 1/9 @ 11pm. The significance of the royal wardrobes of English monarchs over the last 400 years is examined. One hour program

Secrets of Her Majesty's Secret Service

Sunday 1/3 @ 1PM. A close look at the legendary British Secret Service lifts the veil on the shadowy world of spying. One Hour program

Great Plains: America's Lingering Wild

Sunday 1/10 & 1/17 @ 1PM. Nature photographer Michael Forsberg examines the remaining "wildness" in the Great Plains of North America. Featuring stunning imagery, the program is based on Forsberg's book of the same name. Less than 200 years ago, the Great Plains was one of the greatest grassland ecosystems on Earth, stretching nearly a million square miles down the heart of the continent. The prairie was a place of constant motion, shaped by an unforgiving cycle of the seasons. Huge numbers of bison, elk, pronghorn, deer, prairie dogs, prairie wolves and even grizzlies were common. There were massive migrations of birds and fish. But as America grew, and the land was settled and tamed, the wildness began disappearing. Today the Great Plains is a fragile and threatened ecosystem, home to a variety of wildlife and habitats. In this documentary, Forsberg examines the wildlife and native landscapes that remain, exploring the current condition of the plains. Two - One hour programs

Queen & Country

Sunday 1/10 & 1/17 @ 2PM & 3PM. In 2012 all eyes are on Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's second longest-reigning monarch, as England marks Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. Veteran newsman Sir Trevor McDonald looks at the traditions and institutions surrounding the monarchy, from Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace through the queen's royal visits... to some of the greatest royal palaces. Four – One Hour programs.

PBS NewsHour Special Report: State of the Union Address

Tuesday 1/12 @ 9pm.

President Obama's State of the Union Address. Two Hour program

Lost Civil War prison, A Time Team Special

Sunday 1/17 @ 4PM. Relics found at Georgia's Camp Lawton shed light on life in a Civil War prison. One Hour program

Life on the Reef

Wednesday 1/13, 1/20, & 1/27 @ 10pm. View Australia's Great Barrier Reef, one of the richest and most complex natural ecosystems on earth, through the eyes of those who live, work and play there. Home to a stunning array of animals, it is one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. One hour program

Willie Nelson: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize

Friday 1/15 @ 10PM. An all-star tribute to the celebrated singer-songwriter and American music icon Willie Nelson. One hour program

Queen's Garden

Saturday 1/16 @ 11PM. Remarkable plants are explored in the Queen's Garden in central London. One Hour program

Mercy Street

Sunday's & Saturday's @ 10PM & Saturday (beginning 1/17, ending Monday 2/29 @ 9PM). New England nurse Mary Phinney begins her duties in Mansion House, a hotel turned Union hospital in an occupied Southern town. Mansion House owner James Sr. struggles to preserve the family fortune as daughter Emma secretly searches for her beau. One Hour program

Bonnie & Clyde: American Experience

Tuesday 1/19 @ 9PM & Sunday 1/24 @ 4PM. Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow are the most famous outlaw couple in U.S. history. One hour program

Songs to Keep: Treasures of the Adirondack Folk Collector

Friday 1/22 @ 10pm. Musicians perform folk songs preserved by Marjorie Lansing Porter in New York State in the 1940s. One-hour program

Great Performances at the Met: Il Trovatore

Sunday 1/24 @ 1PM. Verdi's classic stars Anna Netrebko, Dmitri Hvorostovsky, Yonghoon Lee, Stefan Kocan and Dolora Zajick. One – three hour program.

Mine Wars: American Experience

Tuesday 1/26 @ 9pm. An insurrection turned parts of W. Virginia into a bloody war zone. Two hour program.

Mike Nichols: American Masters

Friday 1/29 @ 10PM & Sunday @ 2PM Mike Nichols, one of America's great directors, discusses his life and 50-year artistic career. One hour program.

In Their Own Words: Jim Henson

Sunday 1/31 @ 1PM. Henson's career is followed from his early TV work to "Sesame Street" and "The Muppet Show." One hour program

Great Continental Railway Journey's

Sunday 1/31, 2/7 & 2/14 @ 3PM & 4PM. In GREAT CONTINENTAL RAILWAY JOURNEYS, British broadcaster and journalist Michael Portillo travels on the great train routes of Europe as he retraces the journeys featured in George Bradshaw's 1913 Continental Railway Guide. Creating a stunning vision of Europe as it was a century ago, GREAT CONTINENTAL RAILWAY JOURNEYS discovers how a way of life and a landscape were changed forever when Europe went to war. Six – One Hour programs

Murder of a President: American Experience

Tuesday 2/2 @ 9PM & Midnight: James Garfield's unprecedented rise to power, his shooting and its tragic aftermath are explored. Two-hour program.

Rise of the Black Pharaoh's

Wednesday 2/3 at 10pm: Archaeologists discover evidence of an advanced African society in the heart of Sudan. One hour program

In Their Own Words: Queen Elizabeth II

Friday 2/5 @ 10PM. The queen's remarkable life is told from her youth to her reign of more than 60 years. One Hour program

Live from Lincoln Center: From Bocelli to Barton. Richard Tucker Opera Gala

Sunday 2/7 @ 1PM. Andrea Bocelli joins Renee Fleming, Jamie Barton and an array of opera superstars. One – two hour program

Perfect Crime: American Experience

Tuesday 2/9 @ 9pm. In 1924, two college students murdered a boy to prove they were smart enough to get away with it. One Hour program

Humanity from Space

Wednesday 2/10 @ 10PM, Sunday 2/14 @ 1PM. From the perspective of space, humankind's journey is traced from hunter-gatherer to dominant species. Two hour program

PBS Democratic Debate

Thursday 2/11 at 9PM: Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff moderate the DNC-sanctioned debate from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Two hour program.

B.B. King: American Masters

Friday 2/12 at 10pm. Candid interviews shed light on the challenging life and career of the "King of the Blues" B.B. King. One-hour program.

Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution

Tuesday 2/16 @ 9PM. The Black Panther Party emerged within a new revolutionary culture during the turbulent 1960s. Two hour program.

Carole King: American Masters

Friday 2/19 @ 10PM & Sunday 2/21 @ 2PM The hit singer-songwriter's life and career are explored. One hour program.

Human Face of Big Data

Wednesday 2/24 @ 10pm. The promise and peril of gathering and analyzing massive amounts of data is examined. One hour program.

Space Men: American Experience

Tuesday 3/1 @ 9pm. Pioneering Air Force scientists and pilots laid the groundwork for the US space program. One hour program.

Year in Space

Wednesday 3/2 at 9pm. Go behind-the-scenes of astronaut Scott Kelly's 12-month stay on the International Space Station. One hour program

John Glenn: A Life of Service

Wednesday 3/2 at 1pm: The astronaut and U.S. Senator has had an extraordinary life and career. One hour program

Loretta Lynn: American Masters

Friday 3/4 @ 10PM. "Still a Mountain Girl" Country music legend Loretta Lynn's hard-fought road to stardom is explored. Two Hour Program

Last Days of Vietnam American Experience

Tuesday 3/22 @ 8PM. In April 1975, Saigon fell to the North Vietnamese in the last days of the Vietnam War. Two hour program.

Time for Three in Concert

Friday 3/25 @ 9PM. The string trio plays a blend of pop, classical and folk music arranged in unique mash-ups. One hour program.

Secrets of Selfridge

Sunday 3/27 @ 8PM. Harry Gordon Selfridge introduced a new retail model that revolutionized the way Londoners shopped. One hour program

Al Capone: Icon

Tuesday 2/29 at 8pm. The celebrity gangster had an enduring impact on American culture. One hour program.

Ted Talks

Wednesday 2/30 at 10pm. The future of nanotechnology, search for life beyond earth and the science of light are discussed. One hour program.

Front & Center

Most Saturday's at 11pm. From the producers of the critically acclaimed Soundstage comes the second season of FRONT AND CENTER (previously titled Front Row Center). Utilizing state-of-the-art production techniques, the nine-part concert series caters to the live music fan, with each episode delivering powerful performances from some of the top names in music. Season two's diverse musical lineup spanning genres and generations includes Jack Johnson, Train, Buddy Guy, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, The Rides (featuring Barry Goldberg, Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Stephen Stills), Rock Candy Funk Party (featuring Tal Bergman, Ron DeJesus, Mike Merritt, Renato Neto, and Joe Bonamassa), Zakk Wylde & the Les Paul Trio, Jake Bugg, and JJ Grey & Mofro. One hour program.

In Performance at the White House: A Celebration of American Creativity

Friday 1/8 @ 10:30PM. President and Mrs. Obama host an all-star tribute to art and literature in American musical forms. One hour programs.

In Their Own Words: Muhammad Ali

Sunday 2/21 @ 1PM. Ali's boxing successes, conversion to Islam and Parkinson's disease are explored. One hour program.

Reagan

Sunday 2/21 at 3pm. A close look at Reaganism reveals that its grip on the public mind has been rekindled. One, two hour program.

Locally Produced Programming

2016 Maine State High School Basketball Tournament

Friday 2/26, 7PM – 11PM, Saturday 2/27, 9AM – 11PM & Sunday 2/28 5AM – 9PM & 11PM – 1AM

2016 Maine State High School Cheerleading Finals

Saturday 2/27 @ 5PM

Independently Produced Programming

2015 Concord: 15 Stories About Now

Saturday 1/2 at 11am. & Thursday 1/7 @ 10PM. This is a documentary about Concord in the year 2015. Simply put, it is 15 stories about a moment in time. There is the baker making bagels before sun rise, a naturalization ceremony at the Federal Court, a locksmith, a visit to the Morrill Farm in Penacook, and Cruise Night at Arnie's on the Heights. There is even a haircut. From construction on Main Street to the Nevers' Band and the Fourth of July at Memorial Field, the stories here will be familiar to many. However, connect the stories and you will find something more. One hour program

100 Head/Heart/Feet

Saturday 1/9 at 11am. If you thought 26.2 miles was tough, lace up your running shoes and join Portland, Maine's Zak Wieluns for a journey into the world of ultra running. 90 minute program.

Gone: The Mystery of the Don Disaster

Thursday 1/14 at 10pm & Saturday 10/16 at 11am. In 1941, a pleasure craft with 34 people on board sank off the coast of Maine. Two airings – one hour program.

Wayne's Deer

Thursday 1/21 at 10pm & Saturday 1/23 at 11am. Wayne Bruhm is an amateur naturalist and hunter and is an expert on deer behavior. Two airings – one hour 15 minutes each.

From Stump to Ship: A 1930 Logging Film

Thursday 1/28 at 10pm & Saturday 1/30 at 11am. The most complete look at the long-log industry in Maine recalls another era. Two airings – 30 minute program

Ice Harvest Sampler

Thursday 1/28 @ 10:30pm, Saturday 1/30 @ 11:30am. Old footage shows how massive ice blocks were cut, moved and delivered. Two Airings – 30 minute program

Acadians of the St. John Valley

Thursday 2/4 at 10pm & Saturday 2/6 at 11am. This film explores how the Acadians made their way as refugees from Nova Scotia to the St. John Valley of Northern Maine to start a new life. Two airings – one hour each

Hardwater

Thursday 2/11 at 10pm & Saturday 2/13 @ 11am. Maine's ice-fishing culture is seen through the eyes of angler Bob Foster. Two airings – One hour 15 minutes each.

Liz

Thursday 2/18 at 10pm & Saturday 2/20 @ 11am. A homeless teen from Portland, Maine, finds success when her street fighting leads to amateur boxing. Two airings – 30 minutes each.

Raising Ali: A Lewiston Story

Thursday 2/18 at 10:30pm & Saturday 2/20 @ 11:30am. On May 25, 1965, Lewiston, Maine, hosted the boxing championship between Muhammad Ali and Sonny Liston. Two airings – 30 minutes each.

Good Vibes & Duct Tape: Stories with Cindy Pierce

Thursday 2/25 at 10:30pm. Comedian, author and New Hampshire celebrity is on a mission to bring the truth about sex and relationships to the forefront. 30 minute program

1000 Feet and Below

Sunday 2/28 @ 7PM & Thursday 3/3 at 10pm. Small ski hills in rural Maine have become unifying factors for communities. Two airings – 30 minute program

It All Started with Mom

Thursday 3/3 at 10:30pm A family's perspective on meeting and courting suitable partners is examined. 30 minute program

Still Moving: Pilobolus at Forty

Thursday 3/24 at 10pm & Saturday 2/26 @ 11am. In the 1970s, four male athletes formed a dance team that transformed modern dance. Two airings – 37 minutes each.

The Opiate Effect

Thursday 3/24 at 10:37pm. Several young people share their struggles with opiate abuse. 23 minute program

East By Northeast

Thursday 3/24 at 10pm. Fly fishing enthusiasts share high water, remote locales, conservation and big bugs. One hour program

Maine Event

Saturday's @ 6PM. Public Affairs discussion with former Maine House Speaker Hannah Pingree and Senator Roger Katz.

Windows to the Wild

Saturday at 10am. Join Willem Lange and friends explore nature in New England. Join Willem Lange and friends as they tackle the icy trails of Mount Moosilauke in Benton, NH on January 1st and enjoy beautiful, snow-covered landscapes and a stunning hour above the clouds. One airing, 30 minute programs per week.

IncredibleMaine

Saturday at 10:30am. Host's LC Van Savage and Allan Broadstreet explore events and places in Maine. One airing, 30 minute programs per week.

I certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

Typed or Printed Name of Signatory Tristan G. Richards	Typed or Printed Title of Signatory Director of Operations
Signature <i>Tristan G. Richard</i>	Date April 4, 2016