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ARTS

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo
Episode Title: A Star Is Born
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/3/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:00

Dangerous politics and turbulent love shock Frida's world, while love and trauma shape her final years. Diego and she divorce, then remarry. As her body fails her, her painting thrives.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 88
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:21

Megan Fernandes is a writer and assistant professor at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, where she teaches courses on poetry and environmental writing. She shares her Brief But Spectacular take on humor and humiliation in poetry.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 112
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/5/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:01

The Roots are one of hip-hop's most important and influential groups and lead lyricist and emcee Tariq Trotter, better known by his stage name Black Thought, has established himself among the leading rappers. The Grammy-winner tells his own story in, "The Upcycled Self: A Memoir on the Art of Becoming Who We Are." Jeffrey Brown spoke with Trotter for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

CULTURE

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Sunken Basilica
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:55:15

2014, Turkey. A normal survey flight over Lake Iznik unexpectedly reveals the sunken remains a 4th century basilica. The discovery prompts scientists to probe the elusive history and geology behind the demise of the church that was built in ancient Nicaea -- now known as Iznik. When was the basilica destroyed? How did the basilica get swallowed up by Lake Iznik? And what happened to its community? Spanning the globe, this investigation follows a world-renowned team in this underwater excavation. Thanks to exclusive access to the site, including critical aerial and underwater cinematography, and spectacular CGI, we time travel through the centuries, back to the Roman and Byzantine time, and at the foundation of Christianity itself.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Decoding Hieroglyphics
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/8/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

How ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics were first translated 200 years ago and the archaeological work being done in Egypt to understand one of the most important scribes.

Series Title: Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tudor Christmas
Episode Title:
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/4/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join Lucy Worsley on a 12-day extravaganza as she discovers that much of what we enjoy in contemporary Christmas – from carols to turkey, gift-giving to mistletoe and mulled wine – has surprising Tudor origins, rooted in devotion and charity.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Utah: Choose Your Path
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From paragliding over the Great Salt Lake to canyon climbing to discovering the science behind nature's healing powers, Baratunde journeys west to find out what modern day pilgrims are seeking in Utah's outdoor spaces.

Series Title: Spy in the Ocean, A Nature Miniseries
Episode Title: Deep Feelings
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Spy creatures explore animal emotions and the deep feelings we share. With surfing dolphins, kissing manatees and sensitive cuttlefish, witness the emotional rollercoaster of life in the sea.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: American Arctic
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/8/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Photographer and cinematographer Florian Schulz tracks wildlife at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the northeastern corner of Alaska.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Family: Lost and Found
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/3/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates uses DNA detective work to solve family mysteries for actor Joe Manganiello and football star Tony Gonzalez—uncovering close relatives whose names they've never heard and compelling each man to rethink his own identity.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Mexican Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/14/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and guests Mario Lopez and Melissa Villaseñor look at the Mexican American experience as seen through the lens of two families.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Country Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/19/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the remarkably diverse backgrounds of country music icons Clint Black and Rosanne Cash.

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Fire Through Dry Grass
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 10/31/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Wearing snapback caps and Air Jordans, the Reality Poets don't look like typical nursing home residents. In Fire Through Dry Grass, these young, Black and brown disabled artists document their lives on lockdown during Covid, using their poetry and art to underscore the danger and imprisonment they feel. In the face of institutional neglect, they refuse to be abused, confined, and erased.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: The Battle to Beat Malaria
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/15/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Are scientists on the verge of a breakthrough in the fight against malaria, one of humanity's oldest and most devastating plagues? Follow researchers as they develop and test a promising new vaccine on a quest to save millions of lives.

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: How to Have an American Baby
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Voyage into the shadow economy catering to Chinese tourists traveling to the U.S. to give birth for citizenship. Through a series of intimate vignettes, this story depicts the fortunes and tragedies that befall the ordinary

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: New Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/24/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native innovators lead a revolution in music, building, and space exploration. From the surface of Mars to the New York City hip hop scene to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Native traditions are transforming life on Earth and other worlds.

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: Women Rule
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native women are leading, innovating, and inspiring in the arts, politics, and protecting the planet. NATIVE AMERICA explores the diverse ways they carry forward deep traditions to better their communities, their lands, and the world.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 129
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/28/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:15

Andrés González is a conductor, musician, and advocate for youth music education. He was trained from a young age through El Sistema, a renowned music program in Venezuela, before moving to the United States. He is a mentor at Play on Philly, providing access to music education to low-income and minority students. González shares his Brief But Spectacular take on how music empowers communities.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Early Earth was a hellscape of molten lava and barren rock, bombarded by meteors, with no atmosphere at all. How did our familiar blue sky - the thin, life-giving band of gasses protecting our planet - come to be?

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Death in Britannia
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The discovery of a skeleton, dating to the Roman occupation of Britain, provokes further study after scientists see an iron nail driven through its heel bone. Could the remains belong to someone the Romans crucified? Despite hundreds, if not thousands, of people being crucified in the Roman Empire, only one other crucified skeleton has ever been found in the world. Who was this person? What was his life in Roman Britain like? And what could they have done to receive so harsh a punishment?

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: The Next Pompeii
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover Campi Flegrei, a lesser-known volcano in the shadow of Vesuvius. If it erupts, millions of lives could be at risk. Meet the scientists exploring its geography and developing a warning system to prevent Naples from becoming the next Pompeii.

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Capitol Journal

10/6/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Federal budgets, immigration, criminal justice, judicial reform
Guests: U.S. Sen. Katie Britt, Congressman Robert Aderholt, Cam Ward, Director of Bureau of Pardons and Paroles

10/13/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Prison policy, prison reform, prison construction, higher education, workforce development, health care, nursing
Guests: Department of Corrections Commissioner John Hamm, Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, State Sen. April Weaver, Peggy Benson, Alabama Board of Nursing

10/20/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Medical marijuana policy, crime, economic development, education reform
Guests: John McMillan, Director of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, Montgomery Mayor Stephen Reed, Courtney Wilburn, Director of the Governor's Turnaround Schools Initiative

10/27/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Federal budgets, immigration, criminal justice, law enforcement, international extradition, overtime policy, tax policy
Guests: Congressman Gary Palmer, U.S. Attorney Prim Escalona, House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels

11/3/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Voting policy, voter fraud, election administration, legislative process, politics
Guests: Secretary of State Wes Allen, Senate Majority Leader Steve Livingston, State Rep. Jeremy Gray

11/10/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: State House construction, legislative access, veterans affairs, veterans suicide, veterans health care, overtime, child care, tax policy

Guests: Secretary of the Senate Pat Harris, Dept. of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Kent Davis, Manufacture Alabama President Jon Barganier

11/17/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Campaigns and politics, health care, tax policy, continuing education, higher education, adoption, abortion

Guests: State Rep. Juandalynn Givan, Congressional candidate Caroleen Dobson, Highlands College President Mark Pettus, AGAPE President Steve Duer

12/8/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Presidential debate, campaigns and politics, criminal justice, opioid addiction, opioid treatment, ethics reform, health care, economic development

Guests: New Nation Political Correspondent Kellie Meyer, Katherine Roberson, Chief Counsel to Attorney General Steve Marshall, Congressional Candidate Shomari Figures

12/15/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Judicial reform, judicial procedure

Guests: Supreme Court Justice Greg Cook, Former Supreme Court Justice Champ Lyons, Mike House, Tom Heflin

12/29/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Economic development, innovation, recreation, growth policy

Guests: Former Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice, Finance Director Bill Poole, Senate President Pro Tem Greg Reed, Innovate Alabama CEO Cynthia Crutchfield