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ARTS

State of the Arts #3601

Airdate/Time: October 29, 2017, 8pm; October 30, 2017, 5:30am; November 2, 2017, 11:30pm

Length: 30-min.

Description: This episode featured the following: Refugee teens from Syria, Burma, Pakistan, Iraq, and Eritrea create a public artwork at Say It With Clay in Collingswood, where teens can express themselves as they adjust to new lives in America. Rolling Stone calls Anthony D'Amato's songwriting "folk music raised on New Jersey grit." Anthony makes a visit back to his alma mater Princeton University to talk about the mission of his songwriting in a fast-moving political climate. Eco-artist Brandon Ballengée, an artist, biologist, and environmental activist is featured. His "Love Motel for Insects" as well as works about the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, bird migration, and extinction are at Rowan University Art Gallery and Camden's Freedom Charter School. Plus, "Paradise," a play about a Muslim-American teenager and her mysterious biology teacher, in a co-production by Passage Theatre (Trenton) and Luna Stage (West Orange).

Silk City Artists and Musicians

Airdate/Time: November 22, 2017, 8pm; November 23, 2017, 12am; November 24, 2017, 2am; November 26, 2017, 6pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: "Silk City Artists and Musicians" has a contemporary focus, including segments with Bucky Pizzarelli (legendary guitarist), Federico Castelluccio (who played Furio on The Sopranos for three seasons), and two former Paterson mayors (Cong. Bill Pascrell and Lawrence "Pat" Kramer, both of whom were instrumental in securing the Phoenix and Essex mills for artist/musician housing and also the Art Factory, a 22-building factory complex now the creative arts center of the city. It includes interviews, studio shots, and performances by more than a dozen other talented people who are part of this story.

State of the Arts #3602

Airdate/Time: November 26, 2017, 8pm; November 27, 2017, 5:30am; November 30, 2017, 11:30pm; December 18, 2017, 5:30am; December 21, 2017, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following. Pink Martini was at the Bergen PAC. Popular with the "NPR" crowd, the band draws on classical, jazz, and old-fashioned pop, and performs in languages from around the world. Sheena Howard is the first Black woman to win an Eisner award from Comic Con. The Rider University professor and comic book author is featured. Emari DiGiorgio applied to be in a creative writing class with Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Stephen Dunn by submitting her high school journal. Fast forward, and she's now a prize-winning poet herself teaching in the same university, the author of two books, and the host of an open reading series in Atlantic City. Plus, introduced are the creative entrepreneurs of the Valley Arts District – a 15 block area on the border of Orange and West Orange, New Jersey – home to Luna Stage, the Artfullbean Café, Hat City Kitchen, Arts Unbound, The Presence Atelier, and many other artists' studios and galleries.

Some Kind of Spark

Airdate/Time: December 10, 2017, 10pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Some Kind of Spark is a feature-length documentary that follows seven, inner-city kids (ages 7-14) from New York City as they embark on a life-changing experience studying music at the Juilliard School of Music. Shot in HD over a 2-year period, "Spark" intimately follows the students inside the classroom and out; from their homes in America to their parents' homes abroad; from practice rooms to stages.

EDUCATION

American Graduate Day

Airdate/Time: October 14, 2017, 2pm

Length: 4-hours

Description: AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY 2017 is a four-hour, live broadcast and outreach event dedicated to engaging our country around the dropout crisis with special celebrity guests, relevant spokespeople and compelling stories from the students themselves. At its core, it preserves the same broadcast themes as last year's AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY, leveraging a unique production and community engagement model both locally and nationally. AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY 2017 is hosted by Soledad O'Brien and once again broadcast from the Tisch WNET Studios at Lincoln Center in New York City. The broadcast's primary theme is mentorship -- telling the story of Community Partners and how they provide support, advice, and intervention services to at-risk students, families, and schools. This year's AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY emphasizes the need for mentors beyond high school, and focuses on how mentors can be helpful as students pursue a variety of post-secondary options, including traditional four year colleges, skills-based certifications, vocational training or the military. As in years past, the most important element of AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY 2017 is the participation of community-based organizations (Community Partners) doing exceptional work to combat the dropout problem. The theme of mentorship is applied to a variety of pertinent topic strands related to addressing this crisis including Early Education, More & Better Learning, Special Needs, STEAM, Dropout Prevention and Re-engagement, and Career Readiness & College Completion. The topic strands thematically link stand-alone segments, which feature a dynamic mix of long-form programming, live interviews and pre-taped features that tell the story of Community Partners and how they provide support, advice, and intervention services to at-risk students, families, and schools. Additionally, celebrity guests involved in education advocacy are featured throughout the broadcast encouraging viewers to help close the graduation gaps and become mentors and American Graduate Champions themselves.

Classroom Close-up #1806

Airdate/Time: December 10, 2017, 7:30am, 12:30pm & 7:30pm; December 13, 2017, 11:30am; December 16, 2017, 5:30am

Length: 30-min.

Description: This episode featured the following: *Junior Achievement Ed Center* – Students from Sayen and Morgan Elementary schools in Hamilton and Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies tackle financial literacy at the new Junior Achievement Center in Edison. Junior Achievement offers high-impact education programs at no-cost to NJ schools that help meet state standards and graduation requirements. Their Finance Park program meets the NJ mandated graduation requirement for Financial Literacy education. After completing teacher-led classroom curriculum, students take a field trip to the Center to put knowledge into practice. At Finance Park, middle and high schoolers create a budget for a fictional household based on a given adult persona, and at JA BizTown, 5th & 6th graders role-play as employees in mini-storefronts to create a working economy.

Historical Crime Scene Investigation - Demarest Middle School teacher Andrew Lefer engages his seventh-grade students in a historical crime scene investigation. While studying the American Revolution, the students research the crime of John Andrea, who conspired with Benedict Arnold to give up plans for West Point.

North Star - Third graders at Lester D. Wilson Elementary School combine art, dance, music and theatre during a performance of "The North Star", a musical journey based on the book about life's lessons that especially target students with special needs. After following paths and signs determined by others, a young boy finally realizes that he must find his own individual way in life.

Write-a-Thon - Robbinsville High School's Write-a-Thon is an event that promotes writing and the power of storytelling among high school students. This year the event pays tribute to Dr. Steve Mayer, the superintendent who recently passed away. Imagine a room full of students competing to write stories that are inspiring and moving!

Classroom Close-up #1808

Airdate/Time: December 24, 2017, 7:30am, 12:30pm & 7:30pm; December 27, 2017, 11:30am; December 30, 2017, 5:30am.

Length: 30-min.

Description: This episode featured the following: *ArtsEdNow* – The goal of the ArtsEdNow campaign is to increase participation in arts education in schools across New Jersey. Leading the charge is the Paramus School District, which has taken their arts programs from one that needs improvement to a model school. With support from administration and the school board, Paramus High School has developed highly successful culinary arts, fashion, woodworking, music and graphic arts programs that are resulting in exciting careers for their students.

40 Book Challenge - Jordan Road Elementary School sixth graders take the challenge to read 40 books this school year. Teacher Phillip Pallitto was inspired by the "Book Whisperer" written by a teacher in Texas who uses the challenge to inspire her middle school students to read. Mr. Pallitto says the key is letting the students select their own books. And for those who are having a hard time finding a book that they like, other students make recommendations. Last year Phil's class read over 2,000 books.

Island Schoolyard Garden - Ethel Jacobsen Elementary School in Surf City was awarded "Best in New Jersey Farm to School" Award from New Jersey Department of Agriculture. The students and their parents spend parts of their summer tending to the school garden, and during the school year they learn lessons from science to math to vocabulary. Teachers in pre-k through second grade demonstrate different lessons at each level.

Materials Processing - The materials processing program at Hamilton East - Steinert High School is not your traditional wood shop class. Lee Friedman's students construct everything from guitars to furniture to video game-inspired tiki masks.

ENVIRONMENT

Nature #3502 "Fox Tales"

Airdate/Time: October 23, 2017, 8pm; October 25, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Intelligent, resilient and bold, the red fox can change its behavior to thrive in new environments, from urban locales to the Arctic tundra. New scientific research offers a fascinating look into the secret life of these foxes.

Nature #3501 "Naledi: One Little Elephant"

Airdate/Time: November 6, 2017, 8pm; November 8, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Born inside a sanctuary in the wilderness of Botswana, Naledi the baby elephant loses her mother and faces the world alone. It is now up to a devoted team of caretakers and researchers to urge Naledi to survive and help find her place in the herd.

Saving the Great Swamp: Battle to Defeat the Jetport

Airdate/Time: November 15, 2017, 8pm; November 17, 2017, 2am; November 21, 2017, 12am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Narrated by actress Blythe Danner, SAVING THE GREAT SWAMP: BATTLE TO DEFEAT THE JETPORT is a one-hour documentary chronicling a historic struggle to preserve a rural area of New Jersey between 1959 and 1968. The fight began when the powerful Port Authority of New York announced plans to construct a huge 10,000 acre "jetport" 26 miles west of New York City, in an area known as the "great swamp." In the name of progress, entire towns would be obliterated, the aquifer and wildlife destroyed for miles around, and a way-of-life for thousands of people threatened. The events that followed became one of the most defining environmental confrontations of its time - a grassroots movement that started in a local high school and grew to historic proportions. It was a battle that took almost a decade, a President and an Act of Congress to stop, and ultimately led to the creation of a national treasure - the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. The documentary features in-depth interviews with residents, historians, authors and officials connected to the events, as well as a rich visual tapestry of historic film footage, archival photographs, graphic animation and striking cinematography of the Great Swamp today which help bring the story to life.

Nature #3503 "Charlie and the Curious Otters"

Airdate/Time: November 13, 2017, 8pm; November 15, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Filmmaker Charlie Hamilton James follows the story of three curious river otter orphans in Wisconsin and visits otters all over the globe. Join him as he uncovers the secrets to the otter's survival with innovative experiments, cameras and CGI.

Nature #3504 "H is for Hawk: A New Chapter"

Airdate/Time: November 20, 2017, 8pm; November 22, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Helen Macdonald's best-selling book *H Is for Hawk* told the saga of a grieving daughter who found healing in training a goshawk. Now she digs deeper into the world of these raptors by following a family in the wild and raising a goshawk of her own.

HEALTH

Second Opinion Special: Overdose: Inside The Epidemic

Airdate/Time: October 7, 2017, 7pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: SECOND OPINION presents a one-hour special, SECOND OPINION SPECIAL: OVERDOSE: INSIDE THE EPIDEMIC, which examines the alarming rise of heroin-related overdose deaths in the U.S.

It's "Just" Anxiety

Airdate/Time: November 4, 2017, 7pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: IT'S "JUST" ANXIETY is a revealing documentary that introduces a dozen people from diverse backgrounds who describe their personal struggles with this mental health condition. Filmed over a period of five years, the documentary follows several individuals with anxiety symptoms ranging from excessive worry and fear to more extreme manifestations such as compulsive behavior and torturous panic attacks. June Moss, for instance, a retired staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, thrived in the real life or death scenarios of war, but upon returning home has been facing the debilitating effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Similarly, Scott Stossel, editor of the monthly magazine "The Atlantic" and author of "My Age of Anxiety: Fear, Hope, Dread, and the Search for Peace of Mind," has been grappling with his generalized anxiety and various therapies for years. Throughout the documentary he shares his personal history as both researcher and patient. Another individual, Jamie Blyth, found that the more he avoided his anxiety, the worse his symptoms got. He began a career in sales and signed on for the first season of "The Bachelorette" in order to face his social anxiety, an experience he reveals in the film. We also meet Lori Daniels, who has been swallowed up in a battle with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and confines herself to a single armchair in her living room. When she comes in contact with any person or object, she must run to the bathroom and aggressively wash her hands. However, by the end of the film, Lori is in therapy and poignantly thriving - shaking hands, petting cats, accepting hugs, and working as a teacher. With more than 40 million Americans suffering from anxiety, the one-hour documentary aims to destigmatize and humanize this debilitating yet treatable mental health issue. The inspiring real-life stories presented in the program demonstrate how those who suffer from this mental health issue can begin the path to recovery.

Gene Doctor

Airdate/Time: November 25, 2017, 7pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: Every year, a million babies are born with hereditary diseases. Physicians once had little to offer, but a new breed of gene doctors is now on the case. Devising treatments that target the root causes, they are transforming lives.

HERITAGE

Major League Cuban Baseball

Airdate/Time: October 5, 2017, 9pm; October 7, 2017, 3am

Length: 60-min.

Description: MAJOR LEAGUE CUBAN BASEBALL traces the experiences of Cubans at the most accomplished levels of America's national pastime - baseball - and explores their deep cultural and emotional connection to the game. In 1874, the first official baseball game was held on the island of Cuba, in defiance of Spanish colonial law. After Cuba gained its independence from Spain, the sport became an integral part of the Cuban identity. The program documents Cuban ball players' presence in the budding American professional leagues of the late 1800s, and their impact on American baseball in the early 20th century. Between 1911 and 1929 alone, 17 Cuban-born Caucasian players played in the major leagues, while Afro-Cuban players integrated into the Negro leagues and became prominent fixtures. The documentary also delves into baseball in post-revolution Cuba, when professional sports were banned on the island and many players made the difficult decision to leave for the U.S. For the hundreds of thousands of Cuban exiles who fled their country, baseball served as an elixir and the Cuban big leaguers were their heroes. In the 1970s, amateur baseball began to thrive again in Cuba, while in the U.S., Cuban players continued to have significant impact on the majors - from Tony Perez and Luis Tiant facing off in the 1975 Fall Classic to the players who are making their mark today. Weaving archival footage with interviews from historians, baseball fans, journalists, and former major leaguers Camilo Pascual, Orestes Destrade, and Tony Perez, MAJOR LEAGUE CUBAN BASEBALL chronicles the history of Cubans in the major leagues, documents the influence of baseball on Cuban culture, and examines the impact of Cubans and Cuban-Americans on the game.

Italian Americans of New York and New Jersey

Airdate/Time: October 9, 2017, 8pm; October 11, 2017, 2am

Length: 2 ½-hours

Description: Celebrating the lives and achievements of a community whose contributions helped shape our region.

Kosciusko: A Man Before His Time

Airdate/Time: October 14, 2017, 7pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: There are more statues of Thaddeus Kosciuszko in America than any historical figure except for George Washington. Every day, millions of New York television and radio listeners hear about traffic jams on the Kosciuszko Bridge. Yet few know the real story of this Revolutionary War hero and champion of human rights. With a moving narration by actor Blair Underwood and re-enactments filmed in Poland, Philadelphia, and West Point and Saratoga, New York, the one-hour documentary KOSCIUSZKO: A MAN BEFORE HIS TIME tells the story of Thaddeus Kosciuszko's quest for liberty - alongside allies George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and French and Polish Revolutionaries - against the tyranny of Britain's King George, Russia's Catherine the Great, and France's Napoleon Bonaparte. Based on the book *The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution* by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Alex Storozynski, the film brings the Polish revolutionary to life with dramatic readings and re-enactment by actor Olek Krupa, coupled with interviews from historical experts and former U.S. National Security Advisor Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Jewish Film Showcase #101 "Raise The Roof"

Airdate/Time: November 19, 2017, 10pm

Length: 90-min.

Description: Rivaling the greatest wooden architecture in history, the synagogues of 18th-century Poland-the last of which were destroyed by the Nazis- inspired artists Rick and Laura Brown to embark on a 10-year pursuit to reconstruct the elaborate roof and painted ceiling of the Gwo Y dziec synagogue. Aided by a team of 300 artisans and students, the show-stopping building was realized and installed as the centerpiece of the new Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. This beautifully photographed film chronicles this ambitious project against the backdrop of the 1000-year history of Jews in Poland. By the end of the project, they had done more than reconstruct a lost synagogue; they recovered a lost world. "How often do you get a chance to reach deep into history and bring something back?" -Rick Brown.

Jewish Film Showcase #102 "Carvalho's Journey"

Airdate/Time: November 26, 2017, 10pm

Length: 90-min.

Description: A real-life 19th century American western adventure story about Solomon Nunes Carvalho, an observant Sephardic Jew born in 1815 in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1853, traveling with John Fremont's 5th Westward Expedition through Kansas, Colorado, Utah, and California, Carvalho became one of the first photographers to document the sweeping vistas and treacherous terrain of the far American West. Living alongside mountain men, Native Americans, and Mormons, Carvalho overcame enormous odds to produce beautiful art: daguerreotypes that became the lens through which the world experienced the West. The film interweaves stunning HD digital and 16mm film landscape cinematography, rare 19th century photographs, Carvalho's surviving artwork and daguerreotypes, and interviews with scholars and artists, including modern day daguerreotypist Robert Schlaer who recreates Carvalho's original daguerreotypes on location. The documentary is narrated by award winning actor Michael Stuhlbarg with original music by Jamie Saft.

Jewish Film Showcase #103 "Ahead of Time: The Extraordinary Journey of Ruth Gruber"

Airdate/Time: December 3, 2017, 10pm

Length: 75-min.

Description: For seven decades foreign correspondent and photojournalist Ruth Gruber didn't just report the news, she made it. Born in 1911 to Russian Jewish immigrants, Ruth Gruber became the youngest Ph.D. in the world before becoming an international journalist at age 24. A fearless trailblazer who defied tradition to become the eyes and conscience of the world, she was the first journalist to enter the Soviet Arctic in 1935, traveled to Alaska as a member of the Roosevelt administration in 1942, escorted Holocaust refugees to America in 1944, covered the Nuremberg trials in 1946, and documented the Palestine-bound Haganah ship Exodus in 1947. Her relationships with world leaders, including Eleanor Roosevelt, President Harry Truman, and Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, gave her unique access and insight into modern history.

LOCAL POLITICS & CONCERNS

New Jersey's Next Governor

Airdate/Time: October 11, 2017, 8pm; October 13, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: "New Jersey's Next Governor" is a 1-hour special featuring in-depth interviews with then gubernatorial candidates, Ambassador Phil Murphy (D) and Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno (R). Steve Adubato asks each candidate about issues such as soaring property taxes, the pension crisis, funding NJ's schools and more.

NJ Decides 2017: The Lieutenant Gubernatorial Debate

Airdate/Time: October 16, 2017. 8pm & 11pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: NJTV and Montclair State University co-host the NJ Lieutenant Gubernatorial Debate between candidates Sheila Oliver and Carlos Rendo, moderated by NJTV News Chief Political Correspondent Michael Aron.

NJ Decides Election Night 2017

Airdate/Time: November 7, 2017, 8pm

Length: 3-hours and 30-minutes

Description: Live local election coverage from across New Jersey, including field reports from key campaign headquarters, in-studio commentary and analysis and statewide race results throughout the night.

Reporters Roundtable #3010

Airdate/Time: November 11, 2017, 6pm; November 12, 2017, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: After months of sitting in court, weeks of deliberations, Sen. Menendez's corruption trial ends with a deadlocked jury and a mistrial. Will federal prosecutors choose to retry him? What could that mean for Menendez as he launches a re-election campaign?

Here's the Story: Red Banks

Airdate/Time: November 12, 2017, 6pm; November 29, 2017, 8pm; December 1, 2017, 12am & 2am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In the wake of the tragic events in Charlottesville VA, the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Red Bank, NJ hosted a unity event on Wednesday, August 16th. The event included a march from city hall on the eastside of town to the westside, attracting hundreds of concerned citizens, along with town, county and district dignitaries. The event was part memorial, part healing, part call to action, but all inspiring. We asked folks for their perspectives on the losses and lessons of the horrifying display of hate and violence, and what they do to make their spirits rise in times like these. The overwhelming response, the human thing, come out and come together.

On The Record #3413

Airdate/Time: December 9, 2017, 6:30pm; December 10, 2017, 10:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In advance of taking the reins of the state, Phil has already begun strategizing a plan to halt the GOP tax plan. He explains that despite some roadblocks, he's still committed to his campaign promises of a millionaire's tax, legalizing marijuana and funding the pension system.

Reporters Roundtable #3013

Airdate/Time: December 9, 2017, 6pm; December 10, 2017, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Phil Murphy hasn't officially taken office yet, but he has been making alliances with governors of other high tax states to stall the GOP tax plan. Two NJ congressmen team up to try and restore the SALT deduction in the conference process. The legislature may be in a lame duck session, but Gov. Christie is calling for another round of public pension reforms

NATIONAL POLITICS & CONCERNS

MetroFocus #2234

Airdate/Time: October 4, 2017, 5:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: As the deadline for DACA renewals approached, a “Dreamer” took viewers inside the fight for his future.

MetroFocus #3001

Airdate/Time: October 16, 2017, 5:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: A disturbing new report shows hate crimes are on the rise in New York and across the country.

MetroFocus #3030

Airdate/Time: November 30, 2017, 5:30pm & 10:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: What began as an investigation into Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, has developed into a national conversation about the abuse of power and inappropriate behavior in the workplace. Headlines have been dominated by a wave of claims of misconduct against high-powered men, with several high-profile jobs terminated. Matt Lauer, the now former “Today” host; Garrison Keillor, the former host and creator of “A Prairie Home Companion”; veteran journalist Charlie Rose; and comedian Louis CK, are among those who have recently faced allegations and dismissals.

MILITARY ISSUES

American Medevac

Airdate/Time: October 5, 2017, 8pm; October 7, 2017, 2am

Length: 30-min.

Description: American Medevac is an eye witness report about courage, selflessness, pain and recovery. The hour long documentary had its beginnings during the Vietnam War when correspondent Morton Dean and cameraman Greg Cooke, then on assignment for CBS News, flew on a harrowing medevac mission to rescue three wounded infantrymen from an enemy infested rice paddy. Dean says he knew at the time he’d witnessed something profound; an American ideal in action. Why? “When the call came in from the battlefield, the medevac crew responded immediately. No one asked who the wounded were, what color they were, what political party they favored, what religion they might have followed. All that mattered was an American needed help.” Dean long wondered what had become of the medevac crew and the bloodied men who were airlifted to safety on that January day in 1971. Had they survived the

Vietnam War? Had they perished in subsequent wars and if not, then what kind of lives were they leading? Had the demons of wartime, including post-traumatic stress, followed them home? Now we know. The pilot and co-pilot had never 'met' any of the wounded they rescued. Now, more than 40 years later, they have! One by one, across the American landscape, Dean brought them together. And once again, Cooke was behind the camera. The result is, as you might expect, extraordinary. America has never seen this kind story. Their story. Raw. Surreal. From the heart. American Medevac reaches out beyond the Vietnam experience and speaks to those who have learned about war in the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan and who are now experiencing what post war life for a combat vet – and their families - is all about.

Vietnam War #101 “Déjà vu”

Airdate/Time: October 12, 2017, 8pm; October 14, 2017, 2am

Length: 90-min.

Description: After a long and brutal war, revolutionaries led by Ho Chi Minh end nearly a century of French colonial rule. With the Cold War intensifying, Vietnam is divided: communists hold the North, while America supports an untested regime in the South.

Legacies of War: Coming Home

Airdate/Time: October 12, 2017, 9:30pm; October 14, 2017, 3:30am

Length: 30-min.

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.

Rudy and Neal Go Fishing

Airdate/Time: November 9, 2017, 9:30pm; November 11, 2017, 3:30am

Length: 30-min.

Description: In the inspirational half-hour documentary RUDY AND NEAL GO FISHING, angler Neal Stark helps veterans by taking them out fishing in South Florida's beautiful waters. Neal's calm demeanor and supportive approach enable Rudy Watt, a U.S. Army veteran suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, to spend a relaxing day out on a boat and enjoy time with his companion. A tournament fisherman with an unusual professional background, Neal is clear about the fact he is not a therapist. Rather, he's someone who appreciates what our veterans have done, and feels he can help them escape, if not overcome, their anxiety and other symptoms related to PTSD. Nationally, there's a lot at stake for veterans with PTSD - roughly 20 veterans a day commit suicide nationwide, according to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs. RUDY AND NEAL GO FISHING shows how the uncomplicated tranquility of fishing allows Rudy to reconnect with nature and start to heal.

Borinqueneers

Airdate/Time: November 11, 2017, 7pm;

Length: 60-min.

Description: The Borinqueneers chronicles the never-before told story of the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment, the only all-Hispanic unit in U. S. Army history. Narrated by Hector Elizondo, the documentary relies on the vivid testimony of the regiment's veterans and rare archival footage to trace the unique experience of the 65th, culminating in the Korean War and the dramatic events that would threaten its very existence. The 65th Infantry Regiment was nicknamed "The

Borinqueneers" after "Borinquen, " the word given to Puerto Rico by its original inhabitants, the Taino Indians, meaning "land of the brave lord." Hailing from an island of 100 miles by 40 miles with barely 2 million people at the time, the men of the 65th formed a tight-knit unit. They shared a common language and a strong cultural identity. They were also bound by their determination to prove themselves against a backdrop of discrimination within the Army and curtailed rights in their own land, where to this day they can be drafted but cannot vote in U.S. elections. Finally, given the chance to be full participants in a military conflict, they excelled during the first years of the Korean War, earning praise from General MacArthur. But in the fall of 1952 the regiment would be at the center of a series of traumatic events, when 96 of its soldiers abandoned their positions and were tried in one of the largest courts martial of the war. "It was the first case in this war in which men from a unit that won international recognition for bravery unexplainably seemed to have changed their character under fire," said The New York Times. For more than fifty years, the events that led to the regiment's darkest hour have been shrouded in mystery and controversy. Were these men cowards or casualties of discrimination and ill-conceived tactics? The Borinqueneers sheds light on this compelling story, revealing the truth of what happened that fall through the dramatic first-person accounts of the men who were there.

Vietnam War #110 "The Weight of Memory"

Airdate/Time: December 14, 2017, 8pm; December 16, 2017, 2am

Length: 120-min.

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.