# WTVI Charlotte, NC PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report January 1 – March 31

#### AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Trail Of History Length: 30 minutes Airdates: Tuesdays 08:30p, Tuesdays 11:30p, Saturdays 05:00p, Sundays 11:30a (Pre-empted various dates for pledge) Distributor: WTVI

Go back in time and explore the historic figures and events that have made Charlotte and Mecklenburg County what it is today. (Local)

#### ARTS

Series Title:American MastersEpisode Title:HOPPER: An American Love StoryLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/3/2024 11:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:46

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

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 154Length:60 minutesAirdate:2/1/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:08:20

More than a billion users around the world may find that TikTok is a bit less fun than it was just a day ago. It's tied to a major showdown between the social media app and the world's biggest record label, Universal Music Group, which has removed its music from TikTok. John Yang discussed the dispute with Ben Sisario of The New York Times.

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 175Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/1/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)

## Segment Length: 00:06:00

This week, Beyoncé continued her reign at the top of the country charts. Last week she became the first Black woman to hit number one with her banjo-infused bop "Texas Hold 'Em." The song has brought a new audience to the genre and reminded music fans of country music's deep African and African American roots. Amna Nawaz has a closer look for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

## **BUSINESS/INDUSTRY**

Series Title: Carolina Business Review Length: 30 minutes Air Dates: Fridays 08:30p (5:30p during pledge) & Sundays 12:00p Distributor: WTVI

Hosted by Chris William, this program looks at the business world of North and South Carolina. (Local)

### CULTURE

Series Title:Tutankhamun: Allies & EnemiesEpisode Title:Episode 2Length:60 minutesAirdate:1/16/2024 11:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:53:12

Hour two uncovers further mysteries behind King Tut's life and burial. Egyptian Archeologist Dr. Yasmine El-Shazly continues her journey, seeking to answer some of the historical inconsistencies surrounding this great civilization.

Series Title:NOVAEpisode Title:Easter Island OriginsLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/8/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 177Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/5/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPS

Format: News (live news only) Segment Length: 00:02:55

The Austin, Texas theater company, Proyecto Teatro, aims to promote and preserve Latin American culture. Its latest project is helping redefine Latin American history. Journey Love Taylor of our Student Reporting Labs Academy shares the story as part of our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Series Title: Summer, Sand and Shag Length: 90 minutes Air Dates: 2/28/2024 08:30p Distributor: WTVI

Exploring the history of Shag. (Local Pledge)

### ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title:NatureEpisode Title:The Serengeti RulesLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/4/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title: Nature Episode Title: Flyways Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 2/8/2024 8:00:00 PM Service: PBS-NPS Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:53:10

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

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 176Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/4/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:06:26

In our news wrap Monday, a new round of snow is blanketing the mountains of Northern California as residents struggle to dig out from a days-long blizzard, Jack Teixeira pleaded guilty to leaking highly classified military documents online and the State Department urged Americans to leave Haiti as heavily armed gangs attacked the main international airport.

Series Title: Carolina Waterfalls Length: 60 minutes Air Dates: 2/24/2024 02:30p, 3/3/2024 04:30p, 3/6/2024 03:30p Distributor: WTVI

Discover and enjoy the beauty of waterfalls in the Carolinas. (Local pledge)

### FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Fathers and SonsLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/16/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Far and AwayLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/7/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Secret LivesLength:60 minutesAirdate:3/26/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

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

#### HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:Van Gogh's EarLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/11/2024 11:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:01:00:00

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

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:The Woman in the Iron CoffinLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/14/2024 11:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:American ExperienceEpisode Title:The Cancer DetectivesLength:60 minutesAirdate:3/27/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:51:49

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

#### LOCAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Series Title: Carolina Impact Length: 30/60 minutes Air Dates: Mondays 06:30p, Tuesdays 08:00p & 11:00p, Fridays 02:30p & 08:00p, Saturdays 05:30p, Sundays 01:00p (Pre-empted various dates for pledge) Distributor: WTVI

Weekly magazine show, hosted by Amy Burkett that features local stories and issues affecting our 13-county region. (Local)

#### MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title:Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; TheLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/8/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:American MastersEpisode Title:How It Feels To Be FreeLength:120 minutesAirdate:2/7/2024 11:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 184Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/14/2024 7:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:08:14

The death of an administrator at Lincoln University in Missouri and the resignation of Harvard's former president have sparked outrage, concern and dialogue about the treatment of Black women in higher education. We hear from Black women about the challenges and pressures they face in academia, and Geoff Bennett speaks with UT Austin professor Bridget Goosby for more.

## SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:Nero's Sunken CityLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/4/2024 11:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:OtherSegment Length:01:00:00

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

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:Graveyard of the Giant BeastsLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/8/2024 11:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:01:00:00

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

Series Title: NOVA Episode Title: Polar Extremes Length: 120 minutes Airdate: 3/21/2024 9:00:00 PM Service: PBS Format: Other Segment Length: 01:52:46

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

OTHER

Series Title: Charlotte Cooks Length: 30 minutes Air Dates: Mondays 06:00p, Fridays 02:00p, Saturdays 12:00p, Sundays 01:30p (Pre-empted various dates for pledge) Distributor: WTVI

Pamela Roberts is one of CPCC's leading chefs. In each episode she teaches viewers how to expand your culinary talents in the kitchen. (Local)