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**PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
**October 1 – December 31, 2023**

**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.

Program Title: The USAFA Band Presents Holly & Ivy 2023  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 12/21/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Performance  
Segment Length: 00:27:34

The US Air Force Academy Band performs the 2023 edition of their popular Holly & Ivy program.

Program Title: Kantorei at the Holidays: Carols and Lullabies  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/21/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Performance  
Segment Length: 00:56:40

Kantorei's Denver choral concert, with Conrad Susa's Carol and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest.

Program Title: Colorado Ballet Presents The Nutcracker (2023)  
Length: 90 minutes  
Airdate: 12/24/2023 at 3:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Performance  
Segment Length: 01:29:29

Join the artists of Colorado Ballet performing their 2023 production of The Nutcracker, recorded at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver.

## 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.

Program Title: Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tudor Christmas  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/16/2023 2:00:00 AM  
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.

Series Title: Colorado Experience  
Episode Title: Living Unhoused, Part 2  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 10/5/2023 at 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:26:40

In part II of our series exploring homelessness in Colorado Springs, we examine the city's nonprofit and private sectors. We take a look at the city's largest shelter — Springs Rescue Mission — and how the folks the organization serves respond to its Christian programming. We also investigate barriers to accessing housing and the process of escaping homelessness.

Series Title: Colorado Experience  
Episode Title: Return of the Buffalo, Part 1  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 10/12/2023 at 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:26:40

From the beginning of their existence, many American Indian tribes have been deeply connected to the buffalo and used the buffalo as a primary source of food, clothing, tools, and spirituality. The way of life for the tribes who called Colorado home changed drastically as settlers targeted American Indians and buffalo in lethal ways. Now, government entities, nonprofits and tribes are working to restore the national mammal to its homeland.

Program Title: Rocks 4 Sale!  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 12/28/2023 at 7:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:16:36

A slice-of-life look at how kids in the former mining town of Silverton, Colorado stay busy in the summer by “mining” and selling rocks to tourists. Through this time-honored rite of passage, these “rock stars” learn history, social skills, and become little entrepreneurs while delighting tourists from around the world.

**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: PBS News Weekend  
Episode Title: Episode 46  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 12/3/2023 5:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:09:45

When President Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act into law 50 years ago, one of the first on the endangered list was the black-footed ferret, North America's rarest animal. Once thought to be extinct, they are making their way back thanks to the work of dedicated conservationists. John Yang reports on some of that work for our ongoing series, "Saving Species."

Program Title: Amache Rose  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 10/12/2023 7:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:27:59

A rose grows in Southeast Colorado, planted by Japanese American prisoners of Camp Amache.

Series Title: Colorado Experience  
Episode Title: The Most Polluted Zip Code, Part 1  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 11/9/2023 at 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS

Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:26:39

In north Denver, the 80216 zip code has been named one of the most polluted in the country. From redlining to factories and highways built through the neighborhoods, we learn what led to this unfortunate designation.

Series Title: America's Forests with Chuck Leavell  
Episode Title: Georgia  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 12/14/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:26:40

In this episode of America's Forests, Chuck explores his home state of Georgia - the number one forestry state in the nation. Join him as he takes a trip down memory lane in Macon, chats with experts about longleaf pine restoration, and gets to work on peach and pecan tree farm!

**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: 10/30/2023 9:00:00 PM  
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: 12/11/2023 9:00:00 PM  
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

Series Title: Colorado Experience  
Episode Title: Healing Power of Joy  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 11/2/2023 at 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:26:40

Roundup River Ranch Camp gives kids with serious medical diagnoses a chance to enjoy summer camp despite their diagnoses. The camp, in a valley near Gypsum, is complete with a medical facility, dining hall, cabins and, of course, many fun activities. The documentary covers the importance of the camp, the history of the land and follows two campers through their stay.

## 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.

Series Title: Great Colorado Women  
Episode Title: Juana Bordas  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 10/5/2023 at 7:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:26:40

At age three, Juana Bordas emigrated to the United States on a banana boat from Nicaragua. She was the youngest in a family of eight and became the first member of her family to graduate from college. She joined the Peace Corps after college and began her life-long commitment to communities of color.

Series Title: Colorado Experience  
Episode Title: Cultivating Change

Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 10/26/2023 at 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:27:20

A historical look at northern Colorado's development in agriculture and how labor conditions for the Hispanic farmworkers led to El Movimiento of the 1960s. The turn of the 20th century was a time for new industry and a renewed effort to find cheap labor, which brought thousands of immigrants, Chicanos and other Hispanic community members to the area. In the 1960s, workers in northern Colorado stood up for the rights of Hispano laborers through protests and strikes, leading to substantial change.

## 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.

Program Title: Dino Ridge Science Quiz Bowl  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 12/17/2023 10:30:00 AM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Quiz / Competition  
Segment Length: 00:27:47

Some of the brightest high school minds travel from all corners of Colorado to compete against each other on all things science. Eighteen teams of high school students answer questions on everything from paleontology to biology, astronomy, and meteorology.

Series Title: Behind the Wings  
Episode Title: Design, Deploy, Discover: The James Webb Space Telescope  
Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/9/2023 7:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:26:39

Explore the mind-boggling James Webb Space Telescope, uncovering secrets of how the first galaxies formed and the origin of the universe.