

**NJ PBS
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021**

ARTS & CULTURE

State of the Arts #3903

Airdate/Time: 1/16/21, 7:30pm; 1/18/21, 5:30am; 1/20/21, 8:30pm; 1/21/20, 11:30pm; 1/21/21, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: State of the Arts takes you on a journey with some of America's greatest living jazz artists. Meet violinist Regina Carter, sax player Oliver Lake and pianist Stanley Cowell. Plus, an NJPAC celebration of jazz inspired by the writings of Ralph Ellison with Wynton Marsalis, Catherine Russell, Joe Morton and others.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Concert with the Cleveland Orchestra

Airdate/Time: 1/18/21, 9pm; 1/20/21, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Hosted by actor James Pickens, Jr., THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION CONCERT WITH THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA honors the life and legacy of the civil rights icon. Conducted by music director Franz Welser-Most, the Cleveland Orchestra performs classical selections by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Verdi as well as traditional hymns and spirituals, including "Down by the Riverside," "Precious Lord," and "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

State of the Arts #3904

Airdate/Time: 1/16/21, 7:30pm; 1/18/21, 5:30am; 1/20/21, 8:30pm; 1/21/20, 11:30pm; 1/21/21, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Kea's Ark tells the story of Kea Tawana, a self-taught engineer and artist who built a 3-story ark in Newark's Central Ward in the mid-1980s. Kea designed and built the massive boat by herself, using materials salvaged from the 19th century buildings being torn down in an area fast becoming an urban wasteland. She worked on it for years before newly-elected mayor Sharpe James took note and demanded it gone. It no longer exists, but Kea's Ark remains a powerful symbol of hope in Newark and beyond.

State of the Arts #3905

Airdate/Time: 3/27/21, 7:30pm; 3/29/21, 5:30am; 3/31/21, 8:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: State of the Arts goes on location with New Jersey folk artists as diverse as the state itself. Decoy carvers, spirituals passed down by generations of oyster fishermen on the Delaware Bay, and current day blacksmiths keep centuries-old traditions alive.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Against All Odds: The Fight for a Black Middle Class

Airdate/Time: 1/6/21, 8pm; 1/8/21, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: "Have Black Americans had a fair shot at the American dream?" acclaimed journalist Bob Herbert asks. The question is answered in *Against All Odds: The Fight for a Black Middle Class*, a documentary that probes the harsh and often brutal discrimination that has made it extremely difficult for African Americans to establish a middle-class standard of living. "Whites talk about working hard and playing by the rules. But Blacks have always had to play by a different, hateful set of hideously unfair rules. Working hard has never been enough for Black Americans to flourish," Herbert says in the film's opening. With a compelling narrative, dramatic historical footage and a series of deeply personal interviews, Herbert explores why this disturbing and often tragic state of affairs exists a century and a half after slavery and a half-century after the heyday of the civil rights movement.

Mr. Civil Rights: Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP

Airdate/Time: 1/18/21, 10pm; 1/20/21, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: MR. CIVIL RIGHTS: THURGOOD MARSHALL AND THE NAACP incorporates rare archival film and extraordinary interviews to explore Marshall's life in the years leading up to the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling, including his upbringing in Baltimore, his education at Howard University Law School ("the West Point of the civil rights movement"), his status as a rising star within the NAACP, his skill as an orator and storyteller, his relationship with his mentor Charles H. Houston, and his high-profile segregation cases involving voting, transportation, housing, labor and the military. This compelling biography unfolds through interviews with Justice Elena Kagan, Justice John Paul Stevens, lawyer and civil-rights activist Vernon Jordan, Marshall biographers Rawn James, Juan Williams and Larry S. Gibson, and several law professors.

Fannie Lou Hamer: Stand Up

Airdate/Time: 2/18/21, 9pm; 2/20/21, 3am

Length: 30-minutes

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Black Church: This is our Story, This is our Song #101 & #102

#101 - Airdate/Time: 3/11/21, 8pm; 3/13/20, 2am & 9am

Length: 3-hours

#102 - Airdate/Time: 3/18/21, 8pm; 3/20/21, 2am & 9am

Length: 3-hours

Description: This moving series from executive producer, host and writer Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, traces the 400-year-old story of the Black

church in America, all the way down to its bedrock role as the site of African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience, thriving and testifying, autonomy and freedom, solidarity and speaking truth to power. The documentary reveals how Black people have worshipped and, through their spiritual journeys, improvised ways to bring their faith traditions from Africa to the New World, while translating them into a form of Christianity that was not only truly their own, but a redemptive force for a nation whose original sin was found in their ancestors' enslavement across the Middle Passage.

ECONOMY

Pathway to Success #201

Airdate/Time: 1/2/2021, 9am; 1/5/2021, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: John E. Harmon, Sr., Founder, Pres. & CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ, talks with Mayor Ras Baraka about his life, accomplishments, and his many initiatives to move Newark Forward. Produced by the AACCNJ, Pathway to Success highlights the African American business community.

NJ Business Beat with Rhonda Schaffler

Airdate/Time: 3/6/21, 5pm; 3/7/21, 9:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Rhonda Schaffler breaks down the business behind cannabis, including how quickly New Jersey's budding recreational industry will rake in revenue and what you can expect if you want to pursue a cannabis career. Plus - Rhonda analyzes the major headlines of the week, including a one-on-one interview with Jane Cohen, the leader of New Jersey's just-announced Council on the Green Economy.

Que Pasa NJ! #201

Airdate/Time: 3/27/21, 9am; 3/30/21, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Meet four role models living the American Dream: Founder/CEO of Jersey Italian Gravy Carlos Vega; Owner of Stumpy' Greenbrook Axe Throwing Venue, Monica Martinez Milan, Celebrity Stylist/Owner of Fort Lee's Spa 5 Ona Diaz; and Hudson County Clerk Junior Maldonado.

ENVIRONMENT

Nature #3901 “The Alps: The High Life”

Airdate/Time: 1/25/21, 8pm; 1/27/21, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Enjoy the Alps in spring and summertime as newborn animals grow up to face the coming brutal winter.

Nature #3904 “Big Bend: The Wild Frontier of Texas”

Airdate/Time: 1/25/21, 8pm; 1/27/21, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: The majestic Rio Grande River cuts deep canyons between the United States and Mexico, creating staggering landscapes in one of the largest protected areas of its kind in North America. The most remote corner of this infamous borderland is Big Bend National Park – a vast, unspoiled wonderland of serene beauty and home to some of America’s most glorious wildlife. This is true frontier land, where horizons never end and stars blaze as they have for eons. The film features Big Bend’s remarkable Black Bears – pioneers who came across the Mexican desert and were the first to reclaim Texas after decades of hunting and persecution. Witness in super slow motion the magnificent courtship display of the Lucifer Hummingbird and the extraordinary Pallid Bat stalking its insect prey on the desert floor at night. Observe male Bighorn Sheep fighting for dominance and the unique way beavers keep themselves groomed. Watch the Elf Owl, the smallest owl in the world, hunt food for its chicks. And catch a glimpse of the first-ever footage of Anna’s Hummingbirds nesting in Big Bend.

Beatrix Farrand’s American Landscapes

Airdate/Time: 3/15/21, 8pm; 3/17/21, 2pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Farrand was responsible for some of the most celebrated gardens in the United States and helped create a distinctive American voice in landscape architecture. The film follows award-winning public garden designer Lynden B. Miller as she sets off to explore the remarkable life and career of America's first female landscape architect-Beatrix Farrand.

Power Trip: The Story of Energy #101 “Water”

Airdate/Time: 3/22/21, 8pm; 3/24/21, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Journey back in time and across the world to learn the history of energy and water. Today, water and energy are interconnected, for better or worse, but this program examines how can we make energy less "thirsty" and water less energy intensive.

HEALTH

Nova #4801 “Secrets in our DNA”

Airdate/Time: 1/25/21, 9pm; 1/27/21, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Meet three women who are genetically predisposed to breast cancer. Follow Alejandra, Liliith and Bonnie as they undergo life-altering medical procedures in the hope of reducing their risk -- and saving their lives.

Nova #4706 “The Truth About Fat”

Airdate/Time: 3/8/21, 9:30pm; 3/10/21, 3:30am; 3/14/21, 2:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Scientists are coming to understand fat as a system akin to an organ -- one whose size may have more to do with biological processes than personal choices. Explore the mysteries of fat and its role in hormone production, hunger and even pregnancy.

Fauci: Virus Hunter

Airdate/Time: 3/29/21, 10pm; 3/31/21, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: FAUCI: THE VIRUS HUNTER is an hour-long documentary that provides an in-depth look at Dr. Anthony Fauci's life story and career. Informative and engaging on-camera interviews with some of Dr. Fauci's colleagues and friends, including Dr. John Gallin, Dr. Michael Osterholm, and medical historian Victoria Harden, offer insight into his career and family life, while the compelling images and videos archived by the Associated Press give an expansive view of the true depth and breadth of his contributions and service to this country and the world. This program sheds light on the many battles fought, challenges overcome, and significant discoveries made during Fauci's esteemed career.

HERITAGE

Arabia with Levison Wood #105

Airdate/Time: 1/7/21, 8pm; 1/9/21, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In ARABIA WITH LEVISON WOOD, the military-trained writer and photographer embarks on a rarely ventured route through the challenging environments and remote corners of a little-understood land - Arabia. In the process, he immerses himself in the region's cultures, revealing unique and powerful insights.

Here's The Story: Witness

Airdate/Time: 1/27/21, 8pm; 1/29/21, 2am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: The documentary tells the story of three New Jersey women who endured distinctly different childhood experiences during World War II in Europe.

Finding Your Roots #604 "This Land Is My Land

Airdate/Time: 2/4/21, 8pm; 2/6/21, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Henry Louis Gates, Jr. reveals the unexpected family trees of entertainer Queen Latifah and actor Jeffrey Wright, redefining their sense of the black experience -- and challenging preconceptions about America's past.

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LAW & POLITICS

NJ Spotlight News: State of the State Address

Airdate/Time: 1/12/21, 1pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Coverage of Governor Murphy's speech on Jan. 12, 2021, which follows a profound and painful year for New Jersey amid the COVID-19 pandemic. And this State of the State speech marks the start of a year where Murphy plans to seek a second term as governor.

Metrofocus

Airdate/Time: 2/11/21, 5:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: Steve Aduato, host of State of Affairs and One-on-One with Steve Aduato discusses the tristate area's biggest infrastructure needs. Kevin McCabe, executive producer of "Rebuilding History: Three Miles Across The Hudson" joins. Then, Blowin' Up director Stephanie Wang-Breal gives a behind-the-scenes look at a Queens sex trafficking court that's changing the way women are prosecuted.

NJ Spotlight News Special Report: 2022 Budget Address

Airdate/Time: 2/23/21, 1pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Live coverage of Gov. Phil Murphy's FY 2022 Budget Address.

Metrofocus

Airdate/Time: 2/24/21, 5:30pm

Length: 13-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: After the election year we just experienced, it's understandable if you're not in any rush to vote again soon. But in the next few months, voters in the tri-state area will go at it once again deciding over several crucial races on the ballot. One of those key contests is in the Garden State, where Governor Phil Murphy has just legalized marijuana as he seeks a second term in office. Will this move, together with incumbency and personal fortune be enough to help propel the Democrat to a win? How will voters respond to his handling of the COVID crisis? And what kind of challenge can Republicans realistically mount in an increasingly blue state like New Jersey? Metrofocus contributor and host of "One on One with Steve Aduato" weighs in.

NJ Spotlight News with Briana Vannozzi

Airdate/Time: 3/22/21, 6pm, 7:30 pm & 11pm; 3/23/20, 6:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode reported on the following: The man suspected of killing eight people at three Atlanta-area spas has been arrested and charged with eight counts of murder. Six of the victims were women of Asian descent. Law enforcement say the suspect claims the attacks weren't driven by racism. In a year when hate crimes against Asian Americans have been on the rise, these latest attacks have Asian communities across the country and in New Jersey feeling more targeted than ever. This report is part of "Exploring Hate," the ongoing series on antisemitism, racism, and extremism.

Many school districts in New Jersey have returned to in-person learning, although most on a part-time basis. More than 300,000 students remain entirely engaged in virtual classes. Gov. Phil Murphy says now is the time to get those students back in the classroom.

One Hudson County school district has been up and running with in-person learning for months. In Hoboken, at least half the district's 3,000 kids attended in-person classes five days a week, since September. The rest learned online, by choice. The delicate balancing act required intense planning, cooperation, mandatory COVID-19 tests — and a lot of luck.

Even when the state fully reopens, New Jersey's court system is facing a major backlog of work. Judicial vacancies now number 74, according to New Jersey Courts; that's an increase of 21 from the same time last year. With a serious shortage of superior court judges and as courtrooms remain closed, cases are piling up.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Kindred Spirits: Artist Hilda Wilkinson Brown and Lilan Thomas Burnwell

Airdate/Time: 2/4/21, 9pm; 2/6/21, 3am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Kindred Spirits" explores the unique relationship between an African American aunt and niece who became accomplished artists and educators despite the hardships of the Great Depression and the inequities of racial segregation.

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Anne Morrow Lindbergh You'll Have the Sky

Airdate/Time: 3/17/21, 8:30pm; 3/19/21, 3am; 3/20/2021, 5:30am; 3/25/2021, 11:30pm

Length: 30- minutes

Description: A new documentary explores the world of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, pioneering aviator, best-selling author, mother of six children, daughter of an ambassador, and the wife of the brilliant but controversial trailblazer Charles Lindbergh. Her life was filled with great adventure, including circumnavigating the world as a radio operator and co-pilot. It was also filled with great tragedy, as her first child was kidnapped and killed in one of the most notorious crimes of the 20th century. In 1955, she published Gift from the Sea, a search for meaning that continues to resonate with readers today, and to sell millions worldwide. You'll Have the Sky: The Life and Work of Anne Morrow Lindbergh is narrated by award-winning actresses Judith Light and Lily Rabe. Interviews include Pulitzer Prize-winning author A. Scott Berg, best-selling author Lynne Olson, and Anne Morrow Lindbergh's daughter Reeve and granddaughter Kristina. Also featured are rare interviews with Anne Morrow Lindbergh from the 1970s and 1980s.

Daring Women Doctors: Physicians in the 19th Century

Airdate/Time: 3/22/21, 9pm; 3/24/21, 3am

Length: 60- minutes

Description: Hidden in American history, all women's medical schools began to appear in the mid 19th century long before women had the right to vote or own property. "Daring Women Doctors" highlights the intrepid, pioneering and diverse women who faced hostility and resistance in their pursuit of medical educations. This documentary examines how these women physicians greatly impacted their communities around the United States and internationally. It also demonstrates how women doctors exerted a long-lasting influence on the movement towards women's rights.
