

**NJ PBS
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
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ARTS & CULTURE

State of the Arts #4001

Airdate/Time: 10/31/21, 7:30pm; 11/1/21, 5:30am; 11/3/21, 8:30pm; 11/4/21, 11:30pm; 11/5/21, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: Rose Marie McCoy wanted to be a singer, but it was her songwriting that landed her on the music charts in the 1950s and '60s. Rose, a longtime Teaneck, NJ resident, wrote over 800 songs for Elvis, Aretha Franklin, and more. Along New Jersey's storied coast, artists focus on climate change and the devastating impact of rising sea levels, raising public awareness through dance, sculpture, ceramics and immersive installations. Field Companion takes a virtual walk through the New Jersey Pine Barrens. And Armenian American artists respond to the trauma of the 1915 Armenian Genocide by salvaging their history through art.

State of the Arts #4002

Airdate/Time: 11/20/21, 7:30pm; 11/22/21, 5:30am; 11/24/21, 8:30pm; 11/25/21, 11:30pm; 11/26/21, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: The image of Angela Davis was a lightning rod for both the left and the right in the early 1970s. A new exhibit at the Zimmerli Art Museum explores her visual and political legacy through rare archival material and the work of artists from then and now. State of the Arts profiles American Repertory Ballet's new artistic director Ethan Stiefel, one of the most celebrated dancers and choreographers in the world. And Fort Lee's Ara Dinkjian, one of the world's most sought-after players of the oud, has a band of Armenian, Macedonian and Turkish musicians with a mission of pursuing peace through music.

Transcend: An NJSO Concert Film

Airdate/Time: 12/26/21, 9:30am; 12/28/21, 9:33pm; 12/30/21, 3:33am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Arising from a pandemic shutdown, world-renowned conductor and star music director Xian Zhang leads the illustrious New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in a concert film directed by award-winning filmmaker Yuri Alves, who expands the magnetic soundscape with evocative visual meditations on a world in turmoil.

Great Performance #4613 "Coppelia"

Airdate/Time: 12/14/21, 9:34pm; 12/16/21, 3:35am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Enjoy this contemporary reboot of the 1870 classical ballet favorite Featuring a blend of live action ballet with CGI, the film features ballet stars Michaela DePrince and Daniel Camargo.

CIVIL RIGHTS

UBCN and the American Revolution

Airdate/Time: 11/18/21, 9pm; 11/20/21, 3am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: The amazing, untold story of the radical underground radio station WBCN-FM, set against the dazzling and profound social, political, and cultural changes that took place in Boston and nationally during the late-1960s and early-70s. Told through the actual sights, sounds, and stories of a compelling cast of characters who connected through the radio station, exploding music and countercultural scenes, militant anti-war activism, civil rights struggles, and the emerging women's and LGBTQ-liberation movements. It's "the incredible, true story of how a radio station, politics, and rock 'n' roll changed everything."

POV #3405 "Pier Kids"

Airdate/Time: 12/2/21, 9:30 pm; 12/4/21, 3:30am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Follow the Black, homeless queer and trans youth who call NY's Christopher Street Pier their home as they withstand tremendous amounts of homophobia and discrimination while working to carve out autonomy and security in their lives.

Underground Railroad: The William Still Story

Airdate/Time: 12/9/21, 8 pm; 12/11/21, 2am; 12/12/21, 6:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Discover the inspiring story of William Still, one of the most important heroes of the Underground Railroad. The documentary blends history, characters and evocative reenactments with sometimes shocking, often touching, accounts from the day.

ECONOMY ISSUES

Pathway to Success #210

Airdate/Time: 10/2/21, 9am; 10/5/21, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: John E. Harmon, Sr., Founder, Pres. & CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce speaks with Michael Sutton about his successful business, Infrastructure Engineering

Inc., and about how he was inspired at an early age to become an Engineer. Produced by the AACCNJ, Pathway to Success highlights the African American business community.

NJ Business Beat with Rhonda Schaffler #208

Airdate/Time: 11/6/21, 5pm; 11/7/21, 9:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Rhonda Schaffler sits down with labor market experts to discuss how New Jersey's workforce is changing - from companies no longer demanding college degree requirements to workers using their newfound leverage to find better jobs. Plus, Rhonda has a look at the top headlines of the week, including reaction from the business community to the tight gubernatorial election.

Que Pasa NJ! #209

Airdate/Time: 11/27/21, 9am; 12/1/21, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Award-winning business leader and entrepreneur Carlos Medina interviews the Tri-State area's rising stars, success stories, and role models, and celebrates the region's rich cultural diversity.

ENVIRONMENT

Nova #4813 "Arctic Drift"

Airdate/Time: 10/25/21, 9pm; 10/27/21, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Journey to the top of the world with scientists as they embark on the most ambitious Arctic research expedition of all time. The Arctic - a vast frozen ocean, shrouded in darkness for half the year - is warming at twice the rate as the rest of the globe. Since the northern ice cap acts as a cooling system for the entire planet, what happens in the Arctic doesn't stay in the Arctic. As the ice cap melts, the world warms faster, disrupting weather patterns, diverting ocean currents, and endangering biodiversity. Yet because the Arctic is so inaccessible and inhospitable, establishing exactly what's going on and forecasting its future have proven elusive. Now, Arctic Drift takes viewers on a groundbreaking expedition that will bring vital new clarity to scientists' predictions of global change. Experts from twenty different nations join the voyage of the 12, 000-ton Polarstern icebreaker as it's gripped by the polar ice and drifts for an entire year. From this unique research station, they can make previously impossible long-term observations and experiments. But long hours in this harsh environment bring their own challenges, including hungry polar bears, perilous sea ice cracks, and equipment failure. With breathtaking cinematography, heart-wrenching personal stories, and high stakes science, Arctic Drift follows the scientists in their risky race against time to understand the Arctic before it changes our world forever.

Front Row Film Festival #106 “Pine Mud”

Airdate/Time: 10/14/21, 10pm; 10/16/21, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In the vast Pinelands National Reserve of New Jersey, powerful vehicles trample protected sand dunes and drive circles through ancient ponds. Like in many wild places, “off-roading” has grown more popular here. When a gritty local conservationist works to protect habitat for threatened species, tensions flare with off-roading enthusiasts who fear their access to the forest will be restricted.

Nature #4001 “My Garden of a Thousand Bees”

Airdate/Time: 11/1/21, 8pm; 11/3/21, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: A wildlife cameraman spends his time during the pandemic lockdown filming the bees in his urban garden and discovers the many diverse species and personalities that exist in this insect family.

HEALTH

Nova #4811 “Cannabis Question”

Airdate/Time: 10/11/21, 9pm; 10/13/21, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Cannabis contains chemicals which mimic ones found in our brain. One is THC, which produces the high associated with pot use. Another, called CBD, shows promise for treating seizures, addiction, and insomnia. NOVA joins scientists and experts around the country. What risks does cannabis pose to the developing adolescent brain? Does heavy cannabis use impair intelligence, increase psychosis, or even put future generations at risk for addiction? As cannabis becomes socially accepted, scientists are racing to understand the long-term health consequences.

Inheritance

Airdate/Time: 10/14/21, 8pm; 10/16/21, 2pm

Length: 120-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

Overcoming Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, and Grief with Daniel Amen, MD and Tana Amen

Airdate/Time: 10/30/21, 11:30am; 10/31/21, 4pm & 10pm; 11/28/2021, 1pm; 12/4/2021, 11am
Length: 120-minutes

Description: The world is in turmoil and Americans are the unhappiest they've been in 50 years. With millions sickened from COVID-19 and more than 300,000 Americans dead in a global pandemic that brought social isolation, grief, fear, and an economy in tatters mixed with anti-racism protests after the killing of George Floyd and the ongoing political divide, we've been brought to our emotional knees. As a nation, we're feeling so stressed and unhappy, it sparked a dramatic rise in the number of new prescriptions for antidepressants, anti-anxiety medications and sleep aids during and after the pandemic. Depression, the opposite of being happy, tripled in just few months in early 2020, from 8.5%, which was already up from the prior decade, to a horrifying 27.8%. But you do not have to feel this way even when it seems like the world is crumbling around you. In this program, psychiatrist Dr. Daniel Amen, the author of *Your Brain Is Always Listening*; and his wife Tana Amen, an ICU nurse and author of *The Relentless Courage of a Scared Child* will show you how to tame the hidden dragons that cause these problems to help you feel happier, more positive and more in control of your own emotions.

HERITAGE

Los Hermanos/ The Brothers

Airdate/Time: 10/7/21, 8pm; 10/9/21, 2am
Length: 90-minutes

Description: Virtuoso Afro-Cuban-born brothers-violinist Ilmar and pianist Aldo-live on opposite sides of a geopolitical chasm a half-century wide. Tracking their parallel lives in New York and Havana, their poignant reunion, and their momentous first performances together, LOS HERMANOS/THE BROTHERS offers a nuanced, often startling view of estranged nations through the lens of music and family. Featuring a genre-bending score composed by Cuban Aldo Lopez-Gavilan performed with his American brother, Ilmar, and with guest appearances by maestro Joshua Bell and the Grammy-winning Harlem Quartet.

POV #3406 "The Song of the Butterflies"

Airdate/Time: 11/4/21, 8pm; 11/6/21, 4am
Length: 60-minutes

Description: Indigenous painter Rember Yahuarcani pursues a successful career in Lima, but when he finds himself in a creative rut, he returns home to his Amazonian community and discovers why his ancestors' stories cannot be forgotten.

Arabia with Levison Wood #101

Airdate/Time: 12/6/21, 8pm; 12/8/21, 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.

Amen, Amen, Amen: A Story for our Times

Airdate/Time: 12/30/2021, 8pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: AMEN-AMEN-AMEN tells the story of the first Jewish community formed in a Muslim country in centuries and an historic gift of a Torah scroll dedicated to the memory of an Arab-Muslim ruler, the late Sheikh Zayed, the Founding Father of the United Arab Emirates - dedicating a Torah to an Arab-Muslim ruler is a first in the history of the world. The Torah scroll was created in Israel, traveled to Brooklyn and then to Abu Dhabi, and is presented by the Jewish community of the Emirates to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, in a private ceremony. The Torah scroll gift ceremony is exclusive footage - no one in the world has this footage.

LAW & POLITICS

NJ Decides 2021: Gubernatorial Debate

Airdate/Time: 10/12/2021, 8pm; 10/14/2021, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: NJ PBS, NJ Spotlight News, Rowan University and WNYC radio present a 2021 gubernatorial debate between Democratic incumbent Gov. Phil Murphy and Republican candidate Jack Ciattarelli, live from Glassboro, NJ.

Reporters Roundtable with David Cruz

Airdate/Time: 10/16/21, 6pm; 10/17/21, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Moderator David Cruz talks with Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick about the final weeks of the Governor's race and the war of words happening between Gov. Phil Murphy and his opponent Jack Ciattarelli both on and off the debate stage. Cruz also talks with journalists Charlie Stile (The Record), Matt Friedman (Politico) and Stacie Sherman (Bloomberg) about the Governor's race and other top stories making news in the Garden State and the nation.

NJ Decides 2021: Election Coverage

Airdate/Time: 11/2/21, 10pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Live statewide election coverage, provided by NJ Spotlight News, from the Agnes Varis NJ PBS Studio in Newark.

Breaking News: Governor Murphy Speech

Airdate/Time: 11/3/21, 10pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Live coverage of Governor Murphy accepting the 2nd term in office.

Chat Box with David Cruz

Airdate/Time: 11/6/21, 6:30pm; 11/7/21, 10:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: From the polls to the so-called "enthusiasm gap" by the Democrats, David Cruz discusses what happened in this week's surprise election with Ashley Koning (Rutgers Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling); John Froomjian (Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University); Senator Loretta Weinberg and Bill Palatucci (Republican National Committeeman).

Governors' Perspectives with Kent Manahan

Airdate/Time: 12/1/21, 8pm, 12/3/21 2am; 12/5/21, 11:30pm; 12/6/21, 5am; 12/11/21, 9am; 12/17/21, 10:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Former New Jersey Governors Tom Kean and Jon Corzine give their views on the direction of the next four years of Gov. Phil Murphy's administration and the implications for next year's congressional races.