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ARTS & CULTURE

State of the Arts #3906

Airdate/Time: 4/24/21, 7:30pm; 4/26/21, 5:30am; 4/28/21, 8:30pm; 4/29/21, 11:30pm; 4/30/21, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Artists have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many, however, are finding ways to create and share new work. On this edition of State of the Arts we profile choreographer Carolyn Dorfman and her first socially distanced work; New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's music director Xian Zhang, subject of a recent New York Times profile about music-making in a pandemic, and painter Grace Lynne Haynes, known for her vivid, high-contrast paintings addressing complex topics and stereotypes surrounding black femininity. Although still in graduate school, Haynes had a breakout year in 2020 when her work was featured on two covers of the *New Yorker*.

Hemingway #101

Airdate/Time: 5/6/21, 8pm; 5/8/21, 2am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Hemingway, yearning for adventure, volunteers for the Red Cross during World War I. He marries Hadley Richardson and moves to Paris, publishes *The Sun Also Rises* and finds critical and commercial success with his second novel, *A Farewell to Arms*.

Hemingway #102

Airdate/Time: 5/13/21, 8pm; 5/15/21, 2am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Hemingway, having achieved a level of fame rarely seen in the literary world, settles in Key West with Pauline Pfeiffer but can't stay put for long. He reports on the Spanish Civil War and begins a tempestuous romance with Martha Gellhorn.

Hemingway #103

Airdate/Time: 5/20/21, 8pm; 5/22/21, 2am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Hemingway follows the Army as they advance through Europe. Afterwards, he tries to start a life with Mary Welsh, but is beset with tragedies. He publishes *The Old Man and the Sea* but is overcome by his declining mental condition.

State of the Arts #3907

Airdate/Time: 5/15/21, 7:30pm; 5/17/21, 5:30am; 5/19/21, 8:30pm; 5/20/21, 11:30pm; 5/21/21, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Seven award-winning choreographers from New Jersey reveal new work. We hear from Nai-Ni Chen, Tsai Hsi Hung, Dare Ayorinde, Erin Carlisle Norton, Pallavi Shaikh, Barkha

Patel, and Robert Mark Burke about the challenges of creating during the COVID-19 pandemic. All seven choreographers had works presented and filmed by the South Orange Performing Arts Center. this State of the Arts special features excerpts of their dances and goes behind-the-scenes to learn more about their creative processes, from traditional Kathak dance to filmic explorations.

State of the Arts #3908

Airdate/Time: 6/19/21, 7:30pm; 6/21/21, 5:30am; 6/23/21, 8:30pm; 6/24/21, 11:30pm; 6/25/21, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Artist and environmental activist Maya Lin's "Ghost Forest," located in NYC's Madison Square Park, is made with Atlantic White Cedars from the New Jersey Pine Barrens. Meet the artist and Bob Williams, the forester who worked with her. In Camden, six public artworks located on former illegal dumping grounds transform the city, and Jersey City artist Nancy Cohen works with homemade paper pulp and pigment to make works that reflect on climate change and pollution.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Rust

Airdate/Time: 5/27/21, 8pm; 5/29/21, 2am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: RUST is the third documentary in Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno's 3Rs Trilogy on Urban America, following the success of national PBS broadcast REVOLUTION '67 on riots/rebellions of the 1960s and THE RULE on urban school reform. In 85 minutes, RUST presents the history of Rust Belt poverty, detailing industrialization and de-industrialization as well as racism and mass incarceration, using the city of Newark, New Jersey as a microcosm. RUST explores solutions to inner city inter-generational poverty through the voices of scholars, economists, physicians, activists, and the community.

Say His Name: Five Days For George Floyd

Airdate/Time: 6/7/21, 10:30pm; 6/9/21, 4:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: The police killing of George Floyd sparked a global uprising. The epicenter was in director Cy Dodson's Minneapolis neighborhood, where he captured an immersive observation of unrest, anger, and hope in the five days between the killing of Mr. Floyd and the announcement of charges filed against the police officers.

Why This Moment

Airdate/Time: 6/23/21, 10:30pm; 6/25/21, 4:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In Richmond, Virginia, filmmakers Domico Phillips and Metta Bastet captured the outcry in the city over repeated acts of police brutality against people of color. Emotions ran high, violence broke out, and relationships developed through several months of marches and peaceful demonstrations. WHY THIS MOMENT documents unfolding events in Richmond's streets as seen through the eyes of the protesters, from the first night of civil unrest to the removal of several confederate statues across the city.

ECONOMY ISSUES

Pathway to Success #204

Airdate/Time: 4/3/2021, 9am; 4/6/2021, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: John E. Harmon, Sr., Founder, Pres. & CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce speaks with Ralph Weaver about his Meeting & Planning business (East West Connection), and how his positive spirit and tenacity helped him overcome great adversity. Produced by the AACCNJ, Pathway to Success highlights the African American business community.

NJ Business Beat with Rhonda Schaffler

Airdate/Time: 4/17/21, 5pm; 4/18/21, 9:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Rhonda Schaffler sits down with some of the state's brightest entrepreneurs to learn how the state is turning their million-dollar ideas into flourishing businesses that in turn foster economic growth in New Jersey. Plus, Rhonda breaks down the major headlines of the week, including criticism of the Murphy Administration as revenue projections come in higher than expected.

Que Pasa NJ! #202

Airdate/Time: 4/24/21, 9am; 4/27/21, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Jose Lozano of Choose New Jersey; Lili Gil Valletta Chairperson of the American Latino Museum; Jeff Martinez of PNC Bank; and NJ Senator/Latino Caucus Chair Nellie Pou share their unique stories of triumph and success.

ENVIRONMENT

Nova #4804 “Reef Rescue”

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

Length: 60-minutes

Description: If oceans continue to warm at the current pace, coral reefs could be wiped out by the end of the century. But scientists from around the globe are rushing to help corals adapt to a changing climate through assisted evolution.

Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World #101

Airdate/Time: 5/10/21, 8pm; 5/12/21, 2pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Follow Greta as she explores the impacts of climate change at three locations: melting glaciers and dying trees in Canada and fire devastation in California. When a UN conference moves to Madrid, she sails across the ocean through life-threatening storms.

Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World #102

Airdate/Time: 5/17/21, 8pm; 5/19/21, 2pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Follow Greta's journey from the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, to Poland, where she speaks with miners who have lost their jobs. She also visits the UK, where she meets with one of her inspirations -- Sir David Attenborough.

Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World #103

Airdate/Time: 5/24/21, 8pm; 5/26/21, 2pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Join Greta in Switzerland and Denmark where she investigates potential solutions to limit climate change. Greta also explores how everyone can play a role, from what food consumption to what fashion choices. Finally, Greta looks for lessons from the world's response to COVID-19.

Nova #4807 “Great Electric Airplane Race”

Airdate/Time: 6/28/21, 9pm; 6/30/21, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Can new emission-free electric planes replace our polluting airliners and revolutionize personal transportation in our cities? NOVA takes a ride in some quiet, energy-efficient prototypes that are vying for success as electric flight takes off.

HEALTH

When My Time Comes

Airdate/Time: 4/15/21, 10pm; 4/17/21, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Spurred on by the death of her husband, journalist Diane Rehm crosses the country to take an in-depth look at medical aid in dying. Rehm speaks to people on all sides of the issue, uncovering the pros and cons, the facts, and the misinformation surrounding this controversial practice that is now legal in nine states and the District of Columbia.

That Way Madness Lies...

Airdate/Time: 4/29/21, 8pm; 5/1/21, 2am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Filmmaker Sandra Luckow unflinchingly turns her camera on her own family as they attempt to navigate the broken mental health system in an effort to save their brother, whose iPhone video diary ultimately becomes an unfiltered look at the mind of a man with untreated schizophrenia as well as an indictment of how the system failed. The film is part of the curricula of New York State's requirements for a Masters in Social work and is required viewing for Columbia University's Irving Medical Center Mental Health Policy class.

Nova #4807 "Fighting For Fertility"

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

Length: 60-minutes

Description: What causes infertility, and how can assisted reproductive technologies help? Follow the journeys of people navigating fertility challenges from structural inequalities and racism to falling sperm counts, egg freezing, and IVF.

HERITAGE

Good Nazi

Airdate/Time: 4/1/21, 8pm; 4/3/21, 2am; 4/6/21, 4:30pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Major Karl Plagge was an officer in the Nazi German army who rejected the evil Nazi ideology and single-handedly protected more than 1,000 Jews in a Lithuanian labor camp, of which about 200 were ultimately saved from death. THE GOOD NAZI brings to light the tale of a German officer who listened to his conscience instead of his superiors.

Inside the Vatican

Airdate/Time: 4/1/21, 9pm; 4/3/21, 3am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Go inside the daily lives of those who live and work in the Vatican. From the Pope to the gardener to the head of security, the film gives rare behind-the-scenes access to the inner workings of the city-state.

Buddha

Airdate/Time: 6/24/21, 8pm; 6/26/21, 2am & 9:30am

Length: 2 ½ -hours

Description: Two and a half millennia ago, a new religion was born in northern India, generated from the ideas of a single man, the Buddha, a mysterious Indian sage who famously gained enlightenment while he sat under a large, shapely fig tree.

LAW & POLITICS

Governors' Perspective with Kent Manahan #101

Airdate/Time: 4/28/21, 8pm; 4/30/21, 2am; 5/2/21, 12:30pm; 5/5/21, 11:30pm; 5/8/201, 9am
5/11/21, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: New Jersey is in the money and the proof is in the State's newly proposed fiscal 2022 budget. But some are questioning the billions borrowed last fall and what that will mean for future generations when it comes time to pay it back. Former Governors Tom Kean and Jon Corzine weigh in on the State's budget and the federal funding coming New Jersey's way in this month's edition of Governors' Perspectives with Kent Manahan.

Dinner Table Democracy: A Look Back at Pasta & Politics

Airdate/Time: 6/16/21, 8pm; 6/18/21, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: A retrospective on the series Pasta & Politics with Nick Acocella, featuring interview clips from its political insider guests including former NJ governors and legislators along with entertaining and poignant commentary, intercut with montages of the one-liners, Jersey-isms, cooking fun facts, and political zingers that made the series so lively.

NJ Spotlight News with Briana Vannozi

Airdate/Time: 6/24/21, 6pm, 7:30pm & 11pm; 6/25/21, 6:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: A new state budget is heading to Gov. Phil Murphy's desk. The legislature gave final approval to a new \$46.4 billion spending plan for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021. The final votes came less than 48 hours after the bill was posted on the legislature's website. Officials also announced 210 new COVID-19 cases and 6 new deaths.

Metrofocus

Airdate/Time: 6/10/21, 5:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In Hampton, on the eastern tip of Long Island, people lived and worked in situations similar to prison environments. Thousands of workers lured by promises of good wages and decent housing were often cheated out of pay and housed in deadly slum-like conditions. In the second half of the 20th century, that area was also home to more than 100 migrant labor camps. Tonight, attorney and author Mark Torres joins us to discuss his new book "Long Island Migrant Labor Camps: Dust for Blood" and the history of the farm labor camps that once could be found in great numbers across eastern Long Island.

Concerts In Motion is a non-profit organization bringing live music to socially isolated people throughout New York City, Long Island and Westchester. They used to perform live and in person but adapted during the course of the pandemic to operating virtually. Concerts In Motion founder and Executive Director Jennifer Finn discusses their work.

Metrofocus

Airdate/Time: 6/23/21, 5:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: With 13 Democrats on the ballot, the primary had the most crowded field of candidates running for mayor in recent memory. Eric Adams led with the most ballots counted, but the new Rank Choice voting system meant the winner might not be clear for weeks. With many more absentee ballots to count, and several other competitive races key to the city – from Comptroller to Manhattan DA, Borough President, and the Republican Primary for mayor – Metrofocus welcomes the host of FAQNYC and What's In It For Us podcast Dr. Christina Greer, former President of the NYC Board of Elections, J.C. Polanco and Gotham Gazette executive editor Ben Max to break it all down.

Governors' Perspective with Kent Manahan #102

Airdate/Time: 6/30/21, 8pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Two former Governors whose family ties run deep in the Republican Party have plenty to say about the future of the GOP. Tom Kean and Christie lay it on the line about the changes and challenges the Party faces to remain relevant into the future.

WAR/MILITARY HISTORY

Silent Sacrifice – Stories of Japanese American Incarceration

Airdate/Time: 5/10/21, 9pm; 5/12/21, 3am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: SILENT SACRIFICE - STORIES OF JAPANESE AMERICAN INCARCERATION illuminates a dark chapter in American history. In February 1942, just 10 weeks after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which authorized the removal of any or all people considered a threat to national security from designated military areas. SILENT SACRIFICE shares the experiences of Japanese Americans who were living in the San Joaquin Valley prior to Executive Order 9066. Interviewees discuss what drew them to the area, the businesses and farms their families established there, and both the discrimination many faced in their adopted land as well as the friendships they formed. They then reveal the shock and confusion felt in the immediate aftermath of Pearl Harbor and the tragic and disorienting uprooting of lives as families were forced to abandon their homes and move into temporary assembly centers before being sent to permanent internment camps.

Swamp Ghost

Airdate/Time: 5/17/21, 9pm; 5/19/21, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: On February 23, 1942, following America's first heavy bomber offensive raid of World War II, a bullet-riddled U.S. B-17E bomber crash-landed in a remote swamp in Papua New Guinea. The crew of nine survived, and over the next six weeks battled malaria and heat exhaustion as they made their way to safety. The mostly intact Flying Fortress was left behind and would be subsequently lost for decades. In 1972, 30 years after the crash, Australian soldiers spotted the partially submerged aircraft from a helicopter. Upon landing and closer investigation, they found the plane "eerily untouched," earning the aircraft the nickname "Swamp Ghost." SWAMP GHOST documents the mission to bring this once-forgotten piece of history home after a half-century in the soggy marsh. The hour-long documentary follows aircraft historian and recovery expert Fred Hagen and his team as they trek through crocodile and insect-infested swamps, overcome logistical challenges, and negotiate with international agencies to recover the long-lost aircraft and honor the history it represents. The film culminates with the "Swamp Ghost" finally on permanent display at the Pacific Museum in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Surrender on the USS Missouri

Airdate/Time: 5/31/21, 8pm; 6/2/21, 2am

Length: 60- minutes

Description: Narrated by country music star Luke Bryan, the hour-long documentary SURRENDER ON THE USS MISSOURI focuses on those who witnessed the official Japanese surrender on September 2, 1945, ending World War II. Witnesses included sailors, soldiers, and marines aboard the battleship that day, plus pilots who flew over the ceremonies and those on other nearby ships. Only a few remain alive who witnessed the formal surrender that morning. Through interviews with those who served on the battleship, the film follows the USS Missouri from its construction, through varied battles in the Pacific, to its final resting place as a memorial and museum in Pearl Harbor. SURRENDER ON THE USS MISSOURI features exclusive drone footage of the Missouri, plus never-before-seen photos of the surrender ceremony provided by those who were there. Pacific War historian Daniel Martinez also lends his perspective to the film.
