

NJTV
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
April 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

ARTS

Silk City Artists and Musicians

Airdate/Time: April 10, 2019, 8pm; April 12, 2019, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: "Silk City Artists and Musicians" has a contemporary focus, including segments with Bucky Pizzarelli (legendary guitarist), Federico Castelluccio (who played Furio on The Sopranos for three seasons), and two former Paterson mayors (Cong. Bill Pascrell and Lawrence "Pat" Kramer, both of whom were instrumental in securing the Phoenix and Essex mills for artist/musician housing and also the Art Factory, a 22-building factory complex now the creative arts center of the city). It includes interviews, studio shots, and performances by more than a dozen other talented people who are part of this story.

State of the Arts #3706

Airdate/Time: May 11, 2019, 7:30pm; May 13, 2019, 5:30am; May 15, 2019, 8:30pm; May 16, 2019, 11:30pm; May 17, 2019, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Willie Cole makes playful yet haunting work using irons, ironing boards, shoes, and plastic water bottles. State of the Arts visits him at the Radcliffe Institute's gallery at Harvard for "Beauties," a new exhibit of prints, and at the Pingry School in New Jersey where he makes a water bottle giant. The episode also features the Morris Museum, where there's an exhibition of kinetic art featuring twelve Steampunk artists from around the country inspired by 19th-century industrial design, steam engine machinery, and futuristic themes from the past. Plus, how to fight on stage and make it seem real, and more.

Treasures of New Jersey #102 "State Theatre New Jersey"

Airdate/Time: May 15, 2019, 8pm; May 17, 2019, 2am & 10:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: An appreciation of New Brunswick's historic theater.

State of the Arts #3707

Airdate/Time: June 26, 2019, 8:30pm; June 28, 2019, 2:30am; June 29, 2019, 7:30pm

Length: 30-min.

Description: State of the Arts goes on location to the historic shore town of Atlantic City to check out its homegrown cultural scene. At 48 Blocks Atlantic City, artists and performers share their creative spirit with the community in a festival lasting 48 hours. Meet the formerly homeless women of MudGirls Studios as they produce pottery and tiles, making a living and a life in the process. Photographer Brian Rose explores the contrast between Atlantic City's high-rise casinos and its older neighborhoods. Plus, Chicken Bone Beach Jazz keeps the city's African American history alive and presents concerts on the beach. And meet the founder of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey at the Noyes Arts Garage.

BUSINESS

Streit's: Matzo and The American Dream

Airdate/Time: April 21, 2019, 8pm; April 22, 2019, 4am & 9:30pm; April 24, 2019 3:30am

Length: 90-min.

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ENVIRONMENT

Saving The Great Swamp: Battle to Defeat the Jetport

Airdate/Time: April 17, 2019, 8pm; April 19, 2019, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Narrated by actress Blythe Danner, SAVING THE GREAT SWAMP: BATTLE TO DEFEAT THE JETPORT is a one-hour documentary chronicling a historic struggle to preserve a rural area of New Jersey between 1959 and 1968. The fight began when the powerful Port Authority of New York announced plans to construct a huge 10,000 acre "jetport" 26 miles west of New York City, in an area known as the "great swamp." In the name of progress, entire towns would be obliterated, the aquifer and wildlife destroyed for miles around, and a way-of-life for thousands of people threatened. The events that followed became one of the most defining environmental confrontations of its time - a grassroots movement that started in a local high school and grew to historic proportions. It was a battle that took almost a decade, a President and an Act of Congress to stop, and ultimately led to the creation of a national treasure - the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. The documentary features in-depth interviews with residents, historians, authors and officials connected to the events, as well as a rich visual tapestry of historic film footage, archival photographs, graphic animation and striking cinematography of the Great Swamp today which help bring the story to life.

METROFOCUS

Airdate/Time: April 22, 2019, 5:30pm

Length: 30-min.

Description: Climate change has the city at the mercy of Mother Nature. Just how wet and flooded will future New York be? No more chocolate, peanuts, or coffee? Climate change isn't only about storms... The Hamptons is one of the most desirable yet one of the most vulnerable places in the U.S. We have the details. It's more than just a smelly canal. We'll bring you there to appreciate the role it's played in NYC's history.

Nature #3613 - 3615 "American Spring LIVE"

Airdate/Time: May 13, 2019, #3613 at 8pm, #3614 at 9pm and #3615 at 10pm; May 15, 2019, #3613 at 2am, #3614 at 3am and #3615 at 4am

Length: 3 episodes of 60-minutes each

Description:

#3613 - Tracing the green wave that sweeps across the continent in spring, see how the rising temperatures and longer days spur plants to awaken and flower. Animals go through their own transformations, seeking out newly abundant resources, moving from winter homes to summer breeding grounds, or emerging from hibernation. Learn how both plants and animals have incorporated seasonal change into their life cycles and successful reproductive strategies - all demonstrated by the birth of a lamb in Maine.

#3614 - Breeding and the greening of the landscape are tied to another major spectacle of spring: the mass movements of animals as they take advantage of spring's bounty. Meet the scientists who track these journeys, often over vast distances, from winter refuge to spring nesting grounds. As they attempt to uncover the precise triggers and timing of migration and its impact on other animal species, the scientists grapple with how these patterns and behaviors may shift due to climate change.

#3615 - Nature's perfect partnerships, precisely synchronized, have evolved over thousands of years. Learn how plants and animals depend on each other to survive. See first-hand how climate change can break those connections, altering the timing of weather and plant growth, and disrupting the delicate relationships between plants and pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

Sinking Cities #101

Airdate/Time: June 6, 2019, 9pm; June 8, 2019, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Discover how New York City might defend itself against rising seas and the next big storm. With 520 miles of shoreline and absolutely no coastal protection, engineers and urban planners are tackling the problem with creative engineering.

Sinking Cities #102

Airdate/Time: June 13, 2019, 9pm; June 15, 2019, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Discover how Tokyo is looking for new ways to fight back against rising waters. Typhoons, tsunamis, earthquakes and sinking neighborhoods are just a few of the problems threatening one of the world's most populous cities.

Sinking Cities #103

Airdate/Time: June 20, 2019, 9pm; June 22, 2019, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Discover why London's Thames Barrier is no longer enough to keep the city safe from climate challenges. The system was once successful, but now London must explore both low-tech fixes and some of the most advanced solutions in the world.

Facing the Future

Airdate/Time: June 26, 2019, 8pm; June 28, 2019, 2am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Explore how New Jersey is combating climate change from its cities to suburbs, with expert commentary and lessons from Hurricane Sandy.

Sinking Cities #104

Airdate/Time: June 27, 2019, 9pm; June 29, 2019, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Discover how engineers and planners might protect Miami from rising seas and violent storms. As development booms, the city must utilize creative solutions to mitigate the challenges of stronger and more frequent hurricanes.

HERITAGE

Eva: A-7063

Airdate/Time: April 4, 2019, 8pm; April 6, 2019, 2am

Length: 90-min.

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Reconstruction: America After the Civil War #101

Airdate/Time: April 25, 2019, 8pm; April 27, 2019, 2am

Length: 120-min.

Description: Experience the aftermath of the Civil War - a bewildering, exhilarating and terrifying time. For African Americans, despite their hard-won freedom, support for their social, economic and political gains did not last.

Reconstruction: America After the Civil War #102

Airdate/Time: May 2, 2019, 8pm; May 4, 2019, 2am

Length: 120-min.

Description: Explore the rise of Jim Crow and the undermining of Reconstruction's legal and political legacy, and see how African Americans fought back using artistic expression to put forward a "New Negro" for a new century.

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In Your Neighborhood: Innovation

Airdate/Time: May 22, 2019, 6:30pm & 8pm; May 24, 2019, 2am; June 17, 2019, 10:30pm; June 19, 2019, 4:30am

Length: 30-min.

Description: Explore New Jersey's history of invention from the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in West Orange.

50 Years of Fabulous

Airdate/Time: June 12, 2019, 9:30pm; June 14, 2019, 3:30am

Length: 90-min.

Description: 50 Years of Fabulous recounts the rich history of the Imperial Council, one of the oldest and most influential LGBT organizations in the world, from its genesis as a critical public space for the community and capacity building of LGBT San Franciscans, to its vital role in the advocacy for LGBT human rights; the film documents the full scope of the organization's historical evolution up to its contemporary struggle in finding relevance, both in the wake of social progress it has helped foster, and in light of a newly empowered political coalition committed to rolling back a half-century of civil rights achievements.

Struggling to maintain its relevance in a fast-changing city, a 50-year-old LGBT charity organization in the US, the Imperial Council of San Francisco, elects its next Emperor and Empress.

Lavender Scare

Airdate/Time: June 27, 2019, 8pm; June 29, 2019, 2am

Length: 60-min.

Description: Learn the untold story of how tens of thousands of homosexual federal workers were either fired or denied employment in the 1950s, stirring outrage in the gay community and starting an LGBTQ rights movement with an unlikely hero at the forefront.

LAW & POLITICS

NJTV News with Mary Alice Williams

Airdate/Time: April 26, 2019, 6pm, 7:30pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: The city of Trenton is staring down the barrel of a budget deadline and a government shutdown. Sen. Cory Booker is entering the home stretch of his "Justice for All" tour — 10 states in 14 days. But is it having any impact on his standings in the polls? In addition: The first LGBTQ health care center opens in New Jersey. Why patients say this is a game changer. A unique art therapy program using papier-mâché masks is helping female veterans to heal. Plus, how to grow a greener Garden State after such a disastrous storm like Sandy.

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Reporters Roundtable

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Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: With the deadline nearing to avoid a government shutdown, the Legislature passes their version of the budget without a millionaire's tax. Will the governor sign, veto or conditionally veto it? What are the political ramifications? Without any action two of the state's largest tax incentive programs will expire at the end of the month. There's still no agreement on what will happen next.

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Description: This episode featured the following: Discussed whether Cory Booker would have a breakout moment at the first presidential debate, as well as what to expect and what's at stake. As New Jersey sports betting celebrated its first birthday, it looked like one of the state's winningest wagers. Gov. Murphy rails against the Legislature for cutting in half what he wants to appropriate to continue his tuition-free community college program. Plus, this episode dissects the budget differences that have the governor and lawmakers at odds as the deadline for a deal nears. And, a juvenile detention center is providing teens the vocational skills and training that can give them a second chance.

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Description: This episode featured the following: Gov. Murphy says he will not shut down state government over the budget battle with Democrats in the Legislature, but that means he will veto some of their spending items. Which ones to be vetoed were discussed. Latino and African American lawmakers and advocates unite, demanding action from New Jersey's political leadership on social justice issues. In the first presidential debate, Sen. Cory Booker declares victory. NJTV News provides highlights and analysis. Plus, a Supreme Court ruling on a controversial census question may have long-range political repercussions. And, shows how Hoboken is transforming its infrastructure to withstand climate change. Other towns could take note.

WAR

Nova #4413 "Secrets of the Shining Knight"

Airdate/Time: April 8, 2019, 9pm; April 10, 2019, 3am

Length: 60-min.

Description: Discover what it was like to be a knight in shining armor and follow the historic manufacturing process. Join master armorers as they re-engineer the Greenwich armor-considered some of the greatest armor ever made-and then put it to the test.

Nova #4120 "Emperor's Ghost Army"

Airdate/Time: April 15, 2019, 9pm; April 17, 2019, 3am

Length: 60-min.

Description: Emperor Qin Shi Huang of China was buried in a mausoleum with around 9,000 terracotta statues. Investigates how and why the life-sized figures were made and the technology behind the crossbows, spears and swords carried by the clay warriors.

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Korea: The Never-Ending War

Airdate/Time: May 16, 2019, 8pm; May 18, 2019, 2am

Length: 120-min.

Description: Discover more about the world we live in by shedding new light on a geopolitical hot spot. Often considered a "forgotten war," the Korean War was an important turning point in world history that still reverberates today.

Military Medicine: Beyond the Battlefield

Airdate/Time: May 29, 2019 8pm; May 31, 2019, 2am

Length: 60-min.

Description: Examines military medical advances and technology, from the battlefield to the return home. Hear the personal stories of physicians, scientists, active duty military personnel, wounded warriors and their families. Bob Woodruff reports.

Seize and Secure: The Battle for La Fiere

Airdate/Time: June 6, 2019, 8pm; June 8, 2019, 2am

Length: 60-min.

Description: Examines a relatively unexplored but pivotal battle to secure a critical route inland for allied forces invading France in June 1944. The fight for the La Fiere causeway and bridge is one of the bloodiest small arms battles in U.S. military history.

Nova #4610 "Lost Viking Army"

Airdate/Time: June 10, 2019, 9pm; June 12, 2019, 3am

Length: 60-min.

Description: Bioarchaeologists investigate a ninth-century mass grave in a rural English village. Examines whether the remains unlock the mystery of the "Great Heathen Army," a legendary Viking fighting force that once invaded England.
