

**NJTV**  
**ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT**  
**July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019**

## **ARTS**

### **Front and Center #901**

*Airdate/Time:* July 28, 2019, 11pm; September 5, 2019, 5am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Hozier takes the stage at New York City's Gramercy Theater, performing songs from his latest album "Wasteland Baby!" as well an impassioned version of the multi-platinum anthem "Take Me to Church," fan favorite "Cherry Wine" and "Jackie and Wilson."

### **Front and Center #902**

*Airdate/Time:* August 4, 2019, 11pm; September 12, 2019, 5am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Two-time ACM Award-nominee Carly Pearce performs the title track from her highly-acclaimed debut album, "Every Little Thing," as well as hits "Hide the Wine" and "If My Name Was Whiskey." With the lead single from her debut album, Pearce became one of the highest-charting solo female country debut acts in 12 years.

### **Front and Center #903**

*Airdate/Time:* August 11, 2019, 11pm; September 19, 2019, 5am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Grammy and Blues Music Award-winner Gary Clark Jr. performs material from his new album "This Land," including the album's title track and "The Guitar Man." Dubbed "The Chosen One" by music critics, Clark Jr. created his personal trademark sound that features distorted guitar and heavy use of improvisation, paired with a soulful voice.

### **Front and Center #904**

*Airdate/Time:* August 25, 2019, 11pm; September 26, 2019, 5am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* ACM Award-winner Brett Young performs songs from his self-titled debut album, including "Sleep Without You," "Like I Loved You" and "Mercy," plus the hit single "In Case You Didn't Know." Named as one of Billboard's Top New Artists, Young has captured the hearts of fans everywhere through his honest lyrics and West Coast-meets-Southern sound, aptly dubbed "Caliville."

### **State of the Arts #3801**

*Airdate/Time:* September 25, 2019, 8:30pm; September 27, 2019, 2:30am; September 28, 2019, 7:30pm; September 30, 2019, 5:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This episode featured the following: A new play starring Mary McDonnell (Dances with Wolves, Battlestar Galactica) as Gloria Steinem opens the McCarter Theatre's season. Meet

McDonnell and playwright Emily Mann, who worked closely with the iconic feminist to create the participatory drama, *Gloria: A Life.Plus*, the legacy of New Brunswick native James P. Johnson whose music was the soundtrack of the 1920's, and, in Trenton, follow the restoration of a major work by Nam June Paik, widely considered the founder of video art. Plus, the feminist magic realist Julie Heffernan in an exhibit at the Rowan University Art Gallery.

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## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Great Yellowstone Thaw #101**

*Airdate/Time:* July 15, 2019, 8pm; July 17, 2019, 2am

*Length:* 60-minutes each

*Description:* A Yellowstone winter is a brutal one. With temperatures that plunge down to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit the wildlife has to find strategies to survive. Some animals leave, some hide and some tough it out. Grizzlies hunker down and hibernate, but this winter the temperatures have been erratic and some bears are emerging early. Finding food is a huge challenge, but our camera crews follow one male who's lucky enough to hit the jackpot and find a bison that's been released from its icy tomb down in the valley. But he has to hang onto it while the scavengers hassle him. Great Gray owls suffer as their prey hides under an icy layer of snow that proves almost impossible to break through. Will this lack of food affect their mating and ability to raise a family in the Spring? Cameraman Jeff Hogan follows them to find out. And top wolf biologist Doug Smith explains why he's concerned about the number one predator. With a winter that's had less snow than usual it's favored the prey and the wolves are starving hungry. Host Kirk Johnson who's the Sant Director of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, visits this unique wilderness to unravel the story of this particular winter in Yellowstone.

### **Great Yellowstone Thaw #102**

*Airdate/Time:* July 15, 2019, 8pm; July 17, 2019, 2am

*Length:* 60-minutes each

*Description:* Continues to follow the wildlife dramas in Yellowstone, and Spring brings many new challenges. While the brutal cold temperatures and deep snow of winter have gone, the weather is still erratic and there's the impending danger of the Thaw. When temperatures are high enough to melt the snowpack, millions of tonnes of water will cascade down the mountain, bulldozing everything in its path. Wildlife cameraman Jeff Hogan discovers a nest of Great Gray owls. There are three chicks, but one is a runt, significantly smaller than its siblings and at risk of starvation. And when the worst storms for years hit the Beartooth Mountains, Jeff wonders whether it can hang on. Down on the Snake River the family of beavers is busy making the most of the Spring vegetation. Infra red cameras give Jeff and host Kirk Johnson a secret view of life inside the lodge, as the beavers squabble over food. Kirk also dons a dry suit to head underwater to admire the engineering skills of these rodents. Massive boulders and branches are there to strengthen their dams, but will they be enough to withstand the Thaw. When the torrent of water begins to hit, Kirk joins a hydrologist to help measure the water flow in the rivers and work out how this year's weather has affected the Thaw. And bear expert Casey Anderson follows a mother grizzly

and her cubs - and explains that the biggest dangers come not from other predators, but surprisingly from their own kind.

### **Great Yellowstone Thaw #103**

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

*Length:* 60-minutes each

*Description:* It's summer in Yellowstone, and with soaring temperatures and drought comes the risk of wildfires. All the water from 'The Thaw' has flowed away and a lack of rain has left the ground tinder dry. When a major blaze breaks out in the Beartooth Mountains, wildlife cameraman Jeff Hogan scrambles a team to see if the family of Great Gray Owls he's been following all year has survived. The beaver family now has three young kits. But Jeff is shocked when their mother suddenly moves them out of the family home. It's a risky journey over dams and upriver and not something he's ever witnessed before. Meanwhile the Pinnacle Peak pack of wolves near Jackson also has young and in a year that's been tough for Yellowstone's top predator, wildlife photographer Charlie Hamilton James unravels why this pack is doing better than most. Up in the Gallatin Mountains are two orphaned young grizzlies. Host Kirk Johnson joins bear expert Casey Anderson to witness the relationship between man and bear on ranch land, where there's a balance of mutual tolerance. But with no mum alive to teach them, these yearlings are vulnerable and Casey is worried. As our climate changes, one of the biggest signs in Yellowstone is the effect on pikas. These alpine mammals rely on the cold high up in the mountains. But as temperatures slowly increase, the pikas are struggling. Kirk meets a scientist studying them to see what's going to happen when there's nowhere left to go but the sky.

### **Nova #4211 "Lethal Seas"**

*Airdate/Time:* September 9, 2019, 9pm; September 11, 2019, 3am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* A deadly recipe threatens the survival of countless creatures throughout Earth's oceans. We've known for years that oceans absorb about a quarter of the carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. With carbon emissions sharply rising, the silent killer is entering the seas at a staggering rate - raising the oceans' acidity. As a result, the skeletons and shells of marine creatures that form the foundation of the web of life are dissolving. Follow scientists who are seeking solutions and making breakthrough discoveries, including a unique coral garden in Papua New Guinea that offers a glimpse of what the seas could be like in a half-century. Can experts crack the code of a rapidly changing ocean - before it's too late?

### **Wild Weather**

*Airdate/Time:* September 9, 2019, 10pm; September 11, 2019, 4am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* An innovative documentary that illustrates how weather works by performing brave, ambitious (even unlikely) experiments that show how nature transforms simple ingredients like wind, water and temperature into something spectacular and powerful.

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## **HEALTH**

### **NJTV News with Mary Alice Williams**

*Airdate/Time:* July 16, 2019, 6pm, 7:30pm & 11pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This episode covered the following: There's still a high percentage of impediments at the ballot box for those with disabilities, even as those with disabilities are voting in higher numbers. The following was also covered to help them deliver healthy babies. This episode also covered the following: Gov. Phil Murphy signs anti-gun violence bills, including one that promotes the development and sale of smart guns. Most of the country is in the midst of an extreme heat wave. How are New Jersey residents keeping cool? A new interactive website will tell you more about the murals in Jersey City and where they are.

### **NJTV News with Mary Alice Williams**

*Airdate/Time:* August 5, 2019, 6pm, 7:30pm & 11pm

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### **METROFOCUS**

*Airdate/Time:* September 27, 2019, 5:30pm

*Length:* 30-min.

*Description:* This episode covered the following: After losing her son to opioids, a Long Island mother joins the war against addiction from an unlikely place. The shocking story of triplets, separated at birth as a part of an odd experiment with dire consequences. This episode also covered the following: As public assistance programs face peril, New York City's largest food rescue organization, City Harvest, faces a renewed fight against hunger.

### **NJTV News with Mary Alice Williams**

*Airdate/Time:* September 24, 2019, 6pm, 7:30pm & 11pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This episode covered the following: "Maternal Outcomes Matter" has been the battle cry of First Lady Tammy Murphy and the focus of a health summit in Princeton. This episode also covered the following: Plus, the state's nurseries show lawmakers the abundance of their harvest. Are they sustainable? Three members of the New Jersey House delegation join the

call for an impeachment inquiry, as pressure on President Trump grows. A new rental car facility at Newark Airport is part of a total makeover that'll cost billions of dollars and raise fares and fees.

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**HERITAGE**

**Reconstruction: America After the Civil War #101 & 102**

*Airdate/Time:* August 18, 2019, 7:30pm; August 24, 2019, 9am

*Length:* 5 ½ hours

*Description:* Join Henry Louis Gates, Jr. for this exploration of the transformative years following the Civil War, when the nation struggled to rebuild itself in the face of profound loss, massive destruction and revolutionary social change.

**In Your Neighborhood: History**

*Airdate/Time:* August 28, 2019 6:30pm & 8pm; August 30, 2019, 2am & 10:30pm; August 31, 2019, 6pm, September 1, 2019, 10am, September 4, 2019, 11:30pm; September 29, 2019, 9:30am

*Length:* 30-min.

*Description:* Explore New Jersey's past from historic Cape May, including the state's Native American heritage, its role in the Underground Railroad and post-WWII demographic shifts.

**Treasures: The Trees**

*Airdate/Time:* September 11, 2019, 8pm; September 13, 2019, 2am

*Length:* 60-min.

*Description:* To mark the 15th anniversary of 9/11, The Trees shares the story of life returning to Ground Zero—and emphasizes the importance of an open green space in one of New York City's densest neighborhoods. The visually stunning film conveys the emotional journey of the design

and building of the outdoor living memorial at the World Trade Center site and the story of The Survivor Tree.

**Secrets of the Dead #1605 “The Woman in the Iron Coffin**

*Airdate/Time:* September 12, 2019, 8pm; September 14, 2019, 2am; September 15, 2019 3:30am

*Length:* 90-min.

*Description:* Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

**Secrets of Spanish Florida: A Secrets of the Dead Special**

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

*Length:* 120-min.

*Description:* Join a team of archaeologists, scientists and historians as they reveal the little-known history of America's Spanish colonists who settled in Florida in 1565, long before Jamestown or Plymouth. Actor Jimmy Smits narrates.

**NJDocs #401 “Only A Number”**

*Airdate/Time:* September 30, 2019, 10pm

*Length:* 60-min.

*Description:* Steve Besserman's holocaust biography of his parents.

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*Description:* This episode covered the following: Newark residents line up for bottled water after tests show that filters just aren't doing the job. Presidential candidate Cory Booker packs the house in Milwaukee as Democrats put a bullseye on Wisconsin. When you ask a New Jersey resident what they think of the roads here, they complain it's bumpy, there are potholes and there are many other problems. So why is New Jersey paying the most to maintain them? The following was also covered: Plus, some school districts will experiment with later start times for high school kids. And, an innovative way to reward students for good grades and good behavior.

**METROFOCUS**

*Airdate/Time:* September 19, 2019, 5:30pm

*Length:* 30-min.

*Description:* This episode covered the following: Students all over the city and around the world walked out of school to participate in the Global Climate Strike. Provides the details from one of the leading organizers. Eric Garner's mother Gwen Carr is demanding justice even after the recent firing of the former NYPD officer who administered the fatal chokehold that killed her son.

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*Airdate/Time:* September 26, 2019, 5:30pm

*Length:* 30-min.

*Description:* This episode covered the following: The world of political campaigning can seem a bit daunting to someone who hasn't done it before. However, actor June Diane Rafael is inspiring women to "Represent" in her new step-by-step guide to running for office. City Council member Ritchie Torres is running for Congress. But does this rising local political star have what it takes to win a seat in Congress? The out and proud lawmaker opens up about challenging homophobia and who he sees as his biggest competition.

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