

**NJ PBS  
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT  
April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023**

## **ARTS & CULTURE**

### **State of the Arts #4107**

*Airdate/Time:* 4/19/23, 8:30pm; 4/20/23, 11:30pm; 4/21/23, 2:30am; 4/22/23, 7:30pm; 4/24/23, 5:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Meet four of America's greatest poets, all with strong ties to New Jersey, on this episode of State of the Arts. Pulitzer Prize winners Stephen Dunn & Gregory Pardlo, former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky, and Brenda Shaughnessy at the Dodge Poetry Festival.

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*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Dig into sports food culture at New Jersey's Met Life Stadium from the parking lot to the luxury suites. Meet tailgating master Bradford Thompson and Elliot Chrem, who serves up unique kosher gameday offerings. Jets defensive lineman Taniel Smart prepares his grandmother's award-winning crawfish etouffee. Former Rutgers football star, Eric LeGrand, discusses all things football, tailgating and coffee.

### **Treasures of New Jersey #301 "The Newark Museum of Art"**

*Airdate/Time:* 5/24/23, 8:30pm; 5/26/23, 2:30am; 5/27/23 at 5pm; 5/28/23 at 9:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* The Newark Museum of Art, New Jersey's largest museum founded in 1909, reimagines its role in the community.

### **State of the Arts #3905**

*Airdate/Time:* 6/1/23, 6/3/23, 7:30pm; 6/5/23, 5:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Learn about NJ folk artists as diverse as the state itself. Decoy carvers, spirituals passed down by generations of oyster fishermen on the Delaware Bay, basketmakers, and current day blacksmiths keep centuries-old traditions alive.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

### **Birthing Justice**

*Airdate/Time:* 4/13/23, 9pm; 4/15/23, 3am

*Length:* 90-minutes

*Description:* Giving birth has turned into a battleground for too many Black women and their babies. Going behind the statistics and beyond grief, Birthing Justice places Black women at the center of the fight to fix a broken system as they transform the future for all women in this country. The documentary focuses on the progress being made by those on the frontline of this crisis and highlights solutions that can be replicated in communities across the country. In order to assure a broad spectrum of experiences, the program focuses on Missouri, Georgia, California and the District of Columbia and elevate the lived experiences of Black women including 11-time Olympic champion, Allyson Felix and advocates like Dr. Joia Crear-Perry, founder of the National Black Equity Collaborative. Birthing Justice combines expert interviews with very personal pregnancy and birth stories that emphasize the dangerous terrain many traverse while celebrating their joyful outcomes.

### **Youth v Gov**

*Airdate/Time:* 4/20/23, 9pm; 4/22/23, 3am

*Length:* 120-minutes

*Description:* YOUTH v GOV is the story of America's youth taking on the world's most powerful government. Armed with a wealth of evidence, twenty-one courageous leaders file a ground-breaking lawsuit against the U.S. government, asserting it has willfully acted over six decades to create the climate crisis, thus endangering their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property. If these young people are successful, they will not only make history, they will change the future.

### **This is (NOT) Who We Are**

*Airdate/Time:* 6/15/23, 9pm; 6/17/23, 3am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* THIS IS [NOT] WHO WE ARE is an hour-long documentary that explores the gap between Boulder, Colorado's progressive self-image and the experiences of its small, resilient Black community. Boulder is emblematic of predominantly white communities that profess an inclusive ethic but live a different reality. The film explores the roots of institutional racism and opens pathways for dialogue, insight, and positive change.

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## **ECONOMY & BUSINESS**

### **NJ Business Beat with Rhonda Schaffler #327**

*Airdate/Time:* 4/15/23, 5pm; 4/16/23, 9am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Raven Santana highlights the growing popularity of side hustles and talks to two workers who took their passions and started making money off of them. Plus, the major headlines of the week, including a historic strike at Rutgers.

### **Governor's Perspectives with Kent Manahan #302**

*Airdate/Time:* 5/31/23, 8:30pm; 6/1/23, 10:30pm; 6/2/23, 2:30am; 6/3/23, 4:30am & 7pm; 6/5/23, 5am; 6/20/23, 11:30pm.

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Former US Senator and New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, whose tenure was greatly impacted by tax hikes, talks to Kent Manahan about the exodus from NJ due to high taxes and future implications for the state.

### **Pathway to Success #406**

*Airdate/Time:* 6/3/23, 9am; 6/6/23, 11:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Derek Peterson, Founder/CEO of Soter Technologies, discusses how being bullied, combined with his love for computers, helped motivate him to invent products to help kids stay safe.

### **Que Pasa NJ! #404**

*Airdate/Time:* 6/10/23, 9am; 6/13/23, 11:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Conversations with NJ Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, author Delia Garcia and Executive Director of Challenge Day, Ana Rubio.

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## ENVIRONMENT

### **NOVA #5005 “Weathering The Future”**

*Airdate/Time:* 4/24/23, 9pm; 4/26/23, 3am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* As Weathering the Future documents, it's hard not to notice: our weather is changing. From longer, hotter heat waves, to more intense rainstorms, to megafires and multi-year droughts - the U.S. is experiencing the full range of impacts from a changing global climate. But people on the front lines of these destabilizing weather trends around the country are coming up with new ways to adapt to the many challenges they bring. The lessons they're learning today can help all of us adapt in the years ahead, as the planet gets warmer and our weather gets weirder.

### **NOVA #5006 “Chasing Carbon Zero”**

*Airdate/Time:* 5/8/23, 9pm; 5/10/23, 3am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* The US recently set an ambitious climate goal: to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. But is that feasible? What exactly would it take? Chasing Carbon Zero takes a hard look at the problem and identifies the most likely real-world technologies that could be up to the task. From expanding renewable energy options and designing more energy-efficient buildings, to revolutionizing the transportation sector, to "negative emissions" technologies, the film casts a hopeful but skeptical eye. A wave of innovation is beginning to take hold, but can these solutions be scaled and made available and affordable across the country? The problem is vast, and time is running out. Find out why there is still hope that we can achieve Chasing Carbon Zero in time to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

### **Ocean Souls**

*Airdate/Time:* 5/22/23, 8pm; 5/24/23, 2am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* An award-winning documentary showing the most extensive diversity of marine mammals ever seen on film. OCEAN SOULS is an emotive documentary about cetaceans - aquatic mammals such as whales, dolphins and porpoises. Cetaceans are possibly the closest relatives to humans in terms of cognitive abilities and family ties. The film focuses on the concepts of family, emotions, language, social organization, intelligence and human interaction in these species. The film highlights new science and discovers an intelligence beneath the waves that closely mirrors our own. Featuring previously unpublished images of the largest range of cetaceans seen on screen, the film is an unprecedented collaboration of more than 100 filmmakers, scientists & cetacean experts. This documentary explores the remarkable lives of these magnificent ocean souls.

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## **HEALTH**

### **Unmasking Hope**

*Airdate/Time:* 5/11/23, 9pm; 5/13/23, 3am

*Length:* 90-minutes

*Description:* UnMASKing HOPE chronicles the extraordinary stories of a diverse group of trauma survivors who don "masks" that hide their spiritual and emotional pain. From 9/11 and mass shooting survivors, to service members in combat and chronic sexual abuse victims, the film goes behind their MASKS to experience the abuse, social stigma, and moral injury that have scarred their souls. As viewers are taken on their journey from seclusion to inclusion, they realize that the aggregate stories of these brave individuals share a powerful message of HOPE.

### **Unconditional: Healing Hidden Wounds**

*Airdate/Time:* 5/18/23, 9pm; 5/20/23, 3am

*Length:* 90-minutes

*Description:* UNCONDITIONAL: HEALING HIDDEN WOUNDS is a revealing documentary about the home healthcare crises of mental wellness. Mental health issues and questions of emotional wellness challenge some 50 million family caregivers each year, and often they do not know it. Filmed over seven years, the cinema verité film follows three very different families as they discover the impacts, stresses and rewards of caregiving for their loved ones living with disabilities.

### **HerStory with Joanna Gaggis #103**

*Airdate/Time:* 6/1/23, 8pm, 6/3/23, 2am; 6/12/23, 4:30am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Host and journalist Joanna Gaggis addresses the Black maternal health inequity crisis in the Garden State, interviewing women across the state, health care professionals and other stakeholders, including New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy.

### **NOVA #5009 "Your Brain: Perception Deception"**

*Airdate/Time:* 6/26/23, 9pm; 6/28/23, 3pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Is what you see real? Join neuroscientist Heather Berlin on a quest to understand how your brain shapes your reality, and why you can't always trust what you perceive. Learn the surprising tricks and shortcuts the brain takes to help us survive.

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## **HERITAGE**

### **The Man Who Saved 669 Children**

*Airdate/Time:* 4/20/23, 8pm; 4/22/23, 2am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* He never considered himself a hero, yet on the eve of World War II Nicholas Winton became THE MAN WHO SAVED 669 CHILDREN. Winton, a young London banker, was on the verge of departing for a skiing vacation on Christmas 1938 when a friend called him from Prague asking for help. In the Czechoslovakian capital, Winton sets up an extraordinary rescue operation for Jewish children threatened by the Nazis. From his hotel room, he organizes the departure of trains to England and becomes a forger when he lacks authorizations and visas. His efforts allowed 669 children to board eight trains and make their way to London to find host families, new lives, and hope.

### **Miriam and Alan: Lost In Scotland #201**

*Airdate/Time:* 6/29/23, 8pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Miriam and Alan are back rip-roaring across Scotland... and beyond! They ride the Harry Potter Express steam train and head to the glorious Cairngorms National Park before Alan conducts an LGBTQ+ wedding.

### **Arab Americans**

*Airdate/Time:* 4/27/23, 10pm; 4/29/23, 4am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* The Arab Americans is the new 60-minute documentary illustrating the contributions made to the American fabric for almost 200 years by those who immigrated to the United States from the Middle East, North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. This untold story vividly paints a portrait of the Arab-American immigrant experience through the stories of people who, like all Americans, immigrated in pursuit of the American Dream, including Senator George Mitchell, actor Jamie Farr, General John Abizaid, NYT foreign correspondent Anthony Shadid, Helen Thomas and more. With historical immigration patterns as background, the film explores the personal stories of Arab-Americans and how they have contributed to the collective American experience. At a time when the media tends to paint people from Arabic speaking countries and culture with the broad brush of terrorism, it is increasingly important to present a positive image of the many people of the Middle East, North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula who have made America their home, and highlight their American journey as an important part of the larger American Experience.

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## **LAW & POLITICS**

### **Reporters Roundtable with David Cruz #3526**

*Airdate/Time:* 4/15/23, 6pm; 4/16/23, 10am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* Republican Sen. Jon Bramnick speaks with Cruz about the Governor's race, what the GOP needs to do take back the legislature this year, Gov. Murphy's handling of the Rutgers strike, the budget and more. Reporters Sean Sullivan (NJ.com), P. Kenneth Burns (WHYY) and Dustin Racioppi (Politico NJ) discuss the headlines.

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