

**NJ PBS  
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT  
July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021**

## **ARTS & CULTURE**

### **State of the Arts #3910**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/28/21, 7:30pm; 8/29/21, 9:3 a.m.; 8/30/21, 5:30am; 9/1//21, 8:30pm; 9/2/21, 11:30pm; 9/3/21, 2:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* This episode featured the following: TV and film actor Joseph Halsey returns to his hometown of Trenton to teach local kids the craft of filmmaking. At Two River Theater's outdoor stage, Alea explores the musical heritage of Latin America, from cumbia, vallenato, ranchera, and jazz to pop. And, in 1916, 20-year-old Marion Wong wrote and directed *The Curse of Quon Gwon*, the earliest known Asian-American film. Meet her descendants as they seek to secure its place in film history.

### **Transcend: An NJSO Concert Film**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/21/21, 8pm; 7/23/21, 2am; 8/7/21, 6 pm

*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 filmmaker Yuri Alves, who expands the magnetic soundscape with evocative visual meditations on a world in turmoil.

### **Emerge: An NJSO Concert Film Trilogyn #101**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/11/21, 8pm; 8/13/21, 2am; 8/14/21. 6:30pm; 8/15/21, 10am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Woodwind and brass instruments return to the NJSO stage in Schumann's poignant and powerful Fourth Symphony, paired with the East Coast premiere of a new work from multitalented composer and performer Nokuthula Ngwenyama. Simone Dinnerstein, whose Bach performances are full of life, brings vitality and grace to the composer's F-Minor Keyboard Concerto.

### **Emerge: An NJSO Concert Film Trilogyn #102**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/18/21,8pm; 8/20/21, 2am; 8/21/21, 6:30pm; 8/22/21 10am

*Length:* 40-minutes

*Description:* NJSO favorite Inon Barnatan joins forces with Music Director Xian Zhang and the NJSO for Florence Price's under-recognized Piano Concerto—a work full of glorious melodies, rhythmic dance figures and keyboard pyrotechnics—performed alongside one of Mozart's final symphonies, a personal favorite of Xian.

## **Emerge: An NJSO Concert Film Trilogyn #103**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/25/21, 8pm; 8/27/21, 2am; 8/28/21, 6:30pm; 8/29/21, 10am  
*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Pianist Daniil Trifonov brings wit, fire, sarcasm and daring to Shostakovich's First Piano Concerto, with newly named NJSO Assistant Principal Trumpet Anderson Romero sharing the solo spotlight and Music Director Xian Zhang at the podium. Beethoven's tour-de-force Fourth Symphony, full of grace, passion and vigor, rounds out the program.

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## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

### **Boss: The Black Experience In Business**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/1/21, 9pm; 7/3/21, 3am  
*Length:* 120-minutes

*Description:* Learn about the untold story of African American entrepreneurship, where skill, industriousness, ingenuity and sheer courage in the face of overwhelming odds provide the backbone of this nation's economic and social growth. Stanley Nelson directs.

### **Jackie Robinson Part 1**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/15/21, 9pm; 7/17/21, 3am  
*Length:* 120-minutes

*Description:* In part 1 of this documentary, Robinson rises from humble origins to integrate Major League Baseball, performing brilliantly despite the threats and abuse he faces on and off the field and, in the process, challenges the prejudiced notions of what a black man can achieve.

### **Jackie Robinson Part 2**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/22/21, 9pm; 7/24/21, 3am  
*Length:* 120-minutes

*Description:* In part 2 of this documentary, Robinson uses his fame to speak out against injustice, alienating many who had once lauded him for "turning the other cheek." After baseball, he seeks ways to fight inequality, but as he faces a crippling illness, he struggles to remain relevant.

### **Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/16/21, 8pm; 9/18/21, 9am; 9/18/21, 2am; 9/19/21, 5pm  
*Length:* 120-minutes

*Description:* Discover how the advent of the automobile brought new freedoms and new perils for African Americans on the road in this deep look into the dynamics of race, space and mobility in America over time.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Pathway to Success #207**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/3/2021, 9am; 7/6/2021, 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**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/11/21, 5pm; 9/12/21, 9:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* NJ Spotlight News Business Correspondent Rhonda Schaffler takes an in-depth look at the stories, trends and influencers shaping New Jersey's business landscape with insight from industry experts.

### **Que Pasa NJ! #205**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/31/21, 9am; 8/3/21, 11:30pm

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* 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.

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## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Nature #3711 "Wild Florida"**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/19/21, 8pm; 7/21/21, 2am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Florida is home to beaches, coral reefs, pine forests and the famous Everglades wetland, but a growing human population and abandoned exotic pets like pythons are threatening this wild paradise. This episode examines whether Florida's ecosystems continue to weather the storm.

### **Nature #3702 “The Serengeti Rules”**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/2/21, 8pm; 8/4/21, 2am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Explore some of the most remote and spectacular places on Earth with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology. Based on a book of the same name.

### **Nova #4024 “Asteroid: Doomsday Or Payday?”**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/2/21, 9pm; 8/4/21, 3am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* The asteroid that exploded in the skies over Siberia injuring more than 1,000 and damaging buildings in six cities was a shocking reminder that Earth is a target in a cosmic shooting range. From the width of a football field to the size of a small city, the space rocks called asteroids have the potential to be killers: in a collision with Earth, they could set off deadly blast waves, raging fires and colossal tidal waves. But some audacious entrepreneurs look up at asteroids and see payday, not doomsday. That's because some asteroids are loaded with billions of dollars-worth of elements like iron, nickel and even platinum. While NASA plans an ambitious mission to return samples from a potentially hazardous asteroid, would-be asteroid miners are dreaming up their own program to scout for potentially profitable asteroids. This documentary discusses whether asteroids turn out to be our economic salvation -- or instruments of extinction.

### **Hawaii: Islands of Wonder**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/2/21, 8pm; 8/9/21, 1am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Hawaii, the most remote island chain on Earth, is featured in this documentary. It offers sanctuary for wildlife that has reached its tropical shores. From humpback whales to waterfall-climbing fish, it's home to an extraordinary wealth of wildlife.

### **9/11's Unsettled Dust**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/9/21, 9pm; 9/14/21, 1am

*Length:* 90-minutes

*Description:* 9/11— The gravest attack on American soil—was also an unprecedented environmental disaster. 9/11's UNSETTLED DUST examines the failure of federal and city officials to tell the truth about air contamination and to protect public health. It is the story of the deadly illnesses that resulted, and the epic battle fought by 9/11 responders to pass the James Zadroga Health and Compensation Act twice.

## **HEALTH**

### **Nova #4705 “Cuba’s Cancer Hope”**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/19/21, 9pm; 7/21/21, 3am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* When the U.S. trade embargo left Cuba isolated from medical resources, Cuban scientists developed their own biotech industry - and promising lung cancer vaccines. This documentary looks at whether they can now team up with U.S. partners to make the treatments available to all.

### **Change Your Brain, Heal Your Mind with Daniel Amen, MD**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/5/21, 5pm; 9/5/21, 10 pm

*Length:* 120-minutes

*Description:* Dr. Daniel Amen’s new program, Change Your Brain, Heal Your Mind with Daniel Amen, MD is based on his new book The End of Mental Illness: How Neuroscience is Transforming Psychiatry and Helping to Prevent or Reverse Anxiety, Depression, Bipolar, ADHD, Addictions, PTSD, Psychosis, and More. In his 14th national public television special, Change Your Brain, Heal Your Mind, Dr. Amen teaches viewers 6 practical steps to help them feel happier, sharper and more in control of their own destinies. He gives viewers the most important lessons he has taught thousands of patients over the last 40 years.

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## **HERITAGE**

### **Finding Your Roots #609 “Italian Roots”**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/8/21, 8pm; 7/10/21, 2am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. to uncover the surprising ancestral stories of 28 cultural trailblazers with fascinating histories. The series ends with an exploration of how science and history can inspire the next generation.

### **Finding Your Roots #612 “DNA Mysteries”**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/22/21, 8pm; 7/24/21, 2am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA detective work to solve mysteries in the family trees of actor Tea Leoni and radio host Joe Madison, introducing each of them to parents and grandparents whose names they've never heard before.

### **Unadopted**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/10/21, 10:30pm; 8/12/21, 4:30am

*Length:* 30-minutes

*Description:* After 20 years in foster care, Noel Anaya claimed his independence in court at age 21. UNADOPTED follows Noel on his quest for answers about his family and foster care experience, interweaving his own personal journey with the stories of two other teens in the system. The film examines long-term foster care from the perspective of those intimately familiar with its challenges and failings, and includes open discussions about their feelings on adoption, their relationships with their birth parents and siblings, and issues of identity and permanency.

### **Buddha**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/2/21, 8pm; 9/4/21, 2am; 9/5/21, 2:30pm; 9/6/21 2:30am

*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, as covered in this documentary.

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## **LAW & POLITICS**

### **POV #3402 ‘Stateless’**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/12/21, 9:30pm; 8/14/21, 3:30am

*Length:* 90-minutes

*Description:* An electoral campaign uncovers the complex history and politics of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Follow families of those affected by the 2013 legislation stripping citizenship from Dominicans of Haitian descent.

### **POV #3404 "Mayor"**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/19/21, 9:30pm; 8/21/21, 3:30am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Musa Hadid is the Christian mayor of Ramallah, the de facto capital of the Palestinian Authority. As he tries to keep his city running, his job is made increasingly difficult by the Israeli occupation of his home, as covered in this documentary.

### **Downing of a Flag**

*#101 – Part One:*

*Airdate/Time:* 8/26/21, 10pm, 8/28/21 4am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*#102 – Part Two:*

*Airdate/Time:* 9/2/21, 10pm, 9/4/21, 4am

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* "Downing of a Flag" is a two-hour documentary film that focuses on the Confederate Battle flag and its impact on the people, politics, and perceptions of South Carolina and beyond. Through firsthand interviews featuring various perspectives and a wealth of historical footage, "Downing of a Flag" traces the symbol's controversial relationship with the Palmetto State, exploring its true meaning and how an unspeakable tragedy served as the catalyst for its long-debated removal. The story begins with the end of the Civil War and chronicles the flag's more than 150-year journey from the blood-soaked battlefields of Virginia to its use in American popular culture in the 1970s and 1980s, to its final removal from the South Carolina State House grounds in July 2015. Preceded by the killing of nine black parishioners at Charleston's historic Mother Emanuel AME Church by a white supremacist, the Confederate Battle flag's furling and the days and actions that led to that event could represent the final shots and battles of the American Civil War. Despite representing an end to a significant chapter in United States history, "Downing of a Flag" shows that the events of 2015 did not complete the story. Instead, we continue to see the flag used as a symbol, and as a result, it continues to haunt American Democracy.

### **The Revolutionist: Eugene V. Debs**

*Airdate/Time:* 9/6/21, 10pm; 9/8/21, 4am & 4:30pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* Narrated by actor Danny Glover, THE REVOLUTIONIST: EUGENE V. DEBS tells the story of one of the most prominent socialists in American history. Alternately loved and reviled, Eugene Debs emerged as a passionate labor leader when he led the nationwide Pullman Strike in 1894. Later, he helped establish the U.S. Socialist Party, and ran as its candidate for president five times - including once from prison! Covering both his life and career, the documentary explores the political legacy of this controversial and influential progressive.

## **WAR/MILITARY HISTORY**

### **Korea: The Never-Ending War**

*Airdate/Time:* 7/8/21, 9pm; 7/10/21, 3am

*Length:* 120-minutes

*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.

### **Doolittle's Raiders: A Final Toast**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/4/21, 4:30pm

*Length:* 60-minutes

*Description:* The bottle of 1896 Hennessy Cognac was uncorked in front of hundreds of people. The surviving World War II veterans from one of history's greatest military missions were about to raise their silver goblets one last time ending a decades long tradition. It was time for the veterans to hold this final toast. They could wait no longer. Their numbers had dwindled to just a few. Many of the names of the 80 flyers who took part in the April 18, 1942 raid on Japan may not be familiar to most, but collectively they will always be known in history as the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders. Long ago these American flyers, aboard 16 B-25 bombers, had accomplished a daring mission that changed the morale of an entire nation. The aviators, led by famed commander Lt. Col. James Harold Doolittle, had taken the fight directly to the enemy for the first time in the war and delivered retribution for Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941

### **Test**

*Airdate/Time:* 8/5/21, 4:30pm

*Length:* 60- minutes

*Description:* THE TEST examines the history of atomic testing in Nevada, atomic tourism, and the consequences of being in Nevada's "atomic backyard." Following World War II, as the United States plunged into the Cold War, scientists raced to keep the nation secure in the nuclear age. They lacked a full understanding of atomic weaponry's destructive scope and knew the bomb had to be tested further. Ultimately, atomic testing sites, including one in Nevada, were established. The one-hour documentary delves into the testing in Nevada and the rise of "atomic culture." Highlights include the elaborately constructed "doom towns," "atomic tourism," which describes how nuclear testing became a main event in Las Vegas as residents and visitors alike lined up to watch "the show," as well as a detailing of the history leading up to the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, still in effect today. Additionally, THE TEST examines the role that the former test site serves today in preparing first responders for the fight against terrorism and other dangers.

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