

**NJ PBS
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
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ARTS & CULTURE

State of the Arts #4102

Airdate/Time: 10/19/22, 8:30pm; 10/20/22, 11:30pm; 10/21/22, 2:30pm; 10/22/22, 9:30am; 10/24/22, 5:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured the following: Photographer Xiomáro captures both the look and feel of Morristown's historic Revolutionary War spaces, including Washington's headquarters. A founding member of the Cuban Collective, Los Carpinteros, international artist Alexandre Arrechea creates a monumental new exhibition at ArtYard in Frenchtown, NJ. And the East Lynne Theater Company in Cape May presents the New Jersey premiere of Kyle Bass's "Possessing Harriet," about a young woman's search for freedom in 1839.

Soundcheck #103 "Debbie Gibson"

Airdate/Time: 12/20/22, 9:30pm; 12/22/22, 3:30am; 12/24/2022, 5pm & 11:30pm; 12/25/22, 9:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Singer-songwriter, producer and actress Debbie Gibson shares insight and inspiration about recording her first holiday album Winterlicious and more; Joey McIntyre (New Kids on the Block) discusses their collaboration. Hosted by Jen Eckert and recorded at the Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank, NJ.

American Songbook at NJPAC #501 "Melissa Errico"

Airdate/Time: 10/4/22, 9:34pm; 10/6/22, 3:34am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Tony-nominated Melissa Errico (My Fair Lady, High Society, Amour) performs Sondheim favorites and more. Hosted by Ted Chapin and recorded at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, NJ.

CIVIL RIGHTS

100 Years from Mississippi

Airdate/Time: 11/3/22, 9pm; 11/5/22, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: 100 YEARS FROM MISSISSIPPI profiles the life of Mamie Lang Kirkland, who left Mississippi at seven years old to escape racial violence and would not return to the state until a century later.

Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom

Airdate/Time: 11/10/22, 9pm; 11/12/22, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Goes beyond the legend and explores the life of the woman who repeatedly risked her own life and freedom to liberate others from slavery. One of the greatest freedom fighters in U.S. history, Tubman was an Underground Railroad conductor, a Civil War scout, and a spy.

Becoming Frederick Douglass

Airdate/Time: 11/17/22, 9pm; 11/19/22, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Discover how a man born into slavery became one of the most influential voices for democracy in American history. Oscar nominated filmmaker Stanley Nelson explores the role Douglass played in securing the right to freedom for African Americans.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

NJ Business Beat with Rhonda Schaffler #303

Airdate/Time: 10/1/22, 5pm; 10/2/22, 9am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Rhonda Schaffler kicked off National Women's Small Business Month by recognizing the achievements of some of New Jersey's top female CEOs and prominent entrepreneurs. Plus, coverage of major business headlines.

Que Pasa NJ! #305

Airdate/Time: 11/26/22, 9am; 11/29/22, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Host Carlos Medina speaks with Constellation Energy CEO Joe Dominguez, Varcomm Executive Danny Vargas, Olga Abinader of Matrix New World and Wells Fargo NJ President, Alberto Garofalo.

Pathway to Success #312

Airdate/Time: 12/6/22, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Host John E. Harmon, Sr. interviews Ilias Simpson, President of Modivcare Mobility, about making connections in the community, delivering health care and other business opportunities.

ENVIRONMENT

NOVA #4916 “Ocean Invaders”

Airdate/Time: 11/7/22, 9pm; 11/9/22, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Lionfish-long prized in home aquariums-have invaded the Atlantic. Provides a deep dive with host Danni Washington to investigate what makes the lionfish such a successful invasive species, how it's wreaking havoc, and what can be done about it.

Nature #4103 “Woodpeckers: The Hole Story”

Airdate/Time: 11/14/22, 8pm; 11/16/22, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Provides an intimate look at what makes woodpeckers so special. With over 240 species of woodpeckers identified, explore their unique evolutionary journey and the powerful role they play in every ecosystem except Antarctica and Australia.

Downwinders and the Radioactive West

Airdate/Time: 11/28/22, 8pm; 11/30/22, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In the 1950s and '60s, the U.S. government conducted a series of nuclear tests in the Nevada desert. The resulting fallout would kick off a decades-long debate over cancer rates, the costs of patriotism, and the responsibility of a nation to protect its citizens. DOWNWINDERS AND THE RADIOACTIVE WEST chronicles the history of the testing program, and shares the stories of Utahans who lived downwind from the Nevada site. In reporting on these ongoing issues, the documentary explores how the legacy of nuclear testing continues to affect the country today.

HEALTH

NOVA #4915 “Can Psychedelics Cure?”

Airdate/Time: 10/31/22,9pm; 11/2/22, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Learn the stories of frontline medical workers, patients, and citizens during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in the city where the mysterious virus was first discovered.

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NOVA #4704 “Mysteries of Sleep”

Airdate/Time: 12/12/22, 9pm; 12/14/22, 3am

Length: 60-mnutes

Description: Like virtually every other animal, humans need sleep to survive. But why? Scientists peer into the brain to see what happens while people snooze and understand the powerful role that sleep - or lack of it - plays in memory, trauma and emotion regulation.

POV #3512 “Midwives”

Airdate/Time: 12/29/22, 9pm; 12/31/22, 3am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Meet two women running a makeshift clinic in western Myanmar torn apart by ethnic violence. The Buddhist owner helps her apprentice part of a Muslim minority group denied their basic rights become a steady health care provider for her people.

HERITAGE

The U.S. and the Holocaust #101

Airdate/Time: 10/13/22, 8:30pm; 10/15/22, 2:30am

Length: 150-minutes

Description: This episode covers the following: Reversing a history of open borders, a xenophobic backlash prompts Congress to restrict immigration. Hitler and the Nazis persecute German Jews, forcing many to seek refuge. FDR is concerned by the growing crisis but unable to coordinate a response.

Making Black America: Through The Grapevine #101

Airdate/Time: 11/24/22, 9pm; 11/26/22, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program explores how free Black people, in the North and South, built towns, established schools, held conventions - creating robust networks to address the political, economic, and social needs of the entire Black community.

Karamu: Feast for the 7th Day

Airdate/Time: 12/28/22, 8:30pm; 12/29/22, 10:30pm, 12/30/22, 2:30am; 12/31/22, 4:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Explore the tradition of Kwanzaa and learn how to prepare a traditional feast for Karamu, the 7th day celebration. Hosted by lifestyle expert Sira Williams.

LAW & POLITICS

NJ Decides 2022: Election Night

Airdate/Time: 11/8/22, 8pm

Length: 3-hours

Description: Women of NJ from various backgrounds and viewpoints assess the impact of the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade in this NJ Spotlight News Special hosted by Sr. Correspondent Joanna Gajis.

Reporters Roundtable with David Cruz #3510

Airdate/Time: 11/19/22, 6pm; 11/20/22, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Sue Altman (New Jersey Working Families Party) discusses prospects for Progressives post-midterms and next year. Then Cruz and reporters Colleen O'Dea (NJ Spotlight News), Tennyson Donyéa (WHYY) and Matt Friedman (Politico NJ) talk about the Trump effect, midterm results, the bear hunt controversy, and more.

NJ Spotlight News

Airdate/Time: 12/6/22, 6pm, 7:30pm & 11pm; 12/7/22, 6:30 am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode covered the following: Bear hunt is back on in NJ after court ruling - State officials say the hunt will protect public safety, support healthier wildlife. Time for Board of Education to hold in-person meetings, GOP lawmakers say - Republicans argue public needs direct access to hold the board accountable. Auto theft bills pass unanimously in committee, await Assembly vote - More than 14,000 vehicles have been stolen statewide this year in NJ.

Murphy appoints first transgender cabinet member in NJ - Allison Chris Myers will be acting chair and CEO of the Civil Service Commission. Baby formula shortage could continue until spring - Consumer advocates say supplies have improved, but more needs to be done. In addition, the following was covered: Hospitals face 'perfect storm' of respiratory viruses - New Jersey has high numbers of flu cases, cases of RSV are increasing, and COVID-19 cases also rising. Rutgers workers rally for fair contract, conditions - A spokesperson for the university said it continues to negotiate in good faith. Dramatic increase in number of domestic violence victims - A network of hotels is now used along with traditional shelters.

Chat Box with David Cruz #312

Airdate/Time: 12/10/22, 6:30pm; 12/11/22, 10:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Cruz and experts assess issues facing New Jersey schools including learning loss and teacher shortages. NJ Spotlight News Anchor Briana Vannozzi discusses her interview with Julie Roginsky, advocate for the SPEAK Out Act, which prohibits workplace non-disclosure agreements where employees allege workplace sexual harassment/assault.
