

## QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

**WNEO/WEAO**

July – September 2023

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PBS Western Reserve is committed to presenting outstanding programs that teach, illuminate and inspire Northeast Ohio viewers. Following is a review of community issues addressed during the third quarter of 2023. All programs aired on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1) unless otherwise indicated.

## **Arts and Culture**

### **Great Performances, Now Hear This / Schumann: Genius and Madness**

*Saturday, July 29, at 7 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) (60 min.)*

Visit Scotland, Germany and France with host Scott Yoo as he investigates the connection between Robert Schumann's bipolar disorder and creative genius via experts, musical performances and examination of the work of other artists outside the world of music.

### **Classic Arts Showcase**

*Weekends from 11 PM to noon; weekdays from 11 PM to 9 AM on Fusion (WNEOL 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)*

Launched in 1994, CLASSIC ARTS SHOWCASE is a television program designed to bring the classic arts experience to the largest audience possible by providing video clips of the arts. There is no program guide for CAS because the beauty of it is that you'll never know what to expect. One moment you might be watching a rare film of George Gershwin performing one of his own compositions on the piano, and less than five minutes later you might see Beverly Sills in a great moment from a classic opera.

### **Becoming Frida Kahlo**

*Tuesdays, Sept. 19–Oct. 3, at 9 PM (60 min.)*

This striking series strips away the myths to reveal the real Frida — a passionate and brilliant artist living through extraordinary times. The series explores the major events of Kahlo's life, both personal and political, from her lifelong health problems to her complicated relationship with artist Diego Rivera, whom she married not once but twice. Their shared political commitment made both artists controversial figures — from their association with Trotsky in Mexico to their paradoxical relationships with some of America's wealthiest figures.

## **Civic Issues**

### **Around Akron with Blue Green**

*Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 5:30 PM (30 min.)*

The show includes a segment about Goodwill Industries of Akron to learn more about the organization's mission, online shopping service and retail stores.

### **Around Akron with Blue Green**

*Saturday, Sept. 12, at 6 PM (30 min.)*

Learn about Better Kenmore CDC, which is devoted to improving the Kenmore, Ohio, community.

### **City Centric**

*Fridays, Sept. 1–Oct. 6, at 8:30 PM (30 min.)*

This new six-part PBS Western Reserve series focuses on a unique set of characters who reflect the fabric of their community. It showcases the talented, dedicated, caring and inspirational people who shape their communities, and explores how their communities have, in turn, shaped them. Each episode offers a look at one city in our region, focusing on notable community members who have unique roles: entrepreneur, revitalizer, entertainer, humanitarian, politician and future leader. All these people contribute to what their city is and where it is heading.

## The Environment

### **Forum 360, Solving Plastic Pollution**

*Monday, Sept. 4, at 5:30 PM (30 min.)*

Guest Kevin Dressler, director of business development and licensing at Akron's Alterra, talks about the company's mission to keep the same plastics circulating in our economy rather than ending up in landfills and oceans.

### **America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston**

*Wednesdays in September at 8 PM (60 min.)*

Go off the beaten track to find the outdoors in the most unlikely places. The journey reveals a deeper understanding of our passionate, complex and sometimes quirky relationship with nature.

### **Evolution Earth**

*Wednesdays in September at 10 PM (60 min.)*

At Earth's extremes, animals are reacting in surprising ways. Animal homes are changing around them at super speed. Follow remarkable stories of resilience and hope. From humpback whales to tiny butterflies to ingenious savanna chimpanzees.

### **Saging the World**

*Friday, Sept. 22, at 8 PM on FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEAO 49.3) (30 min.)*

Indigenous communities have tended a relationship with white sage for thousands of generations. White sage (*Salvia apiana*) only occurs in southern California and northern Baja California, Mexico. Today, poachers are stealing metric tons of this plant from the wild to supply international demand.

## Health and Wellness

### **Art + Medicine: Healthy Aging**

*Saturday, July 1, at 4 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) (60 min.)*

Through an artistic lens, this program looks at issues around aging with co-hosts Drs. Jon Hallberg and Tsegeanesh Seleameab. The program offers viewers insight into how art and medicine can help promote healthy aging and improve one's quality of life.

### **Forum 360, Digital Dentistry**

*Monday, July 3, at 5 PM (30 min.)*

Guest Barry Diamond, D.D.S., is a Beachwood, Ohio, dentist practicing restorative dentistry for his patients using digital dentistry, a method of dentistry using advanced computer technology. Diamond explains the advantages of digital dentistry to host Bill Steven Saus, including a safer, less intimidating and more informative patient experience.

### **Forum 360, Infant Mortality and Advocacy**

*Monday, Aug. 7, at 5:30 PM (30 min.)*

Dr. Cheryl Johnson of Summa Health System talks about infant mortality rates and causes, and how to be your own advocate during your pregnancy journey.

**Lives Well Lived**

*Friday, Aug. 18, at 8 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) (60 min.)*

Encompassing 3,000 years of collective life experience, diverse people aged 75-100 share life lessons about perseverance, the human spirit and staying positive amid life's greatest challenges. Their stories will make you laugh and perhaps cry, but they will mostly inspire you.

**Minorities / Civil Rights****POV, After Sherman**

*Sunday, July 2, at 11 PM (90 min.)*

Filmmaker Jon-Sesrie Goff returns to the coastal South Carolina land that his family purchased after emancipation. His desire to explore his Gullah/Geechee roots leads to a poetic investigation of Black inheritance, trauma, and generational wisdom, amidst the tensions that have shaped American history. In the wake of recent Southern violence, *After Sherman* is a reclamation of Black life and space.

**Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan, Ai-Jen Poo**

*Friday, Aug. 11, at 7:30 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) (30 min.)*

Ai-Jen Poo has been organizing domestic workers for over two decades, ensuring that they have the same structure and security we give to every other job we value. In this episode, she sits down to discuss the roots of her activism, the art of listening with dignity and the future of caregiving as a profession.

**American Experience, The Busing Battleground**

*Monday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 PM (120 min.)*

Revisit 1970s Boston, when Black and white students were bused for the first time between neighborhoods to comply with a federal court desegregation order — unleashing violence and racial unrest that would escalate and continue for years.

**American Experience, The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools**

*Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 9 PM (120 min.)*

Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town — and America — were transformed.