

**NJ PBS
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023**

ARTS & CULTURE

State of the Arts #4201

Airdate/Time: 9/13/23, 8:30pm; 9/14/23, 11:30pm; 9/15/23, 2:30am; 9/16/23, 7:30pm; 9/18/23, 5:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: An exploration of Philip Roth's Newark over three days at NJPAC, including a bus tour of landmarks that appear in his fiction, a visit to his personal library, and readings by actors including Matthew Broderick and Peter Riegert. The NJSO debuts Haitian-American composer, violinist and activist Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR)'s "Farah (Joy)": "a rumination on the black experience in America, community, things worth protesting, love and joy." Plus, Camden Repertory Theater's immersive production of an underground classic by Aishah Rahman, with live jazz accompaniment.

Making Waves: The Art of Cinema

Airdate/Time: 9/5/23, 9:30pm; 9/7/23, 3:30am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: MAKING WAVES: THE ART OF CINEMATIC SOUND reveals the hidden power of sound in cinema and our lives. Through iconic film clips, interviews and archival footage, the documentary captures the history, impact, and creative process of this overlooked artform and the artists behind it. Entertaining and educational insights from legendary directors including George Lucas, Steven Spielberg, Robert Redford, David Lynch, Barbra Streisand, John Lasseter, Ang Lee, Sofia Coppola, and Ryan Coogler, amongst many, whose award-winning work with their sound collaborators have created immersive and multi-sensory audience experiences.

Out of Exile – The Photography of Fred Stein

Airdate/Time: 9/12/23, 9:30pm; 9/14/23, 3:30am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: A tale of danger and resilience: as the Nazi menace thrusts Fred Stein into a life of exile in 1930s Paris, across the war-torn French countryside, and 1940s New York, he learns photography and becomes a master of creating images that transcend their time and place.

CIVIL LIBERTIES & RIGHTS

POV #3601 “After Sherman”

Airdate/Time: 7/6/23, 9pm; 7/8/23, 3am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: 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.

POV #3603 “Liquor: Store Dreams”

Airdate/Time: 7/20/23, 9pm; 7/22/23, 3am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Two Korean American children of liquor store owners reconcile their own dreams with those of their immigrant parents. Along the way, they confront the complex legacies of LA's racial landscape, including the 1991 murder of Latasha Harlins and the 1992 uprisings sparked by the police beating of Rodney King, while engaged in current struggles for social and economic justice.

POV #3607 “While We Watched”

Airdate/Time: 9/28/23, 9pm; 9/30/23, 3am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: A timely depiction of a newsroom in crisis, While We Watched follows tormented journalist Ravish Kumar for two years as he battles a barrage of fake news, falling ratings and the resulting cutbacks. Are there viewers for fact-based analyses anymore? Will his show survive or become a swan song of reason - drowning out in sensationalism, misinformation, and ratings-driven editorial decisions?

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

NJ Business Beat with Raven Santana #103

Airdate/Time: 9/30/23, 5pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured a look at NJ's Hispanic business community and how it contributes to our state's economy through conversations with its business leaders.

Pathway to Success #409

Airdate/Time: 9/2/23, 9am; 9/5/23, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode featured Dr. Mathew Knowles, global leader in sales & marketing, brand development, leadership and founder of "Destinys Child". Dr. Knowles talks about his life, successes and overcoming male breast cancer.

Que Pasa NJ! #407

Airdate/Time: 9/9/23, 9am; 9/12/23, 11:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Host Carlos Medina covers diverse stories from role models, CEOs, entrepreneurs, business leaders, elected officials, athletes, actors, singers and others from the Hispanic Community and its allies. This episode featured actors Javier Munoz (In the Heights/Hamilton) and Mandy Gonzalez (In the Heights/Hamilton/Wicked) discussing their careers.

Chat Box with David Cruz #401

Airdate/Time: 9/16/23, 6:30pm, 9/17/23, 10:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In this episode, Cruz and NJ Gov. Phil Murphy discuss the recent Dept. of Justice report on conditions at local veterans homes, upcoming legislative races, schools/parental rights, NJ's role in the migrant crisis, offshore wind projects and more.

ENVIRONMENT

America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston #202

Airdate/Time: 9/18/23, 8pm; 9/20/23, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, Baratunde learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.

Power Trip: The Story of Energy #201

Airdate/Time: 9/18/23, 10pm; 9/20/23, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Take a journey through the past, present and future of energy, humanity's most important resource, and uncover the hidden energy that is embedded in six major facets of our modern way of life.

Life: First Steps #101

Airdate/Time: 7/10/23, 8pm; 7/12/23, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Of all of nature's babies, single kids have the most to learn - from playful young elephants who have the longest childhood in the animal kingdom, to wildebeest calves who must escape the savannah's many predators. Biologist Patrick Aryee meets individual offspring and discovers the sacrifices their parents make to raise them.

HEALTH

POV #3609 "Eat Your Catfish"

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

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Paralyzed by late-stage ALS, Kathryn clings to a mordant wit as she yearns to witness her daughter's wedding. Shot from her fixed point of view, watch a family grappling with the daily demands of disability and in-home caretaking.

My Ascension

Airdate/Time: 9/7/23, 9pm; 9/9/23, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: A suicide attempt left 16-year-old varsity cheerleader Emma Benoit paralyzed, but propelled her on a mission to use her painful experience to help others find hope and stay alive.

Addict's Wake

Airdate/Time: 9/7/23, 10pm, 9/9/23, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: With amazing access, THE ADDICT'S WAKE watches one American county come to grips with arguably the biggest public health crisis in America: Substance Use Disorder. Following a rash of overdose deaths, it finds a community full of hope, pulling together, finding ways big and small to push back a destructive wave that is consuming communities across the country.

LAW & POLITICS

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Reporters Roundtable with David Cruz #3602

Airdate/Time: 9/23/23, 6pm; 9/24/23, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In this episode, NJ Gov. Phil Murphy's Chief of Staff George Helmy discusses his departure, including his successes and challenges and what awaits his successor. Reporters Briana Vannozzi (NJ Spotlight News), Charlie Stile (The Record) and Nikita Biryukov with New Jersey Monitor discuss the top headlines, including the latest on the Sen. Menendez indictment.

Reporters Roundtable with David Cruz #3603

Airdate/Time: 9/30/23, 6pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In this episode, Ashley Koning, director of the Rutgers Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling, talks about the impact US Senator Menendez's indictment could have on the state's political landscape and upcoming legislative elections, the latest Republican Presidential debate and more. Reporters Sophie Nieto-Muñoz (NJ Monitor), Colleen O'Dea (NJ Spotlight News) and Dustin Racioppi (Politico) break down the latest headlines.