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Art Rocks! The Series

Airdates: Fridays at 8:30pm; Saturdays at 5:30pm

Length: 30 min

Art Rocks! is LPB's weekly series that explores the broad spectrum of art. The series spotlights artists, performance, culture, literature, history and the impact of art in our world. Art Rocks! features Louisiana stories as well as segments from across the country. Each week, the Louisiana Arts Calendar highlights current events throughout our state, and *Louisiana Treasures* – offering a glimpse of items, styles and themes that are unique to Louisiana. The series aims to capture your imagination, introduce you to new artists, and offer close-up views from communities around the country and our own backyard, places where art truly rocks!

Hemingway

Airdate: 1/2/24 – 1/4/24, 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

This three-part, six-hour documentary film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, examines the visionary work and the turbulent life of Ernest Hemingway, one of the greatest and most influential writers America has ever produced. Interweaving his eventful biography — a life lived at the ultimately treacherous nexus of art, fame, and celebrity — with carefully selected excerpts from his iconic short stories, novels, and non-fiction, the series reveals the brilliant, ambitious, charismatic, and complicated man behind the myth, and the art he created.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4723

Airdate: 2/16/24, 7:00pm; 2/18/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Inspiration & Influence

Tank Ball (of "Tank and the Bangas") first love isn't music—it's poetry. Her flirtation with words and letters started after she stole her older sister's diary and read the carefully crafted entries. Her sister's art sparked a passion that blossomed into a budding musical career fully encapsulating the distinct experience of blackness in New Orleans. In honor of Black History Month, LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with the Grammy-nominated artist to discuss the inspiration behind Tank's craft and the future of her music.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4725

Airdate: 3/1/24, 7:00pm; 3/3/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Carving History

Folk artist Henry Watson travels the backroads of Louisiana in search of old and abandoned buildings that could be lost to history. He salvages the wood and uses it as the canvas to chronicle Louisiana heritage. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc takes us to St. Francisville to watch the artist at work creating hand-carved art collected worldwide.

Walter Anderson: The Extraordinary Life and Art of the Islander

Airdate: 3/5/24, 8:30pm

Length: 90 min

The fascinating life and work of Mississippi Gulf Coast watercolorist Walter Inglis Anderson is explored in this intimate and revealing film. Through poignant family interviews, never-before-seen artwork, and breathtaking images from Anderson's beloved Horn Island, discover the genius who has been called "the South's greatest artist." From filmmakers Anthony Thaxton and Robert St. John.

Dante: Inferno To Paradise

Airdate: 3/18/24 & 3/19/24, 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

DANTE explores the riveting life and times of Dante Alighieri (1265-1321) and his soaring masterpiece *The Divine Comedy*—inarguably one of the greatest artistic achievements in the history of literature. Directed by Ric Burns, and written by Ric Burns and Riccardo Brusaglia,

the film chronicles the mesmerizing story, at once dreamlike and hyper-real, that unfolds within poem itself, and the story of how Dante managed to create it under such unpromising circumstances and how it has been transmitted over time.

Literary New Orleans

Airdate: 3/19/24, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Louisiana has long been a muse for creatives, from musicians to artists. In particular, the City of New Orleans has served as a setting for many of the world's most famous literary works, including "A Streetcar Named Desire," "Interview with a Vampire" and "A Confederacy of Dunces." In this hour-long documentary from WYES, explore the more than three centuries of locally written word.

Culture / Heritage

La Veillée

Airdate: Thursdays at 7:45pm

Length: 15 min

In Louisiana French, la veillée is the word for "evening porch visits" – a time when you would talk about the news of the day, the people in your community, and all the things going on. It perfectly describes this brand-new weekly news magazine and partnership between LPB and Télé-Louisiane. Airing on LPB Thursday nights at 7:45 PM, *La Veillée* is a 15-minute weekly look at Louisiana's news, culture, politics and people – all told in Louisiana French. It is part of LPB's commitment to showcasing Louisiana's unique French culture and heritage.

Behind the Glory

Airdate: Thursdays at 8:45pm

Length: 15 min

In this limited series, LPB visits with recent inductees into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame for in-depth conversations and presents stories that transcend the sport. Veteran journalist Lyn Rollins hosts, kicking off the series with baseball great Paul Byrd, the "nicest guy in baseball." Also featured are weightlifting great health Imahara, sports journalist Lori Lyons, and baseball legend Ron Washington.

Taste of Louisiana with Chef John Folse & Company

Airdate: Saturdays at 2:00pm

Length: 30 min

In this series, world-renowned Cajun and Creole chef John Folse examines Louisiana's culinary history and celebrates the French, English, Spanish, German, Italian, American Indian and African influences on Louisiana's cuisine. Filmed before a live audience, the program combines music, history and of course, great cooking.

An Evening at the Governor's Mansion: Jon Batiste

Airdate: 1/1/24, 10:00pm

Length: 30 min

Mixing his love of music with his love of Louisiana, multi-award winning artist Jon Batiste provides an energetic, yet intimate performance for all of Louisiana with An Evening at the Governor's Mansion. This annual LPB celebration is hosted by Governor John Bel Edwards and First Lady Donna Edwards.

Samantha's Brown's Places to Love

Airdate: 1/5/24, 8:00pm

Length: 30 min

Samantha takes us to places both far and wide and close to home! From the Illinois stretch of Route 66 to the wilds of British Columbia. In the season opener, she visits Australia's Northern Territory for the gorgeous sandy beaches, delicious food, and iconic animals.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4718

Airdate: 1/12/24, 7:00pm; 1/14/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Building Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras season is in full swing with parades and private balls packing social calendars and weekends. In the days leading up to Fat Tuesday, float makers are in a frenzy putting finishing touches on thousands of floats that roll during the season. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc goes behind the scenes at Kern Studios in New Orleans, a family-owned company, synonymous with Mardi Gras since the 1940s.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4721

Airdate: 2/2/24, 7:00pm; 2/4/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: The Krewe of Red Beans

The Krewe of Red Beans is one of the culture bearers of New Orleans Mardi Gras, putting their unique spin on costumes and parading. As with most Mardi Gras Krewes, Red Beans has an altruistic arm that extends into the community throughout the year. To fund its many outreach projects, the Krewe of Red Beans is opening a bean museum. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc introduces us to "Beanlandia" in New Orleans, a museum by day and a cultural center by night.

Gospel

Airdate: 2/12/24 & 2/13/24, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

GOSPEL, the latest history series from Henry Louis Gates, Jr., digs deep into the origin story of Black spirituality through sermon and song. African Americans have been the driving force of sonic innovation for over a century. Musical styles come and go, but there's one sound that has been a constant source of strength, courage and wisdom on any given Sunday.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4723

Airdate: 2/16/24, 7:00pm; 2/18/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Learning Louisiana French Heritage

Louisiana French heritage is part of the lesson plan in several Vermilion Parish schools, funded by a \$1-million federal grant through the Louisiana Department of Education. The program is known as Lâche Pas (meaning "don't let go"), as it's affectionately called. It connects students with Louisiana artists and musicians to learn about Cajun and Creole craft, culture, history, language and music. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc visits Abbeville where middle school students put on a show of their hands-on learning with news of the program's efforts to expand statewide.

Antiques Roadshow: LSU Rural Life Museum, Hour 1

Airdate: 2/19/24, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Watch incredible Louisiana treasures including an emerald, diamond & gold necklace, ca. 1875; New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival posters; and a 1962 - 1966 Stewart "Smokey" Stover collection. Find out which is the top \$100,000 find!

Finding Fortunes: Behind the Scenes of Antiques Roadshow

Airdate: 2/26/24, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

This LPB Antiques Roadshow companion special gives viewers an exclusive look at the taping of the Baton Rouge episodes of this beloved series. We follow three hopeful participants as they bring their items to be appraised. The show also gives viewers an opportunity to meet the Antiques Roadshow producers who share details about the massive production effort that goes into shooting three television episodes in just one day as well as tips on what it takes to become part of the Antiques Roadshow television broadcast.

Attakapas: The Cajun Story

Airdate: 3/5/24, 7:00pm

Length: 90 min

Zachary Richard is a Louisiana music legend and an undisputed ambassador of Louisiana's Cajun music, history, and culture. He joins us once again for this special broadcast. Produced by LPB in 2017, this multi-media stage show chronicles the history of the Acadian people. From their expulsion by the British from Nova Scotia to their epic journey and eventual arrival in the wild swamps and prairies of Louisiana, Richard uses song and storytelling to tell this enthralling history and adventure.

Deeply Rooted: John Coykendall's Journey to Save Our Seeds & Stories

Airdate: 3/6/24, 7:30pm

Length: 90 min

For nearly four decades, John Coykendall's passion has been preserving the farm heritage – the seeds and stories - of a small, farming culture in Southeastern Louisiana. He is a renowned heirloom seed saver, a classically trained artist, and Master Gardener at Blackberry Farm, one of America's top resorts. Since 1973, he has made an annual pilgrimage to Louisiana to record the oral histories and growing techniques, recipes, and folktales of Louisiana farmers and gardeners in more than 80 beautifully illustrated journals.

La Veillée: Stories from the Porch

Airdate: 3/7/24, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

In this hour-long special, we visit a Courir de Mardi Gras, a traditional Mardi Gras event held in many Cajun and Creole communities, explore another heritage language, Louisiana Creole, and hunt alligator with Troy Landry, who shares how Louisiana's French language and culture have played a huge role in his life and career.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4726

Airdate: 3/8/24, 7:00pm; 3/10/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Nola World's Fair Exhibit

Forty years ago, the World's Fair opened in Louisiana, becoming a favorite pastime during its year-long run as the state's temporary theme park. Countless Louisianians hold memories and scrapbooks full of photos chronicling the 1984 World's Fair as part of their family lore. The Louisiana State Archives has compiled these souvenirs, memories, and musings into an exhibit open to the public. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc takes us on a tour as she recounts and reconnects with her own fond memories.

Economy / Agriculture

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4723

Airdate: 2/16/24, 7:00pm; 2/18/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Budget Woes

Governor Jeff Landry and his administration presented the first executive budget of his term. The budget proposal for the 2024-25 financial year begins July 1st and calls for significant spending reductions. The budget also anticipates a \$500 million shortfall next fiscal year with the expiration of the temporary .45 cent sales tax. As budget work begins for lawmakers, questions of who pays and how much will drive decisions about several proposed tax reforms. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc brings viewers an overview of the impending tax reform debate.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4725

Airdate: 3/1/24, 7:00pm; 3/3/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Crawfish Farmers

Governor Jeff Landry is asking the U.S. Department of Agriculture for federal assistance for Louisiana's crawfish industry. The recent drought and record heat have sent crawfish prices soaring and produced smaller crawfish. Although the crawfish crisis is no joking matter, Louisiana is able to take a lighthearted approach to crawfish season with a crawfish pardon and a positive attitude, hoping for better days ahead. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc traveled to

the crawfish capital of the world, Breaux Bridge, to talk with crawfish farmers about the challenges with harvest.

Louisiana Harvest of the Month

Airdate: 3/6/24, 7:00pm

Length: 30 min

This 30-minute special spotlights the LPB digital-first series that celebrates foods grown and harvested in Louisiana. We travel to Tallgrass Farm to learn about the farming and biology of crawfish. Then it's off to Supreme Rice in Acadia Parish to see first-hand how the crop is harvested and processed. And we learn about efforts to connect communities across the state with fresh, healthy food, through the Seeds to Success: Louisiana Farm to School Program from the LSU Ag Center.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4727

Airdate: 3/15/24, 7:00pm; 3/17/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Certified Louisiana

More than 600 homegrown companies carry the Certified Louisiana seal, a mark of quality and authenticity that amplifies their marketing efforts and brand visibility. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture created the Certified Louisiana program to call attention to our world-famous cuisine and cultural products, while assuring consumers these products are the real deal. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc travels to Southwest Louisiana, introducing us to two certifiable success stories of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Louisiana Spotlight: Priced Out - Inside Louisiana's Insurance Crisis

Airdate: 3/25/24, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Louisiana is in the middle of an escalating insurance crisis that has seen premiums soar and coverage gaps widen. The financial strain is leaving residents feeling "priced out." What factors contribute to this crisis, and how are communities navigating these turbulent waters? "Priced Out: Inside Louisiana's Insurance Crisis" will explore the landscape of insurance accessibility and affordability, hearing first-hand stories from people caught in the middle and insights from experts striving for solutions and a more equitable future.

Education / Youth

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4717

Airdate: 1/5/24, 7:00pm; 1/7/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Alana Beards Work Off the Court

Former WNBA All-Star, Alana Beard, a Shreveport native and recent inductee in the LA Sports Hall of Fame, is "playing" it forward with a foundation in her hometown that empowers young women to reach their full potential. Alana is the founder and president of 318 Foundation, Inc., a non-profit to close the opportunity gap for girls in historically underserved communities. LPB's Karen LeBlanc joined Alana in Shreveport to experience her 318 Foundation at work in the lives of high school women. Karen and Alana also share a candid chat about the retired WNBA's next chapter.

POV: Brief Tender Light

Airdate: 1/16/24, 10:00pm

Length: 90 min

At the elite MIT, a Ghanaian alum follows four African students striving to become change agents for home. Now, living in America, each must refine their ideas about the world, themselves, and how to transform youthful ideals into action as adults.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4725

Airdate: 3/1/24, 7:00pm; 3/3/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Transforming Lives

The role of teacher was a natural fit for Christine Bayard. She comes from a legacy of educators who inspired her to be creative in the classroom. After eight years as a 6th grade math teacher in New Iberia, she decided to revamp her curriculum with what she calls “transformations.” She decorates her classroom six times a year to bring her students an immersive lesson they’ll remember forever. Bayard was recognized for her exemplary creativity with a \$25,000 award from the Milken Family Foundation. In this segment, LPB’s Kara St. Cyr sits down with Bayard as she explains her transformations and her love of teaching.

Louisiana: The State We’re In: #4726

Airdate: 3/8/24, 7:00pm; 3/10/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Summer Hunger

Louisiana opted out of the Summer Electronic Transfer Program (EBT), a federal benefit granting underprivileged children access to meals during the summer months when free and reduced school lunches are unavailable. The \$71 million in federal money could have benefited more than 500,000 kids in the state. Both DCFS and Governor Jeff Landry emphasized that other programs like SNAP benefits will remain available for families struggling with food insecurity, but opponents of the decision argue that those benefits aren’t as effective. In this segment, LPB’s Kara St. Cyr reports on how the Toups Meatery and other businesses like it are stepping up to fill in the holes left by the EBT program.

Healthcare

Louisiana: The State We’re In: #4723

Airdate: 2/16/24, 7:00pm; 2/18/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Heart Disease in Louisiana

We think of heart disease as a uniquely human condition, but poor cardiac health is also prominent in our closest evolutionary cousin: the chimpanzee. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in chimps, with males accounting for the bulk of the fatalities. Though it’s unclear why primates fall victim to sudden cardiac arrest, science has pinpointed a way to detect abnormalities before they become fatal using the echocardiogram. In this segment, LPB’s Kara St. Cyr travels to the primate sanctuary to learn more about the echocardiogram and the precious lives it promises to protect.

Louisiana: The State We’re In: #4724

Airdate: 2/23/24, 7:00pm; 2/25/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Cancer Breakthrough

In this segment, LPB’s Karen LeBlanc reveals a medical breakthrough in cancer treatment enabling thousands of Louisiana patients to get state-of-the-art care in their home state. The new \$10-million-dollar cancer treatment technology is a game changer for patients with difficult-to-treat cancers. Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Baton Rouge is the first and only facility in Louisiana to offer an adaptive radiation therapy program using the Elekta Unity machine. Learn how the MRI-guided technology provides precision radiation to improve outcomes.

History / Military

Louisiana: The State We’re In: #4719

Airdate: 1/19/24, 7:00pm; 1/21/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: The Cabildo Museum

The Cabildo Museum is emblematic of the New Orleans French Quarter and a crown jewel in Louisiana’s State Museum collection. It’s one of the state’s most photographed buildings, where New Orleans’ past and present converge. In this segment, LPB’s Karen LeBlanc takes us on a tour of the museum to discover why the Cabildo attracts international dignitaries from Presidents to royalty as an ambassador for Louisiana’s art, culture, and history.

American Experience: Nazi Town USA

Airdate: 1/23/24, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Explore the rise of the German American Bund, a 1930s organization of American Nazis. With chapters across the country, the Bund represented what experts believe was a “genuine threat of fascist subversion in the United States.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4720

Airdate: 1/26/24, 7:00pm; 1/28/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: A Guide to Mardi Gras History

This year marks the 325th anniversary of Mardi Gras' arrival to North America, a fact highlighted in this year's Mardi Gras Guide, essential reading for parade-goers. Arthur Hardy, a 5th generation New Orleanian, founded the Mardi Gras guide in 1977, listing parade descriptions and routes. It was a novel idea in the late 70s that evolved into a keepsake and cultural compendium of Carnival season, making Arthur Hardy one of Mardi Gras' most recognizable personalities. LPB's Karen LeBlanc traveled to New Orleans to chat with the city's prolific and passionate cultural ambassador about all things Mardi Gras.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4724

Airdate: 2/23/24, 7:00pm; 2/25/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Hidden History

The Woodland Plantation in LaPlace, LA was once the center of one of the largest slave uprisings recorded in the United States. In 1811, a 500-person revolt organized and executed by a teenage slave, Charles Deslondes, traveled from the boundaries of modern-day St. John the Baptist Parish to the outskirts of New Orleans. History would remember the event as the 1811 German Coast Uprising. There is an effort to uncover the plantation's history and highlight the significance of that night. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr takes you to LaPlace, where the project is just beginning.

A Tall Order: The Louisiana State Capitol

Airdate: 2/29/24, 10:00pm

Length: 90 min

This program explores the story of Huey P. Long's efforts to erect the tallest capitol building in the United States right here in Louisiana. From the architects that designed the soaring tower, to the commissioned artists who provided the sculptures, reliefs, and other adornments, the documentary will show you the building in a way that you have likely never seen before.

Nature / Ecology

Nature: Big Little Journeys

Airdate: 1/10/24, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Small animals, even tiny ones, must sometimes make epic journeys to find a home or a mate. While the distances may not seem monumental to us, to these little creatures the journey is monumental. Grasses appear like skyscrapers, mounds become mountains and raindrops fall as big as cars. Meet six heroic, tiny travelers risking it all to complete big journeys against the odds.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4719

Airdate: 1/19/24, 7:00pm; 1/21/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Arctic Blast Heads South

Icy roads, power outages, and frozen pipes were a reality recently for much of the Deep South, as an Arctic blast pushed frigid air over the majority of the country. Icy temperatures in Louisiana can have a devastating impact on agriculture and infrastructure. Weather experts claim that instances of extreme cold will become more likely for southern states as global temperatures continue to change. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr wraps up Louisiana's encounter with severe cold temperatures.

Nature: Gorilla

Airdate: 1/31/24, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Gabon's Loango National Park is home to a group of western lowland gorillas that have become accustomed to biologists who have studied them for almost 20 years. This documentary presents an intimate look at a silverback and his family, and features a newborn baby gorilla, brave researchers, forest elephants, buffalos, and the last remaining wild coastline in the African tropics.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4721

Airdate: 2/2/24, 7:00pm; 2/4/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Winds of Change

LSU recently announced a historic windfall for Louisiana's energy evolution, the largest-ever grant awarded by the National Science Foundation. The grant provides up to \$160 million to support Louisiana's energy industry, create jobs and develop the energy workforce. The latest federal investment in Louisiana's energy transition adds to a growing list, including more than 75 million in federal funding to propel Louisiana's wind energy efforts—funding tied to the state's recent designation as a national tech hub. In part two of LPB's ongoing series "Winds of Change," Karen LeBlanc brings us up to speed on how wind is fueling the future.

Nature: Flyways

Airdate: 2/7/24, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Follow conservationists and scientists who are racing against the clock to understand and save these shorebirds.

Nova: Easter Island Origins

Airdate: 2/7/24, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4722

Airdate: 2/9/24, 7:00pm; 2/11/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Renewable Energy Grant

In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc looks at Louisiana's plans for the largest-ever grant awarded by the U.S. National Science Foundation. The historic 160-million-dollar grant goes to LSU as the team leader of FUEL, a public-private partnership, to develop lower-carbon technologies and renewable power sources. LeBlanc brings us a preview of the 10-year plan to train Louisiana's workforce for the future of energy while staking a claim at the forefront of this new frontier.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4727

Airdate: 3/15/24, 7:00pm; 3/17/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Saving the Whooping Crane

In 1950, Louisiana's whooping crane population dwindled down to one, prompting the state to take action. To date, 80 whooping cranes are living in Louisiana's marshlands, a slow and small victory in an ongoing effort to save the beautiful bird. During this nesting season, the program has high hopes of seeing more whooping crane offspring. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc heads into the marshland of Jefferson Davis Parish with a Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologist to survey what's hatched in a behind-the-scenes look at saving a species from extinction.

News / Current Affairs

Amanpour and Company

Airdates: Monday - Friday at 11:00pm

Length: 60 min

The nightly series features wide-ranging, in-depth conversations with global thought leaders and cultural influences on the issues and trends impacting the world each day, from politics, business and technology to arts, science and sports.

BBC World News America

Airdate: Monday-Friday at 5:30pm

Length: 30 min

This current affairs program provides reports on the major international and US news of the day, presented from Washington DC. The show takes an in-depth look at global events while tracking the latest in US politics. Using the reach of the BBC, and a team based in America, BBC World News America broadcasts live from major events and provides special coverage of breaking news, as well as news from locations traditionally not served by other American broadcasters.

Washington Week

Airdate: Fridays at 7:30pm

Length: 30 min

Washington Week is the longest-running primetime news and public affairs program on television. Since 1967, viewers have come to rely on *Washington Week's* roundtable of award-winning journalists to provide objective reporting and incisive analysis of the major news events of the week.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4717

Airdate: 1/5/24, 7:00pm; 1/7/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Inauguration Preparations

On January 8th, Attorney General Jeff Landry will become Louisiana's 57th Governor when he takes the oath at the state capitol. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc takes us behind the scenes as inauguration day preparations are underway for what organizers are calling one of the most elevated events in the history of Louisiana's inaugurations.

Louisiana Governor's Inauguration

Airdate: 1/8/24, 11:00am

Length: 90 min

In this special broadcast, LPB provides live coverage of the inauguration of Governor-elect Jeff Landry and other statewide elected officials. Kara St. Cyr and Karen LeBlanc, co-anchors of LPB's Louisiana: The State We're In, will lead the coverage. They'll be joined by Barry Erwin, President and CEO of the Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL). The team provides political analysis and shares stories about the new governor's plans for Louisiana over the next four years.

PBS NewsHour Special: State of the Union

Airdate: 3/7/24, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

Live coverage of President Biden's State of the Union address, followed by the Republican response. This special coverage, with co-anchors Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett, will include reporting from Capitol Hill correspondent Lisa Desjardins and White House correspondent Laura Barrón-López.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4726

Airdate: 3/8/24, 7:00pm; 3/10/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: The Ukraine Connection

This segment connects viewers with former LSU basketball player and native Ukrainian Roman Rubchenko, who is on tour throughout Louisiana raising awareness about the Russia-Ukraine war. Roman played LSU basketball in the early 1990s for coach Dale Brown, after defecting from the Ukraine. As the Russia-Ukraine war enters its third year, debate in Congress continues

over a foreign aid package to support Ukraine. LPB's Karen LeBlanc travels to Alexandria to chat with Roman about his efforts to combat apathy in Congress and the court of public opinion as the war wages on.

Politics

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4717

Airdate: 1/5/24, 7:00pm; 1/7/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Governor-elect Profile

Attorney General Jeff Landry launched his gubernatorial campaign with a seven-minute-long video he posted to Twitter. Though Inauguration Day will be a career highlight when he is sworn in as Louisiana's 57th Governor, Landry's ascent in the political world began years earlier. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr profiles Louisiana's Governor-elect with a deep dive into his past.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4717

Airdate: 1/5/24, 7:00pm; 1/7/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: New Department of Revenue Secretary

Louisiana State Representative Richard Nelson created some buzz as a young, enthusiastic candidate during the recent Governor's race. Now, Nelson has been tapped by incoming Governor Jeff Landry to head Louisiana's Department of Revenue as the new Secretary. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with Nelson as he explains his goals for the new role.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4718

Airdate: 1/12/24, 7:00pm; 1/14/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Governor's First Week

Governor Jeff Landry spent his first few days in office declaring a special session to redraw Louisiana's Congressional Districts and State Supreme Court Districts, plus intentions to overhaul Louisiana's primary election process. From inauguration day to the Governor's ball and several days on the job, the agenda of Louisiana's 57th Governor is taking shape. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc reports that after the pomp and circumstance, Landry is advancing policy changes promised on the campaign trail.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4718

Airdate: 1/12/24, 7:00pm; 1/14/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: The Republican Supermajority

Louisiana's political landscape is changing. The inauguration of Republican Governor Jeff Landry shifts a formerly bipartisan legislature into a Republican supermajority—mirroring other conservative strongholds like Florida and Alabama. The state's Democratic Party will have to work overtime to keep their agenda from falling by the wayside. In this segment, Kara St. Cyr sits down with the new Democratic House Leader, Representative Matthew Willard, who reflects on the past governor's race and the future of the party.

The Iowa Caucus: A PBS Newshour Special

Airdate: 1/15/24, 10:00pm

Length: 90 min

Anchored from the nation's capital, coverage includes reporting from journalists on the ground in Iowa. Analysis is provided by a group of panelists in studio, along with explanation of how 2024 Iowa Caucus will work, as well as how the record-cold weather is affecting the proceedings.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4719

Airdate: 1/19/24, 7:00pm; 1/21/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Legislative Special Session

With less than two weeks under his belt, Governor Jeff Landry is beginning his term with an ambitious special session. The 37th Governor of Louisiana intends to tackle the redistricting

controversy, as well as reform Louisiana's party voting system in the near future. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr gives you the rundown on the special session taking place this week at the capitol.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4719

Airdate: 1/19/24, 7:00pm; 1/21/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Future of Rep. Garrett Graves

Louisiana Congressman Garret Graves, a Republican representing the 6th district of Louisiana, has become a flashpoint in the debate over how to redraw Louisiana's Congressional map. Governor Jeff Landry is backing a congressional map that would turn Graves' district into a black-majority seat, effectively pushing the congressman out of office. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc talks with Congressman Graves about his political future as he weighs in on what's at stake with Congressional redistricting.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4727

Airdate: 3/15/24, 7:00pm; 3/17/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Legislative Session – Week One

The start of the 2024 regular legislative session commenced recently—the third session this year. Lawmakers have three months to pore over more than one-thousand bills ranging from additional crime bills to insurance reform. Though no specifics were given, Governor Jeff Landry implied support for insurance, education, and conservative budgeting plans. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr wraps up the first week.

American Masters: Moynihan

Airdate: 3/29/24, 9:00pm

Length: 120 min

Discover the life of former U.S. Senator and diplomat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Considered to have one of the broadest public careers in U.S. political history, he served four terms in the Senate under four presidents—two Republicans and two Democrats.

Public Safety / Crime / Justice

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4720

Airdate: 1/26/24, 7:00pm; 1/28/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Steps Against Illegal Immigration

Governor Jeff Landry signed an executive order to gather information on Louisiana's undocumented immigrant population. He says the data will be used to track instances of criminal activity while also gauging the financial burden these actions pose to Louisiana's economy. Though the executive order is only in the beginning stages, immigrants in the state see the directive as a possible threat. LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with Homero Lopez, the legal director of Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy (ISLA), to talk about the impact of Governor Landry's order.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4722

Airdate: 2/9/24, 7:00pm; 2/11/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Border Patrol

Immigration policy continues to dominate the news cycle in Washington as lawmakers failed to reach an agreement on a border security bill supported by the Biden Administration. Though immigration law is a federal matter, state governors in Texas and Louisiana are asking for more control over the U.S. border. In a recent visit to Eagle Pass, TX, Governor Jeff Landry stated his desire to send Louisiana National Guard troops in an attempt to strengthen border patrol.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4722

Airdate: 2/9/24, 7:00pm; 2/11/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: State Police Superintendent

Colonel Robert Hodges now heads the Louisiana State Police as the 27th Superintendent after being appointed by Governor Jeff Landry. Hodges will oversee more than 2000 employees and a budget of more than \$557 million. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with Colonel Hodges as he talks shop on the future of the Louisiana State Police.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4724

Airdate: 2/23/24, 7:00pm; 2/25/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Special Crime Session

The long-awaited special legislative crime session has begun at Louisiana's capitol. The agenda lists nearly 30 pieces of potential legislation that will transform the state's criminal justice system. Lawmakers are expected to undertake and debate dozens of bills. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr gives an overview of the special session's first week.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4725

Airdate: 3/1/24, 7:00pm; 3/3/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Death Penalty

Louisiana has not executed any death row inmates since 2010, despite being one of the few states where the penalty is legal. Now that Jeff Landry has taken over the governor's chair, conversations about the death penalty and how it's performed have restarted. In this segment, Cecelia Kappel, a death row attorney, sits down with LPB's Kara St. Cyr to talk about the legality of the penalty and the possible changes coming out of the special crime session.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4726

Airdate: 3/8/24, 7:00pm; 3/10/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Criminal Justice Overhaul

The recent historic special crime session ended six days ahead of schedule after only nine working days. Lawmakers passed a slew of tough-on-crime bills essentially overhauling Louisiana's criminal justice system, which had previously been revamped under the Edwards administration in 2017. While most of the bills passed quickly through the legislature, some lawmakers and criminal justice organizations worry the reconstruction of the criminal system may not have the intended effect on crime reduction. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr summarizes the shift in public safety and explains how it will change the way Louisiana fights crime.

Science / Technology / Infrastructure

NOVA: Building the Eiffel Tower

Airdate: 2/14/24, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Explore the revolutionary engineering behind Paris' iconic landmark. Completed in just over two years from the 1889 World's Fair, the iron tower smashed the record for the tallest structure on Earth, ushering in a new age of global construction that reached for the skies. How did the engineers do it? Follow the innovations, successes, and failures that made one of the most famous buildings on the planet possible.

American Experience: The Sun Queen

Airdate: 3/12/24, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Learn about inventor Mária Telkes, who spent nearly 50 years exploring how to harness the sun's power. Battling sexism at MIT, she persevered to design the first successfully solar-heated house in 1948 and held more than 20 patents.

NOVA: A.I. Revolution

Airdate: 3/27/24, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

A.I. tools like ChatGPT seem to think, speak, and create like humans. But what are they really doing? From cancer cures to Terminator-style takeovers, leading experts explore what A.I. can – and can't – do today, and what lies ahead.

Social Issues / Civil Rights

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4718

Airdate: 1/12/24, 7:00pm; 1/14/24, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Restoration of the Lincoln Theater

The Lincoln Theater has lived many lives. It started as an entertainment sanctuary for African Americans experiencing racism in South Baton Rouge. But then it shifted into a cultural hub showcasing Black musical artistry that would later foster the national civil rights movement. Today, the building is in disrepair, but it is finally about to be restored to its former glory. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr takes you back to 1949 to tell you the story of the Lincoln Theater and the movement to revitalize its memory.

Muhammad Ali

Airdate: Fridays at 9:00pm (1/5/24 - 1/26/24)

Length: 120 min

This four-part documentary film by Ken Burns, Sarah Burns, and David McMahon brings to life one of the most indelible figures of the 20th century. Ali was a three-time heavyweight boxing champion who captivated millions of fans across the world with his mesmerizing combination of speed, grace, and power in the ring, and charm and playful boasting outside of it. Ali insisted on being himself unconditionally and became a global icon and inspiration to people everywhere.

The Cost of Inheritance: An American Reframed Special

Airdate: 1/8/24, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Explore the issue of reparations in the U.S. with a focus on historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue. Through narratives, inquiries, and insights, the film aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale.

Independent Lens: Razing Liberty Square

Airdate: 1/29/24, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Liberty City, Miami, was home to one of the oldest segregated public housing projects in the United States. Now with rising sea levels, the neighborhood's higher ground has become something else: real estate gold. Wealthy property owners push inland to higher ground, creating a speculators' market in the historically Black neighborhood previously ignored by developers and policymakers alike.

American Masters: How It Feels to be Free

Airdate: 2/6/24, 8:00pm

Length: 180 min

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

American Experience: Fly With Me

Airdate: 2/20/24, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

Meet the pioneering women who changed the world while flying it. Maligned as feminist sellouts, "stewardesses," as they were called, knew different: they were on the frontlines of a battle to assert gender equality and transform the workplace.