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Arts

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: HOPPER: An American Love Story
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/2/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Discover the secrets behind Edward Hopper's most iconic and enigmatic works. Meet the man behind the brush, and see how his marriage to fellow artist Josephine Nivison Hopper shaped his art and career.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2024 1:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. This portrait of the "King and Queen of Rock and Roll" explores his far-reaching influence as well as his advocacy for the rights of Black artists in the music industry.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 190
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:32

Lenny Kravitz has been busy. He has a new single out Friday from his album set for release in May, an international tour planned for this summer and earlier this month, he earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Geoff Bennett spoke with Kravitz in Los Angeles and visited some of his old haunts. It's for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Arts

Series Title: WEDU Arts Plus
Episode Title: Episode 1224
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/11/2024 8:00:00 PM
Format: Interview

In this special episode, we look back on local stories that celebrate the craft of photography: Photographer Adam Goldberg captures the personalities of pets to help aid adoptions. Matt Larson and Rebecca Sexton Larson practice photography and showcase their work in a 23-foot travel trailer dubbed Boxfotos Airstream. Photographer Grant Jefferies turns his focus to nature photography after a career of shooting pictures for the Bradenton Herald. The Heart Gallery of Tampa uses professional photography to capture a child's spirit to match children with adoptive parents.

Series Title: WEDU Arts Plus
Episode Title: Episode 1301
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/08/2024 8:00:00 PM
Format: Interview

Co-founder of L8 Night Flights Jason Kitchen and his "Flight Crew" introduce us to a world of underground electronic entertainment. Artist and chemist Paula Gracey creates works that show the connection between art and science. Meet the artistic team behind Such + Such, a fabrication and design studio in Cincinnati, Ohio. An exhibition at the Addison Gallery of American Art in Massachusetts showcases the work of documentary photographer Robert Frank.

Series Title: WEDU Arts Plus
Episode Title: Episode 1305
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/28/2024 8:00:00 PM
Format: Interview

For young people at Tampa's Falkenberg Road Jail, a mural project inspires hope. An exhibition at The Cleveland Museum of Art takes a deep dive into the work of Renaissance artist Michelangelo. Explore the abstract works of the late eco-feminist artist Mira Lehr. Aerial photographer Gordon Campbell captures the landscapes of the Virginia eastern shore.

Culture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 131
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/1/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:37

Spray-painted words and pictures, usually clandestine and often illegal, are getting erased by a group of New Englanders who have tagged themselves the anti-graffiti vigilantes. But the method they employ against the perpetrators is an art in itself. Pamela Watts of Rhode Island PBS Weekly reports for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Easter Island Origins
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

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.

Series Title: Dante: Inferno to Paradise
Episode Title: Part One: The Inferno
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/18/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Dive into the dramatic details of Dante's early years and his decision to begin The Divine Comedy in 1306. Join Dante and the great Roman poet Virgil as they delve into the depths of the underworld and encounter Lucifer himself.

Series Title: WEDU Arts Plus
Episode Title: Episode 1302
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2024 8:00:00 PM
Format: Interview

Uncover the multi-faceted mind of Sarasota resident Jack Dowd, as we explore his dwarf-sized pop culture marquettes, his famous "27 Club" paintings, and his life-sized Andy Warhol statues. The Harlem Quartet shares their passion for classical music through performances and master classes. Listen to stories about the Jewish community in the Florida Keys by author Arlo Haskell. Learn the process behind the abstract works of Reno, Nevada, artist Susan Handau

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Serengeti Rules
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Flyways
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:10

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic regions and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water. But their populations are crashing. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Sharks of Hawaii
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/20/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn surprising facts about the sharks that call the warm waters near Hawaii's islands their home. Meet the White Tip Reef shark, Whale shark, Tiger shark and more

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Fathers and Sons
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/16/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors LeVar Burton and Wes Studi—two men who grew up without their fathers. With few clues to guide him, Gates introduces them to ancestors they've never known—revealing connections to key moments in history.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Far and Away
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse Williams—telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secret Lives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Van Gogh's Ear
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

The night when Vincent van Gogh cut his own ear defines his turbulent life and art. Generations have theorized about what really happened on December 23, 1888, in the French town of Arles, but no one has been clear on the details—until now.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Cancer Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:49

Three heroes and their dramatic journeys in the fight against cervical cancer.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/8/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

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

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: How It Feels To Be Free
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

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.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 184
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:14

The death of an administrator at Lincoln University in Missouri and the resignation of Harvard's former president have sparked outrage, concern and dialogue about the treatment of Black women in higher education. We hear from Black women about the challenges and pressures they face in academia, and Geoff Bennett speaks with UT Austin professor Bridget Goosby for more.

Series Title: WEDU Arts Plus
Episode Title: Episode 1303
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/22/2024 8:00:00 PM
Format: Interview

In this special Black History Month episode highlighting artists of color in West Central Florida, the Sphinx Virtuosi (Detroit), pay a visit to the Sarasota Orchestra, offering musicians of color a space to collaborate, perform, and flourish. St. Petersburg resident Dorothy Davis shares her father's legacy, the late Griffith Davis, a renowned photographer, journalist, and US foreign service member. Tour an exhibition of works by USF professor and artist Dr. Gary Lemons at the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum in St. Petersburg. Watercolor artist Dean Mitchell grew up in the small town of Quincy, Florida, where he draws inspiration using his unique style of realism.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Nero's Sunken City
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2024 4:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Baiae... An escape for ancient Rome's powerful elite, the Las Vegas of its day. Now, archaeologists are mapping underwater ruins and piecing together what life was like in this playground for the rich.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Graveyard of the Giant Beasts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A mining operation in Cerrejon, Northern Colombia, opened a window onto a previously unknown period of the earth's history – and a world teeming with giant creatures emerged. The biggest of them all was Titanoboa, a 43-foot snake, the largest that ever lived. No other creature could match Titanoboa in its size and strength, or so it was thought.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Polar Extremes
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/20/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:52:46

Join renowned paleontologist Kirk Johnson on an epic adventure through time at the polar extremes of our planet. Following a trail of strange fossils found in all the wrong places- beech trees in Antarctica, hippo-like mammals in the Arctic- Johnson uncovers the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-high ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life. What caused such dramatic changes at the ends of the Earth? And what controls the dial on Earth's thermostat? Today, the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else in the world, and Antarctica has locked in its ice enough water to raise sea level by a terrifying 200 feet. The way that the poles respond to a warming climate is one of the greatest wildcards in predicting our climate future. Johnson uses Earth's history, written in stone, as a cipher to decode what is going on at our polar extremes today, and what the future may hold.

Science/Technology

Series Title: WEDU Arts Plus
Episode Title: Episode 1304
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2024 8:00:00 PM
Format: Interview

The Wild Space Gallery in St. Petersburg presents an exhibition that combines art, science and nature from the Archbold Biological Station. See the vivid works of abstract expressionist artist Ruth Gilmore Langs. The Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Professional Training Institute prepares the next generation of stage performers. Learn the art of meditation through an indigenous guided meditation philosophy created by Paiute person Brian Melendez.