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Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 69
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:40

Singer Linda Ronstadt sold millions of records, performed for over four decades and made history as the first woman to have three consecutive platinum albums. Her new book, "Feels Like Home: A Song for the Sonoran Borderlands," offers a different window into her life as she reflects on her roots. Jeffrey Brown spoke with Ronstadt for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Episode Title: Buffy Sainte-Marie: Carry It On
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/22/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 02:56:46

Madison Thomas' feature documentary is a joyous, challenging account of this cultural and musical icon's lifelong commitment to music and sharing the truth. Buffy shares her own story, from her early love of music to the activism she continues to this day, despite her career being suppressed because of it. Additional interviews include Alanis Obomsawin, Joni Mitchell, Robbie Robertson and many others whose lives Buffy has touched.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: The Adventures of Saul Bellow
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 12/12/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:10

Explore Nobel Prize winner Saul Bellow's impact on American literature and how he navigated through issues of his time, including race, gender and the Jewish immigrant experience. Featuring interviews with Philip Roth, Salman Rushdie and others.

Culture

Series Title: 35th Hispanic Heritage Awards
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2022 1:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Event Coverage
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Celebrate the recipients of the Hispanic Heritage Awards. The evening includes performances and appearances by some of the country's most celebrated Hispanic artists and visionaries.

Series Title: Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies
Episode Title: Episode 2
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/23/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:12

Hour two uncovers further mysteries behind King Tut's life and burial. Egyptian Archeologist Dr. Yasmine El-Shazly continues her journey, seeking to answer some of the historical inconsistencies surrounding this great civilization.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 120
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:20

As the year comes to an end, we're taking a look at some of the best writing of 2022. Jeffrey Brown sat down with literary critics Gilbert Cruz of The New York Times and Maureen Corrigan of NPR to discuss their favorite books. It's for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Rivers of Life
Episode Title: Danube
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Europe's mighty and majestic Danube, full of glorious riches and magical surprises, is the world's most international river. See how its epic journey is like no other – featuring stunning secret tributaries, baby turtles, and a waterfall-riding kayaker.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Woodpeckers: The Hole Story
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Two families explore the evolutionary journey of woodpeckers and the role they play in each ecosystem that they inhabit.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: American Arctic
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/28/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Photographer and cinematographer Florian Schulz tracks wildlife at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the northeastern corner of Alaska.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Write My Name in the Book of Life
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps musician Pharrell Williams and filmmaker Kasi Lemmons uncover extraordinarily rare first-person accounts of their enslaved ancestors.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Flight
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors Scarlett Johansson and Lupita Nyong'o and chef Lidia Bastianich, whose families crisscrossed the globe to escape oppression and find opportunity, leaving them with questions about those who stayed behind.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: The New World
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/20/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. traces ancestors of actor John Lithgow and journalist Maria Hinojosa who thrived in North America long before the birth of the United States.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ending HIV in America
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Almost 40 years after the discovery of HIV could we be on the verge of ending the AIDS epidemic in America? How did scientists tackle one of the most elusive deadly viruses to ever infect humans? Can innovative drugs bring new infections to zero?

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 106
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/25/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:31

The chemical mercury is considered so dangerous to humans and the environment that more than 100 countries have agreed to try to end its use. But across the world, millions of miners are still exposed to the toxic metal. In Zimbabwe, a majority of miners depend on it to help them extract gold. Nick Schifrin reports in collaboration with the Global Press Journal.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 120
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:10:13

The White House is warning of a surge of illness this holiday season, as the country deals with the simultaneous uptick of three, highly contagious respiratory viruses. Hospitals across the country are filling up with patients suffering from flu, RSV and COVID. William Brangham reports.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Making Black America: Through the Grapevine
Episode Title: Episode 1
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Hour one 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.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 88
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:42

Early voting has been underway in Arizona for weeks, with reports of voter intimidation at ballot drop box sites continuing. The stakes are high with a Senate race that could determine the chamber's balance of power and a governor's race that has a Republican election denier leading in polls. Stephanie Sy reports on the issues energizing voters in the Grand Canyon State.

Series Title: In A Different Key
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

A mother tracks down the first person diagnosed with autism to learn if his life holds promise for her own autistic son. She documents both cruelty and kindness, but also hope that more of us are learning to have the backs of those who are different.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Computers v. Crime
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/12/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Across the country, artificial intelligence is helping inform decisions about policing and criminal sentencing. This timely investigation digs into the hidden biases, privacy risks, and design flaws of this controversial technology.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Zero to Infinity
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/16/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:52:05

Discover how the concepts of zero and infinity revolutionized mathematics.

Series Title: PBS News Weekend
Episode Title: Episode 51
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/24/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:25

People traveling across the country this holiday season may come across a new component of airport security. The Transportation Security Administration is now testing facial identification scanners at 16 major airports. Washington Post columnist Geoffrey Fowler joins William Brangham to discuss the complexities and controversies around this new technology.