

~ MPBN FOURTH QUARTER 2015 ~

TV ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

For

WCBB-TV, CH. 10, AUGUSTA, MAINE
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WMED-TV, CH. 13, CALAIS, MAINE
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Introduction

This report is divided into three pertinent areas – Children’s Programs, Locally Produced Programs, and National Programming.

MPBN’s Children’s Programs continue to attack the problem of potentially harmful television exposure by providing a substantial schedule of programs which consider the greatest needs of youngsters, and which meet those needs with programs that are truly educational. The programs assist children in realizing their value with respect to their peers. They offer an understanding of humanity, behavior and tolerance, and which present the environment of the world and its surroundings in a context that will help that young person cope with challenges all his or her young life. And, these programs provide young pre-school children with the skills and understanding they need to successfully begin their schooling.

The Locally-Produced Programs of MPBN are the results of our continuing assessment of the needs, requirements and wishes of the citizens of the state, and of a cohesive season-long effort to meet those needs in the most-timely and efficient manner possible. The variety of the programming, as well as the award-winning productions, speaks to the general relevance and quality of those efforts. These programs are focused on subjects and topics not covered by other media in the state. The scope and quantity of local programming is one of the highest priorities of the organization, measuring the importance attached to the needs of the citizenry. The subjects of the topical and timely public affairs programs usually cover public policy or controversial issues, and the programs serve to enlighten and educate viewers on the information on both sides of issues.

National Programming, supplied by the Public Broadcasting Service and other organizations, helps the citizens of Maine to understand the policies and principles of our government, its agencies and representatives, and assists each viewer in making informed choices on enabling every viewer to listen, to understand, to choose and to act. Other programs give insight to historical, cultural, artistic, philosophical or religious implications of American life, a perspective not available on other television outlets. This listing of National Programming is not comprehensive, but includes a representative selection of programming from this quarter targeted to community issues/problems.

MPBN's overall approach to Issues and Problems is to provide a substantial schedule of programs of a substance, a quality, an indispensability and relevance unmatched by other broadcast outlets.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Sesame Street

Weekdays at 10am & 2pm; Saturdays and Sundays at 8am

This venerable series of five hour-long episodes and seven half-hour episodes, each week continues to offer the best programming anywhere in entertainment and education for pre-school youngsters. Songs, skits, animation, object lessons and the incomparable Muppet characters continue to delight, fascinate, and instruct children in reading, speaking, and in understanding the world around them. Seven hours and 5 half-hours a week.

One hour version ended Sunday November 15, 2015

Sesame Street

Weekdays at 10AM Saturdays

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Arthur

Weekdays at 4:30pm

This animated series presents Arthur the aardvark, a young school-age character that encounters typical adolescent problems at school and at home while interacting with his peers and his family. The storyline developed in each episode convey object lessons in how to deal with these problems and series to teach young people that, despite their perceptions; they are definitely not odd mammals, but normal individuals.

Five half-hours a week ending November 27, 2015

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Weekdays at 3PM (Monday – Friday) & 3:30PM Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

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Eight half-hour programs per week.

Odd Squad

Weekdays at 7AM & 3:30PM until November 15, 2015. Weekdays at 4PM began November 16, 2015

ODD SQUAD is a PBS KIDS live-action media property designed to help kids ages 5-8 learn math. The show focuses on two young agents, Olive and Otto, who are part of the Odd Squad, an agency whose mission is to come to the rescue whenever something unusual happens. A math concept is embedded in each of their cases, as Olive and Otto work together to problem-solve and save the day in each episode. ODD SQUAD is created by Tim McKeon (Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends, Adventure Time, The Electric Company) and Adam Peltzman (The Electric Company, The Backyardigans, Wallykazam!) and produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment and The Fred Rogers Company. Ten half-hours per week ending November 13, 2015.

Five half-hours per week beginning November 16, 2015

Wild Kratts

Weekdays at 7:30am ending November 13, 2015

Weekdays at 7AM & 7:30AM Saturday and Sunday at 9AM

"Wild Kratts" joins the adventures of Chris and Martin Kratt as they encounter incredible wild animals, combining science education with fun and adventure as the duo travels to animal habitats around the globe. Each adventure explores an age-appropriate science concept central to an animal's life and showcases a never-before-seen wildlife moment, all wrapped up in engaging stories of adventure, mystery, rescue, and the Kratt brothers' brand of laugh-out-loud-comedy that kids love. Real-life Chris and Martin introduce each "Wild Kratts" episode with a live action segment that imagines what it would be like to experience a never-before-seen wildlife moment, and asks, "What if...?" The Kratt Brothers transition into animation and the adventure begins, bringing early-elementary school children into the secret lives of extraordinary creatures, many of which have never been animated before -- including Tiger quolls, Draco lizards, and Caracals! Five half-hours per week ending November 13, 2015. Twelve half-hours per week beginning November 16, 2015

Curious George

Weekdays at 8am, 8:30am, & 3pm. Saturday's at 7am & 7:30am ending November 15, 2015. Weekdays at 2pm and 2:30pm, Saturday & Sunday at 8am and 8:30am

For more than 75 years, generations of young children have been charmed by the literary adventures of Curious George. Based on the best-selling Curious George books by Margret and H. A. Rey, the daily series expands George's world to include a host of colorful new characters and original locales, while maintaining the charm of the beloved books. Each half-

hour episode includes two animated stories, followed by short live-action pieces showing real kids who are investigating the ideas that George introduces in his stories. The series aims to inspire kids to explore science, math and engineering in the world around them. Seventeen half-hours per week ending November 13, 2015.

Fourteen half-hours per week beginning November 16, 2015.

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood

Weekdays at 9am & 9:30AM Saturday & Sunday at 8am ending November 15, 2015.

Weekdays at 9am and 9:30am, Saturday at 7am and 7:30am beginning November 16, 2015

"Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" is an animated series with live-action interstitials. Fred Rogers' original Neighborhood of Make Believe is recreated in vibrant color and texture; his signature puppet Daniel Striped Tiger is transformed into a curious and playful 4-year-old joined by his friends O the Owl, Prince Wednesday, Katerina Kittycat and Miss Elaina. The series curriculum is school-readiness and social-emotional learning, and each preschool themed episode offers a musical strategy for children and parents to use together.

Twelve half-hours per week.

Dinosaur Train

Weekdays at 11am & 11:30am Saturday & Sundays at 8:30am

Saturday and Sunday airings ends November 14 & 15, 2015

"Dinosaur Train" is an animated series for 3-to-6 year olds. The series features a curious young T-rex named Buddy who, together with his adopted Pteranodon family, takes the Dinosaur Train to meet, explore, and have adventures with all kinds of dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures.

Twelve half-hours per week until November 15, 2015

Ten hours per week beginning November 16, 2015

Bob the Builder

Sundays at 7am

Aimed at preschoolers, this series follows the adventures of Bob and his machines: Scoop the leader/digger, Muck the digger/dumper, Dizzy the cement mixer, Lofty the crane and Roley the steamroller. Bob's business partner Wendy and Pilchard the cat all help out in the builder's yard. Other characters include Farmer Pickles, his tractor Travis and the naughty scarecrow Spud -- who is always up to mischief.

One half-hour per week.

Thomas & Friends

Weekdays at 1:30pm, moves to 12:30pm beginning November 16, 2015 & Sunday at 7:30am.

Set on the imaginary island of Sodor, the series follows the adventures of Thomas, a cheeky little Tank Engine, and his friends, Edward, James, Gordon, Percy, Henry and Toby, plus Emily, the first female steam engine -- all under the watchful eye of Sir Topham Hatt, the manager of the Sodor Railway.

Six half-hours per week.

Peg + Cat

Weekdays at 12noon & 12:30pm

Moves to 10:30AM & 1pm Weekdays on November 16, 2015

This series is designed to engage preschool children and teach them how to solve math-based problems with Peg, a chatty and tenacious five year-old, her feline pal, Cat, and her smart, handsome, cool friend Ramone.

Ten half-hours per week

Super Why!

Weekdays at 1pm ending November 13, 2015

Weekdays at Noon beginning November 16, 2015

This series focuses on the adventures of four fairytale friends who transform into reading-powered superheroes: Alpha Pig with Alphabet Power, Wonder Red with Word Power, Princess Presto with Spelling Power, Super Why with the Power to Read and Super YOU with the Power to Help. Together, they are the "Super Readers!" The Super Readers jump into books (literally) to find answers to everyday preschool challenges and embark on exciting adventures, where they play interactive reading games to overcome obstacles and save the day. In every episode, young viewers dive directly into a pop-up story to experience a brightly-illustrated children's tale brought to magical life.

Five half-hours per week

Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About That

Weekdays at 2:30pm ending November 13, 2015

Weekdays at 1:30pm beginning November 16, 2015

Coming to television for the first time ever in an animated series, the Cat in the Hat whisks preschoolers off on a voyage of scientific discovery. "The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!" features six-year-olds Sally & Nick, best friends and next door neighbors, who are transported on magical journeys to all corners of the globe where the natural world becomes their playground. With the Cat as their guide, his two energetic helpers, the zany duo, Thing One and Thing Two and the enigmatic Fish along for the ride, every outing becomes an unpredictable adventure. In each episode, Sally and Nick head off with the Cat in his one-of-a-kind custom vehicle, the Thinga-ma-jigger, a quintessentially Seussian contraption that instantly transforms from plane to boat to submarine with just a flick of the jigger-ma-whizzer or a honk of the shrinkamadoodle. They go everywhere from the ocean bottom, to a rainforest, or to the centre of a beehive. The Cat in the Hat "knows a lot" but he doesn't know everything making him the perfect guide for learning and fun.

Five half-hours per week

Nature Cat

Monday and Wednesday at 8am and 3:30pm

NATURE CAT follows Fred, a house cat who dreams of exploring the great outdoors. In each episode, once his family leaves for the day, Fred transforms into Nature Cat, "backyard explorer extraordinaire." Nature Cat can't wait to get outside for a day of backyard nature excursions and bravery, but there's one problem: He's still a house cat with no instincts for nature. Like many of today's kids, Nature Cat is eager and enthusiastic about outside activities, but is at times intimidated by them. With the help of his animal friends, Nature Cat

embarks on action-packed adventures that include exciting missions full of nature investigation, "aha" discovery moments and humor, all while inspiring children to go outside and "play the show." Four half-hours per week beginning November 30, 2015

Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas

Monday 12/7 @ 8:30am and 2pm, Sunday 12/20 @ 8am, Thursday 12/24 @ 8am & 2:30PM, and Friday 12/25 @ 8am & 2pm

George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.

Wild Kratts: a Creature Christmas

Wednesday 11/25, Thursday 11/26 & Friday 11/27 @ 7am & 3pm. Monday 12/7, Friday 12/18, Thursday 12/24 & Friday 12/25 @ 7am. Thursday 12/24 @ 3:30pm

In this one-hour special, it's Christmas time and the Wild Kratts are taking a break from creature adventuring to celebrate. But when the Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are suddenly disappearing around the globe, their holiday party quickly turns into a rescue mission. Our heroes must race against time to thwart their greedy archrivals' most miserly scheme yet! Will they be able to travel to the ends of the earth and return their baby animal friends to their homes in time for the holidays?

Peg + Cat Holidays

Wednesday 12/17 & Thursday 12/19 @ Noon, Monday 12/7 @ 10am & 1pm, Thursday 12/24 @ 10:30am & 12:30am

"The Christmas Problem," "The Hanukkah Problem" and "The Penguin Problem" feature math for kids.

Nature Cat Premiere

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 11/25, 11/26 & 11/27 @ 07:45am & 3:45pm

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Odd Squad: Against the Odds

Monday, Wednesday & Friday October 5, 7 & 9, 2015 at 7AM & 3:30pm

Six one-hour airings

Thomas & Friends: Sodor's Legend of the Lost Treasure

Monday & Friday 10/12 & 10/16 @ 3:30pm

Unearthing an old pirate ship, Thomas and his friends are on the hunt for Sodor's lost treasure.

Curious George: A Halloween Boo Fest

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10/26, 10/28 & 10/30 @ 8am & 3pm

Saturday 10/31 @ 7am

During his first Halloween in the country, George explores the legend of a hat-kicking scarecrow.

NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

BBC World News

Weekdays at 6am & 6pm

BBC WORLD NEWS: The latest global news from the world's largest news broadcaster. The newscasts contain all the most up-to-date news, interviews, analysis, business reports and world sports news.

10 half-hours per week.

Focus on Europe

Sundays at 6AM

The focus is on the weekly summary of news in Europe. One half-hour per week.

BBC Newsnight

Saturday's at 6am & 6PM

The international version of BBC Newsnight is a weekly round-up of news and current affairs including interviews with global opinion formers and documentary features from all over the world. Presenters include Jeremy Paxman, Kirsty Wark, Gavin Esler and Emily Maitlis. Thought-provoking and informative, Newsnight offers in-depth analysis of complex global issues. BBC Newsnight is commissioned by BBC World News, which is presented nationally on public television by KCET Los Angeles. Produced out of the BBC's London studio, BBC Newsnight and BBC World News draw from the BBC's unrivalled global newsgathering resource of 2,000 journalists and 70 international bureaus.

One half-hour per week

DW News

Weekdays at 5:30pm

As one of the world's largest international broadcasters, Deutsche Welle provides public television viewers the unique opportunity to see our world from another perspective. The economic meltdown taking place in Greece, Portugal, and Spain, revolutions in Egypt and Syria spilling over to Europe, and the worldwide campaign to combat global warming are issues that affect viewers on both sides of the Atlantic. On DW-TV's Journal, reporters and presenters from our Berlin studios provide your viewers depth and clarity as well as a unique European perspective on the day's events. Five half-hours per week

McLaughlin Group

Sundays at 6pm

The McLaughlin Group television program is unscripted and unrehearsed. It is "live-to-tape" meaning that when the cameras start rolling they do not stop until the end of the show. The guests are invited to express their opinions and analysis. We believe that panelists with different positions across the political spectrum create insightful debate.

One half-hour per week

PBS NewsHour Weekend

Saturday & Sunday at 6:30pm

PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND features a summary of the day's national and international news, using renowned experts to offer analysis. Each weekend broadcast will contain original, in-depth field reporting on topics including education, healthcare, the economy, energy, science and technology, religion, finance and the arts. Hari Sreenivasan anchors.

Two half-hours per week

Nightly Business Report

Weeknights at 6:30pm

Every weeknight, the Emmy winning NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT delivers the day's essential business and economic news. Each lively half-hour combines trusted, credible and unbiased information and extensive financial market coverage with insightful features, analysis and commentaries by noted economists and business experts.

Five half-hours per week

PBS NewsHour

Weeknights at 7PM & Midnight

The PBS NewsHour continues to provide in-depth analysis of current events with a news summary, live interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues.

Ten one hours per week

Charlie Rose

Weeknights at 5pm & 11pm

Acclaimed interviewer and broadcast journalist Charlie Rose engages America's best thinkers, writers, politicians, athletes, entertainers, business leaders and scientists in one-on-one interviews and roundtable discussions. Ten one hours per week

Washington Week with Gwen Ifill

Friday at 8pm

Host Gwen Ifill discusses Washington DC events of the week. One half-hour per week.

Charlie Rose – The Week

Friday at 8:30pm:

This new Friday night program will provide a retrospective of the best stories and interviews from the nightly PBS program CHARLIE ROSE. The show will capture the defining moments in politics, science, business, culture, media and sports.

One half-hour show per week

Fons & Porter: Love of Quilting

Saturday at 9:30am

Marianne Fons & Liz Porter, the most popular quilters on public television, continue their quilting series full of fun, in-depth demonstrations on the art and craft of creating beautiful quilts. Beginner or expert, viewers with a passion for quilting will be inspired by Fons and Porter's tips, designs and techniques.

One half-hour per week

Martha Stewart's Cooking School

Saturday at Noon

Imagine having Martha Stewart at your side in the kitchen, teaching you how to hold a chef's knife, select the very best ingredients, truss a chicken and much more. In "Martha's Stewart's Cooking School, "you get just that.

One half-hour per week. Ended November 21, 2015

Jacques Pepin: Heart & Soul

Saturday at Noon

JACQUES PEPIN: HEART & SOUL is not just another series showcasing Jacques, his delicious recipes or his amazing technique. This is his last full series which will be his most personal yet featuring never-before-seen footage of his life. HEART & SOUL will highlight Pepin's 60 years in the kitchen which includes his apprenticeship as a 13-year-old cooking in some of Paris' most revered establishments such as Meurice and Plaza Athenee and cooking for French President Charles DeGaulle. It will also touch upon a key period in Pepin's life when he crossed the Atlantic and entered the kitchens of New York at Le Pavillon and his 10 years as director of research at Howard Johnson's. The 26-episode series is a reflection of Jacques' history and will reveal a more personal side of the internationally renowned chef as we've never seen before. Fans and cooking aficionados alike will be given an intimate access to his life from playing boules at home, visiting the market, and sailing the seas to gathering clams, tucking into lobster rolls at his favorite shack as well as sharing memories, anecdotes and insights into his philosophy of life. Each episode will feature creative recipes that combine Pepin's culinary history and travel experiences with his expert teaching skills. Simple dishes for the novice and more involved creations for the seasoned cook will be shown and frugal tips will be offered. Occasionally family or guests are invited to cook alongside Jacques or join him in the dining room. Chefs from across the nation will, too, make a contribution, either from their own kitchen, through archival footage or on-camera acknowledgement of Jacques' tutelage and influence.

Beginning December 19, 2015

Martha Bakes

Saturday at 12:30pm

This series enables the home baker to create the finest desserts and goodies in his or her home kitchen. Throughout the series Martha Stewart shares the best tips and techniques, giving viewers the confidence to create delectable baked goods -- from scratch -- in their own kitchens. One half-hour per week

Cook's Country

Saturday at 1pm

COOK'S COUNTRY features the best regional home cooking - from potluck dinners and holiday favorites to simple suppers and lost recipes. The Daytime Emmy®- nominated series takes the same practical, no-nonsense and scientific approach as Cook's Country magazine by providing home cooks with foolproof recipes and cooking techniques developed through rigorous investigation and careful testing.

One half-hour per week

America's Test Kitchen from Cook's Illustrated

Saturday at 1:30pm

AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S illustrates ensemble of chefs, cooks, testers and tasters, led by ATK's sartorial "editor-in-chef" Christopher Kimball, reveal the best ways to prepare favorite dishes.

One half-hour per week

Delicious TV: Totally Vegetarian

Saturday at 2pm

"Delicious TV" is a new cooking and lifestyle series hosted by Toni Fiore. Produced locally in Portland, Maine, the show is lively, colorful, and upbeat. Toni's culinary style is casual and Mediterranean and her emphasis is on fresh ingredients easily prepared. "Delicious TV" offers not just recipes but the facts, delights, and challenges of the vegetarian lifestyle as well as invaluable advice on the latest trends in vegetarian food. To many people the art of easily preparing great vegetarian food still remains a mystery. "Delicious TV" dispels the mystery and makes eating healthy...delicious!

One half-hour per week

Moveable Feast with Fine Dining

Saturday @ 2:30PM

Moveable Feast with Fine Cooking takes viewers on a culinary journey with host Pete Evans, Australia's top celebrity chef, and America's most innovative food artisans. Each of the 13 half-hour episodes features a pop-up feast in settings from California's wine country to the bustling skyline of NYC, where Pete and local chefs source the finest ingredients and work against the clock to prepare a multi-course menu for a ravenous group of foodies. Viewers watch as diners sit down to enjoy these spectacular meals hosted in some of the most unlikely places.

Ask This Old House

Saturday at 3pm:

Host Kevin O'Connor, general contractor Tom Silva, plumbing and heating expert Richard Trethewey, landscape contractor Roger Cook and guest experts make personal HOUSE calls, guiding viewers through home improvement techniques.

One half-hour per week

This Old House

Saturday at 3:30pm

America's favorite home improvement series, the Emmy Award-winning THIS OLD HOUSE, with host Kevin O'Connor, general contractor Tom Silva, plumbing and heating expert Richard Trethewey, landscape contractor Roger Cook and master carpenter Norm Abram.

One half-hour per week

Woodwright's Shop

Saturday at 4pm

THE WOODWRIGHT'S SHOP demonstrates traditional furniture making.

One half-hour per week

Rough Cut - Woodworking with Tommy Mac

Saturday at 4:30pm

ROUGH CUT - WOODWORKING WITH TOMMY MAC invites viewers into the world of respected furniture maker Tommy MacDonald, as he travels to historic landmarks to gain design inspiration and then returns to his workshop to demonstrate the steps and techniques needed to create future family heirlooms. In each episode, MacDonald shares his skills and best practices, providing detailed project instructions for anyone interested in learning the basics of the craft. For the more experienced enthusiast, Tommy also showcases his more complex projects with advanced tips and techniques. Each half-hour includes three segments: "Basic Woodworking Techniques," "Weekend Projects" and "The Field Trip."

One half-hour per week

Rick Steves' Europe

Sunday at 11:30am

RICK STEVES' EUROPE offers a fresh perspective on the best travel advice, including where to stay, what to see and how to get around in Europe. Rick Steves shares his extensive knowledge of European history, art and culture. His years as America's most popular European guidebook author blends with his relaxed but informative style to make this one of public television's most popular series.

One half-hour per week. 10/26 – TFN

Globe Trekker

Sunday at Noon

GLOBE TREKKER transports viewers to unforgettable destinations through its stunning photography, rhythmic indigenous music and spirit of adventure. In each episode, one vibrant young traveler ventures off the beaten path to soak up the local culture, sample the cuisine and revel in breathtaking vistas. In keeping with their aim of "living as the locals do," charismatic hosts Ian Wright, Justine Shapiro, Zay Harding, Megan McCormick and others explore everything from big-city landmarks to exotic sights in remote villages.

One hour per week

Nature

Most Wednesdays @ 8PM & Sundays @ 10:30AM

NATURE, television's longest-running weekly natural history series, has won more than 200 honors from the television industry, parent groups, the international wildlife film community and environmental organizations, including the only award ever given to a television program by the Sierra Club.

One – two hour programs

Nova

Wednesday at 9pm & Sunday at 9:30am

PBS' premier science series helps viewers of all ages explore the science behind the headlines. Along the way, NOVA programs demystify science and technology and highlight the people involved in scientific pursuits.

Two airings, one hour program

Secrets of the Dead

Various times

Part detective story, part true-life drama, SECRETS OF THE DEAD unearths evidence from around the world, challenging prevailing ideas and throwing fresh light on unexplained events. Using the most up-to-date science in the laboratory and in the field, scientists and researchers examine the missing pieces of each puzzle, completing the picture of what had been merely an assemblage of suppositions.

One hour program

Film School Shorts

Various Dates & Times

Film School Shorts is a new weekly series that showcases short student films from across the country. Each week, viewers can watch hot new episodes featuring quirky comedies, slice-of-life dramas and hard-hitting thrillers from cutting edge filmmakers. Short Films + Big Productions = Film School Shorts.

Various dates & times

Gorongosa Park

Tuesday 10/6, @ 8PM & 9PM. Sunday 10/4, 10/11, 10/18 & 10/25 @ 1PM

Bob Poole and scientist Paola Bouley investigate why Gorongosa's lion population isn't growing.

Six one hour programs

Finding Traction

Sunday 11/1 @ 1pm

Nikki Kimball attempts to become the fastest person in history to run America's oldest hiking trail.

One hour program

Sandwiches That You Will Like

Sunday 11/1 at 1pm. Restaurants and stands that serve unique, locally famous sandwiches help preserve America's charm. One hour program

Austin City Limits

Saturday at Midnight

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS continues its longstanding tradition of showcasing the best of original American music and beyond. Musical styles range from contemporary and traditional pop to rock, country, blues, bluegrass, Latin, folk, roots and more. All find a home on the AUSTIN CITY LIMITS stage. One hour program per week

Antiques Roadshow

Monday at 8pm & 9pm

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW cameras capture tales of family heirlooms, yard sale bargains and long-lost items salvaged from attics and basements, while experts reveal the fascinating truths about these finds. Two, one hour programs per week

Few Great Bakeries

Sunday 11/1 @ 4pm. Standard Baking Company in Portland, Maine, is one of many great bakeries across the country. One hour program

Few Good Pie Places

Sunday 11/1 @ 5pm

Two Fat Cats Bakery in Portland, Maine is featured with other pie shops around the country. One hour program

Plight of the Grassland Birds

Sunday 11/8 @ 1pm

Will Lange explores the North American field and meadow homes of grassland birds. One hour program

I'll Have What Phil's Having

Monday 9/28 @ 10PM

Journey with Phil Rosenthal, creator of "Everybody Loves Raymond," as he learns from chefs, vendors, culinary leaders and style-setters who keep their communities' traditions alive and create new ones. Rosenthal visits kitchens on and off the gastronomic path. One hour program

Masterpiece Classic: Downton Abbey

Some Sunday's at 2pm, 3pm, 4pm & 5PM

The Great War is over and a long-awaited engagement is on, but all is not tranquil at Downton Abbey as wrenching social changes, romantic intrigues and personal crises grip the majestic English country estate. The international hit, written by Julian Fellowes, stars Dame Maggie Smith, Elizabeth McGovern and Hugh Bonneville, with guest star Shirley MacLaine. Change arrives in a big way for several key characters at Downton Abbey. A yearly cricket match with the village sees old scores settled and new plots hatched. 1 – 2 hours

Queen Victoria's Children

Sunday 11/8 @ 3pm & 4pm. Sunday 12/20 & 12/27 @ 1pm

Gain a new understanding of Britain's longest reigning Queen thanks to this fascinating series exploring Queen Victoria's life through stories of the personal relationships between her, her husband Albert the Prince Consort and their nine children. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert shared a passionate marriage but historians claim that behind closed doors their domestic life was a battlefield. Spanning 60 years, this family saga tells a tale of manipulation, conflict, intimidation, emotional blackmail and fevered attempts by Victoria's children to escape the clutches of their domineering and needy mother. The series draws on the written material and photographs the family left behind to bring the characters and complex relationships to life.

Two one hour programs

Secrets of Highclere Castle

Sunday 11/8 @ 5pm

This English castle is the setting for "Downton Abbey," but it has its own stories to tell.

One hour program

Chaplains

Sunday 11/15 & 11/22 @ 1pm

CHAPLAINS takes the viewer into the dynamic world of chaplains-men and women who represent their own particular faith tradition, but are trained to be of comfort and support to everyone-religious or not. Through personal profiles, the documentary explores the daily life of chaplains throughout society, from their role in the military and the workplace to their work in prisons and behind-the-scenes of NASCAR. With a tradition dating back centuries, chaplains today are on the front lines-often in the midst of life and death situations- where the questions are the deepest, and the need for spiritual and pastoral care the greatest. The film provides a window into religious diversity in America today and the murky nature of the American principle of separation of religion and state.

One Hour program

Shooting in the Wild

Sunday 11/15 @ 3:30pm

A look at wildlife filmmaking uncovers a troubling trend toward sensationalism.

One half-hour program

Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery

Sunday 11/15 & 11/22 @ 4pm & 11pm

As Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and the Corps of Discovery passed the Missouri River and approached the Bitterroot Mountain Range, they grew desperate for horses and provisions to get through the seemingly endless, snow-covered peaks. Sacagawea's presence provided solace for the Corps--her knowledge of the West, her tireless enthusiasm, great courage and ability to care for a child along the expedition were inspiring to the frontiersmen. She once again became a living "white flag" for Lewis and Clark, this time to the Shoshone Indians--her native culture--who provided them with horses for their journey. The Corps continued to west, where, for the first time, their canoes were traveling with the

river's current. Finally, on November 18, 1805, William Clark set out from their campsite in the Columbia River Gorge, climbed a hill and saw what no white man had ever seen from the Northwest: the Pacific Ocean. Their exploration of the West opened a new world to Americans and signaled the beginning of the end for Native Americans. When Thomas Jefferson learned of the vast continent between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, he predicted that it would take 100 years to settle the area through which Lewis and Clark traveled. It took Americans less than five years. This program, the second of a two-part series, recounts how this historic journey was really the discovery of the American future.

Two, two hour programs

Off The Menu: Asian America

Sunday 12/27 @ 5pm

The kitchens, factories, temples and farms of the Asian Pacific American community are explored. One One-hour program

Frontline

Tuesdays @ 9 or 10pm

As PBS' premier public affairs series, FRONTLINE's stature is reaffirmed each week through incisive documentaries covering the scope and complexity of the human, social and political experience.

One 1 – 2 hour program per week

Live from Lincoln Center

Friday at 9pm, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, & 12/18. Thursday 12/31 @ 8pm

LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER brings live performances of opera, drama, music, and dance direct from the stages of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City into American homes, making the world's greatest artists accessible to a nationwide audience.

One 90 minute program and one, two hour program

Rick Steves' Special: The Holy Land, Israelis and Palestinians Today

Monday 11/30 @ 10PM

Rick Steves explores Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, a home in Bethlehem, a university in Ramallah and more.

One airing – one hour

Great British Baking Show

Sunday 10/4 – 11/8 at 7pm & Midnight

Follow the trials and tribulations of passionate amateur bakers whose goal is to be named the U.K.'s best. Each week, the bakers tackle a different skill, the difficulty of which increases as the competition unfolds. Mary Berry, a leading cookbook writer, and Paul Hollywood, a top artisan baker, serve as judges. Together with hosts and comic foils Sue Perkins and Mel Giedroyc, Berry and Hollywood search for the country's best amateur baker by testing the competitors' skills on cakes, breads, pastries and desserts, crowning a winner after 10 weeks of competition.

One, one-hour program

Great Houses with Julian Fellowes

Sunday 12/20 at 7pm & 8pm

Follow "Downton Abbey" writer Julian Fellowes on his quest to discover the real stories of Britain's great houses. As he uncovers personal stories hidden behind the walls, he realizes these aren't just homes for posh people—they hold history. Two hour programs

Independent Lens

Monday 11/9, 11/16 & 12/28 at 9 or 10pm

This acclaimed Emmy Award-winning anthology series features documentaries and a limited number of fiction films united by the creative freedom, artistic achievement and unflinching visions of their independent producers. INDEPENDENT LENS features unforgettable stories about a unique individual, community or moment in history. The series is supported by interactive companion Web sites and national publicity and community engagement campaigns. One 1 – 2 hour program per airing

American Masters

Sunday 7/19 @ 1:30PM

AMERICAN MASTERS is an ongoing series of award-winning primetime specials examining the lives, works, and creative processes of our most outstanding cultural artists. Created in 1984 by Susan Lacy and produced by Thirteen/WNET for national public television, the series is both a celebration and an exploration of creativity in America. Consisting of more than 250 hours of programming to date, AMERICAN MASTERS is a growing film library documenting the role important individuals, groups, and movements have played in the formation of our cultural identity.

Great Performances

Friday 10/23 @ 9pm

GREAT PERFORMANCES, the longest-running performing arts anthology on television, continues to feature the best in the performing arts. Various lengths

Emery Blagdon and His Healing Machine

Friday 10/16 @ 11:30PM

The works of a Nebraska artist are being preserved by his friend's half hour program

The Brain with David Eagleman

Wednesday at 10PM (10/14 – 11/18)

Neuroscientist Eagleman explores the human brain in a series that reveals the ultimate story of us, why we feel and think the things we do. The project blends science with innovative visual effects and compelling stories, and addresses big questions.

Six, one hour programs

Unity – The Latin Tribute to Michael Jackson

Friday at 19pm (10/9)

Latin artists perform Latin-infused arrangements of "Billie Jean" and other iconic songs.

One, one-hour program

In Performance at the White House

Friday 10/9 @ 10PM

Aretha Franklin, Janelle Monae, Jill Scott, Patti LaBelle and others perform songs by remarkable women of soul. One hour program

Onstage: In America: Honky

Friday 11/6 @ 10PM

From the perspective of space, trace humankind's journey from hunter-gatherer to dominant species. One, two hour program

Start Up

Friday 11/13 @ 11:30pm

Air Temple Arts is an uplifting and challenging way to exercise and practice circus arts. One half-hour programs

Craft in America

Friday 11/20 @ 10pm

The makers of finely crafted handmade instruments and the musicians who play them are showcased. One hour program

First You Dream: The Music of Kander & Ebb

Friday 11/20 at 9pm

An all-star cast performs "Cabaret" and other classic songs by the Broadway songwriting team. One hour program

Mary Tyler Moore: A Celebration

Tuesday 10/16 at 1pm

On A look at Moore's career features great clips and interviews with the actress's co-stars. One hour program

Forgotten Plague: American Experience

Tuesday 10/20 @ 8PM

The deadliest killer in human history, tuberculosis and its impacts are poorly understood. One Hour Program

War of the Worlds: American Experience

Tuesday 10/27 @ 8PM

Orson Welles' 1938 radio broadcast and the mass hysteria it caused are examined. One hour program

Earth's Natural Wonders

Wednesday 11/4, 11/11 & 11/18 at 8pm. Sunday 11/8, 11/15 & 11/22 @ 10:30am

Explore the most extraordinary places on the planet in this three-part series. Visit six continents to learn how these natural wonders evolved and hear rarely told stories about the challenges their inhabitants face.

Three, one hour programs

Iwo Jima: From Combat to Comrades

Tuesday 11/10 at 8pm

Follow survivors of perhaps the fiercest battle of WWII as they return to Iwo Jima for a Reunion of Honor on the only battlefield where former enemies come together in shared remembrance.

one airing, one hour

Debt of Honor: Disabled Veterans in American History

Tuesday 11/10 at 9pm

An unflinching look at the reality of warfare and disability in this history of disabled veterans.

One hour program

Woodsongs

Most Saturday's at 11pm

WOODSONGS (Old Time Radio Hour) is an internationally syndicated radio program recorded before a live audience each week at the historic Kentucky Theatre in downtown Lexington, Kentucky. The show is a combination of performance and interviews featuring artists of the Americana music genre. The mission of the program is to inspire the audience to make music part of their lives by introducing them to a contrast of styles such as blues and bluegrass, country and Celtic, folk and rock, modern and classical. Interviews with the artists allow the audience to explore the artist's background and discover what inspires them to sing and play. THE McCRARY SISTERS are long known in Nashville circles as first-call session aces supporting some of music's most vibrant artists. Possessing a unique familial musical history of their own as daughters of longtime Fairfield Four tenor Rev. Samuel McCrary, The McCrary Sisters - Alfreda, Ann, Deborah and Regina - each bring a unique energy and virtuosity to the group, not to mention varied experiences within the worlds of pop, rock, R&B and gospel music. 'Let's Go' is their new project of timeless spirituals and original tracks produced by Buddy Miller.

One hour program

Fidel Castro Tapes

Tuesday 11/17 @ 8PM & 9PM, Tuesday 7/14 @ 8PM

The Fidel Castro Tapes is a film that takes viewers on a journey like none other. This program uses only news and documentary footage --past and present -- to detail the life and times of one of the most controversial political figures of the 20th Century. There is no narration in this film and no interviews. Instead, The Fidel Castro Tapes relies solely on the words of journalists who covered the major events in Castro's life to tell the story. It is a unique approach, one that gives the viewer a chance to experience the life and times of Cuba's leader as if they were actually living through them. One hour programs

American Comandante: American Experience

Tuesday 11/17 @ 9PM

William Morgan was the larger-than-life American who rose to power in Cuba during the revolution. One hour program

Pilgrims: American Experience

Tuesday 11/24 at 8pm

The converging forces and events that led the pilgrims to cross the Atlantic in 1620 are explored. One, two hour program

Eddie Murphy: The Mark Twain Prize

Monday 11/23 at 9:30pm

Some of the biggest names in comedy take the stage to salute comedian and actor Eddie Murphy. One, 90 minute program

Prohibition

Tuesday 12/15, 12/22 & 12/29 @ 8pm

This 3-part, 5 1/2 hour documentary film series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tells the story of the rise, rule, and fall of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the era it encompassed. The culmination of nearly a century of activism, Prohibition was intended to protect individuals, families, and society at large from the devastating effects of alcohol abuse. But a faith-driven moral code in the Constitution paradoxically caused millions of Americans to rethink their definition of morality. Thugs became celebrities, authority was rendered impotent. Social mores in place for a century were obliterated. Liquor consumption rocketed, propelling the rest of the culture with it: skirts shortened. Music heated up.

America's Sweetheart morphed into The Vamp. Prohibition turned law-abiding citizens into criminals, made a mockery of the justice system, caused illicit drinking to seem glamorous, encouraged neighborhood gangs to become national crime syndicates, and fostered cynicism and hypocrisy that corroded the social contract all across the country. The film raises vital questions that are as relevant today as they were 100 years ago - about means and ends, individual rights and responsibilities, the proper role of government and finally, who is - and who is not - a real American.

Three, two hour programs

Secrets of the Manor House

Sunday 12/27 at 11pm

A look at life in British manor houses a century ago reveals how the wealthy and their servants really lived.

One hour program

In Defense of Food

Wednesday 11/30 at 9pm

Author Michael Pollan cuts through conflicting dietary messages and makes it simple to enjoy food and stay healthy.

Two hour program

American Saint Nick

Thursday 12/24 @ 9PM

American Army troops returned hope and joy to the people of Wiltz, Luxembourg, during World War II. One hour program

Ken Burns: The Civil War

Saturday 12/5 @ 8am

Interviews with Ken Burns and others celebrate the 25th anniversary of the landmark series. Ninety minute program

Time Scanner

Wednesday 12/23 @ 10pm

Explore Jerusalem's building legacy, from the walls of Temple Mount to the man-made mountain of Herodium. Experts use 21st-century technology to analyze constructions from the time of Christ and solve centuries-old mysteries behind their creation.

One hour program

Independently Produced Programming

The Maine Frontier: Through the Lens of Isaac Simpson

Thursday 10/1 at 10pm & Saturday 10/3 at 11am

Photographer Isaac Simpson. Two airings – one hour each

Next Step Run

Thursday 10/8 at 10pm & Saturday 10/10 at 11am

Four women run for elective office in the mid-term 2014 elections, including Ellie Espling of Maine. Two airings – 30 minutes each

Hull 111

Thursday 10/8 at 10:30pm & Saturday 10/10 at 11:30am

Dick Pulsifer builds his 111th Pulsifer Hampton Launch with help from a Bowdoin student. Two airings – 30 minutes each

Brush & Pen: Artists & Writers of the White Mountains

Thursday 10/15 at 10pm & Saturday 10/17 at 11am

"Artists and Writers of the White Mountains" New Hampshire's 19th century landscape paintings and literature are explored. Two airings – one hour each

The Original Food Truck

Thursday 10/22 at 10pm & Saturday 10/24 at 11am

The oldest continually operating diner on wheels is a story of the American Dream. Two airings – one hour program

On the Edge: Island Communities

Thursday 10/29 @ 10pm, Saturday 10/31 @ 11am

"On the Edge" tells the story of lobster-fishing communities on Maine's year-round islands. At the turn of the last century, there were 300 inhabited, unbridged islands in Maine; now there are 15. At present the lobsters are plentiful, but islanders worry about the future of the

fishery and the realities faced by their children and grandchildren. Still, many islanders are determined to maintain their communities despite complex logistics, economic uncertainty, and shrinking populations. "On the Edge" showcases the warmth, as well as the struggle, of island life. Two Airings – One hour program

Meetinghouse: The Heart of Washington New Hampshire

Thursday 11/5 at 10pm & Saturday 11/7 at 11am

The Washington Meetinghouse has been a vibrant part of the life of this community since its earliest days. It has evolved to meet the needs of a changing and growing town, always adaptable to the current times. This documentary film tells the story as reconstructed from archival resources, family photos and memories, published memorabilia, and historical artifacts.

Two airings – one hour each

First Light

Thursday 11/12 at 10pm & Saturday 11/14 @ 11am

First Light documents the work of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), the nation's first task force dedicated to uncovering and acknowledging the truth about what happened to Wabanaki children and families involved with the Maine child welfare system.

Two airings – 13 minutes each

We Have to Talk About Hunger

Thursday 11/12 at 10:15pm & Saturday 11/14 @ 11:15am

Vermont is the healthiest state in the country, yet one in five children in the state lives with food insecurity.

Two airings – 21 minutes each

Deus ex Machina

Thursday 11/12 at 10:40pm & Saturday 11/14 @ 11:40am

The story of a man building the most beautiful and most dangerous machine.

Two airings – 14.5 minutes each

Katahdin: Mountain of the People

Thursday 11/19 at 10pm & Saturday 11/21 at 11am

Katahdin: The Mountain of the People Experience the glory of Mount Katahdin, Maine's most beloved and highest mountain. Is it the beginning or the end of the Appalachian Trail? This video highlights the dedication of Percival Baxter as he strove to preserve the mountain and its surrounds. Narrated by Jack Perkins with original music by John Cooper.

Two airings – One hour program

The Penobscot: Ancestral River

Thursday 12/17 at 10pm & Saturday 12/19 at 11am

Deal-making and deal-breaking has historically defined tribal-state relations in Maine.

Two airings – One hour program

Christmas Greetings from Aroostook

Sunday 12/20 @ 5:30pm, Friday 12/25 @ 4pm, 8:30pm & 10:30pm & Saturday 12/26 @ 11am

"Christmas Greetings From Aroostook" - With its near guarantee of snow and an abundance of Christmas traditions - some ethnic, some eccentric and some just for fun, Aroostook County is a special place to visit at Christmastime. This show features the unique sights and sounds of The County at yuletide from the Heavenly Harpers of Houlton to sleigh rides in Mapleton, from a Santa Lucia procession in New Sweden to making Tourtiere in The Valley. Narrated by Layne Longfellow.
Five, 30 minute airings

Windows to the Wild

Saturday at 10am

Join Willem Lange and friends explore nature in New England. Join Willem Lange and friends as they tackle the icy trails of Mount Moosilauke in Benton, NH on January 1st and enjoy beautiful, snow-covered landscapes and a stunning hour above the clouds.
One airing, 30 minute program

IncredibleMaine

Saturday at 10:30am

Host's LC Van Savage and Allan Broadstreet explore events and places in Maine.
One airing, 30 minute program

I certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

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