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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Muhammad Ali
Episode Title: Round One: The Greatest (1942-1964)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/29/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 02:10:10

Boxer Cassius Clay rises up the amateur ranks to win gold at the 1960 Olympics. He turns professional, sharpening his boxing skills and honing his genius for self-promotion. In 1964, he upsets Sonny Liston to become heavyweight champion.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Outta The Muck
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/20/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

A co-production with Black Public Media (BPM), "Outta the Muck" wades into the rich soil of Pahokee, a rural Florida town. Beyond sending over a dozen players to the NFL, Pahokee, a rural town on the banks of Lake Okeechobee, possesses a legacy of resilience and achievement in the face of great storms and personal trauma.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Ruthless: Monopoly's Secret History
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

For generations, Monopoly has been America's favorite board game. But behind its creation is a tale of greed, obsession, and corporate duplicity, revealing the true nature of America's no-holds-barred economic system—a story of unbridled power and wealth with only one winner in the end.

CULTURE

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/27/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Meet the influential author and key figure of the Harlem Renaissance. Also, an anthropologist, Hurston collected folklore throughout the South and Caribbean — reclaiming, honoring and celebrating Black life on its own terms.

Series Title: Lucy Worsley's Royal Palace Secrets
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2023 2:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join Lucy Worsley for an exclusive tour of London's most extraordinary palaces.

Series Title: Princess Diana: Who Do You Think She Was?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/29/2023 2:00:00 PM
Service: APTSY
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

PRINCESS DIANA: WHO DO YOU THINK SHE WAS? tells the story of the Spencer family in four parts. We know how the story ends. But how did it all begin? Who was Diana before the palace, before the paparazzi? Behind the modern legend that is 'Diana, Princess of Wales' lie many other stories — in her childhood and in her family's past as Spencers.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Ireland's Wild Coast
Episode Title: 101
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/24/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a unique journey along one of the most spectacular coastlines in the world.

Series Title: Hortulus Farm: Where History & Horticulture Meet
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/16/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: NETA
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:30:00

Hortulus Farm is an 18th century farmstead, public garden and horticulture education center located in historic Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The farm once functioned as a major dairy operation until the Great Depression. In 1980, famed garden and event designer Renny Reynolds and noted garden author Jack Staub purchased the farm and restored the property with 24 exquisitely designed gardens and a horticulture museum. It has since become a member of The Garden Conservancy.

Series Title: The Queen's Garden
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the history and natural history of the remarkable Buckingham Palace Garden.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Hidden Kin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/15/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the remarkable roots of actors Edward Norton and Julia Roberts—using DNA analysis and genealogical detective work to travel generations into the past, tracing lineages that run from Northern Europe to the American South. Along the way, Norton and Roberts reimagine their family stories and discover their hidden connections to our nation’s history—and each other.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Family: Lost and Found
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/19/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA detective work to solve family mysteries for actor Joe Manganiello and football star Tony Gonzalez—uncovering close relatives whose names they’ve never heard and compelling each man to rethink his own identity.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: And Still I Rise
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/28/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. reveals the unexpected family trees of activist Angela Y. Davis and statesman Jeh Johnson, using DNA and long-lost records to redefine notions of the black experience—and challenge preconceptions of America’s past.

Series Title: The Shot Felt 'Round the World: How the Polio Vaccine Saved the World
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/8/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: APTSY
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:58:00

THE SHOT FELT 'ROUND THE WORLD: HOW THE POLIO VACCINE SAVED THE WORLD is the story to develop a vaccine to end the polio epidemic. Starting in 1947, a then-unknown Dr. Jonas Salk and his colleagues would develop a vaccine that would save the lives of millions.

Series Title: Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/25/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: EPS
Format: Pledge
Segment Length: 02:00:00

In this program, psychiatrist and founder of Amen Clinics Dr. Daniel Amen will show you how you can improve your memory and even rescue it if it's headed for trouble. You will discover some of the most common—and one of the most surprising—causes of memory loss and when you should be concerned.

Series Title: Your DNA Secrets Revealed
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/3/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Pledge
Segment Length: 02:00:00

Learn about the science of DNA and the role genetics plays in our longevity, and well-being. Hosted by author, educator and genetic genealogist Diahan Southard, and including interviews with noted biologists and researchers, the program explains why genealogical science is critical to understanding who we really are, and how it can help us make smarter, more informed choices about our health.

TRANSPORTATION

Series Title: Scotland's Scenic Railways
Episode Title: 201/202
Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 1/10/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: APTSY
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

200,000 visitors a year ride on restored steam locomotives and preservation railways on Scottish heritage railways to rekindle the golden age of steam travel.

Series Title: Outside: Beyond the Lens
Episode Title: 301
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2023 4:30:00 PM
Service: APTEX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:30:00

When one travels, the world becomes smaller – especially when exploring with friends who share a love for photography. In OUTSIDE BEYOND THE LENS Season 3, hosts Jeff, Zack, and David explore the world in the wake of COVID-19 travel shutdowns to capture the cinematic beauty of some of the top travel destinations in the world. The immersive style of the show and Emmy Award-winning cinematography offers viewers a unique take on the possibilities of travel in a post-pandemic era.

Series Title: Beyond the Powder: The Legacy of the First Women's Cross Country Air Race
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/21/2023 5:00:00 PM
Service: APTEX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

BEYOND THE POWDER is a documentary film that follows the female pilots of the 2014 Air Race Classic racers as they make their way across the country, while telling the story of the first women's cross-country air race of 1929, also known as the Powder Puff Derby. The first Women's Air Derby in 1929—which was comprised of 20 women, including Amelia Earhart—was flown from Santa Monica to the finish line in Cleveland, kicking off the National Air Races. The country watched as these brave women made history flying cross-country, breaking into a competition that was thought to be for men only. They encountered sabotage, death, and all the difficulties of flying at the dawn of aviation. Today the Powder Puff Derby continues as the Air Race Classic, with modern day racers carrying out the legacy and the adventurous spirit of the original racers. Showing that they were more than just their make-up, the original Derby contestants have inspired those flying today to truly push beyond the powder.

WAR/VET/NATIONAL SECURITY

Series Title: Fly Boys: Western Pennsylvania's Tuskegee Airmen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/29/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: APTEX

Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

FLY BOYS: WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S TUSKEGEE AIRMEN tells the story of struggle and the ultimate triumph of the brave African-American soldiers who served their country during World War II. The film chronicles the "Tuskegee Airmen" program, a controversial military initiative designed to measure African-Americans' competence for flying the engines of war. This fascinating documentary features the stories of the more than 40 aviators from western Pennsylvania, including the pilots, navigators and bombardiers who flew fighter and bomber planes during the war, as well as the maintenance and support staff, instructors and personnel who kept the planes in the air.

Series Title: Her War, Her Story: World War II
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/21/2023 4:00:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Narrated by actress Jane Lynch, HER WAR, HER STORY: WORLD WAR II tells the stories of more than two dozen women's experiences during the war. From members of the U.S. Women's Army Corps to the civilian witnesses to the war in Europe, this hour-long film shows how women were equal to men in patriotism, service and steadfastness in critical moments.

Series Title: Portraits for the Home Front: The Story of Elizabeth Black
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Leaving a promising art career behind, Pittsburgh native Elizabeth Black (1912-1983) joined the American Red Cross at the height of World War II. On special assignment, she sketched hundreds of soldiers, sailors and airmen throughout Europe and sent the treasured portraits to worried families back home. Seventy years later, Black's son uncovered photographs of her sketches, scrapbooks, news clippings and other memorabilia from her forgotten footlocker. Through Black's unforgettable sketches, rare archival images and interviews with the veterans and their families, PORTRAITS FROM THE HOME FRONT explores Black's lost art career and her distinguished service during World War II. It also captures memorable scenes of amazed families finally receiving the lost portraits, some of which capture loved ones killed in action.