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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Reconstruction: America After the Civil War
Episode Title: Part 1
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 4/2/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

The series explores the transformative years following the American Civil War, when the nation struggled to rebuild itself in the face of profound loss, massive destruction, and revolutionary social change. The twelve years that composed the post-war Reconstruction era (1865-77) witnessed a seismic shift in the meaning and makeup of our democracy, with millions of former slaves and free black people seeking out their rightful place as equal citizens under the law. Though tragically short-lived, this bold democratic experiment was, in the words of W. E. B. Du Bois, a 'brief moment in the sun' for African Americans, when they could advance, and achieve, education, exercise their right to vote, and run for and win public office.

Series Title: Pearl Harbor: Into the Arizona
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/28/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

On the eve of the 75th anniversary, join the first expedition to explore inside the USS Arizona since the date that lives in infamy, as state-of-the-art imaging technology reveals the aftermath and incredible story of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Series Title: Fanny: The Right to Rock
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/25/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS

Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Co-founded by Filipina American and queer teenagers, Fanny is the first all women band to release an album with a major record label (Warner/Reprise, 1970). Revered by David Bowie, meet the most groundbreaking rock group you've never heard of yet.

CULTURE

Series Title: Austin City Limits
Episode Title: Austin City Limits 7th Annual Hall of Fame Honors
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/8/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Alejandro Escovedo, Lucinda Williams and Wilco are honored at the 2021 ACL Hall of Fame ceremony; performers include Jason Isbell, Margo Price, Rosanne Cash and Sheila E.

Series Title: Charles R: The Making of a Monarch
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/7/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:59:46

Explore the past 74 years that Charles has been a king in the making, showing his life as captured on film, home movies and TV cameras. An unfiltered and immersive portrait, the documentary is told through his own words recorded through the decades.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/23/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates 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.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Beneath the Polar Sun
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/12/2023 2:00:00 PM
Service: NETA
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Five hundred nautical miles from the North Pole, a research team sets out to measure the world's largest and oldest sea ice floes. Steve is an expedition leader who has led projects in the High Arctic for 40 years. Chris is a polar oceanographer who studies ice floes from a Harvard lab. They know the data, the models, the science. None of that has prepared them for the truth on the ground. The floes are crumbling and collapsing, the old ice is gone. Caught in a frozen maelstrom, something has to give.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Mr. Tornado
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/7/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE "Mr. Tornado" tells the story of Tetsuya Theodore Fujita, a Japanese-American scientist who devoted his life to unlocking the mysteries of severe storms. Most widely known for creating the Fujita Scale, or F-Scale, of tornado damage intensity, Fujita brought relentless, creative energy to the field of meteorology. His unique, forensic analysis of the aftermath left by destructive forces, borne out of the ashes of the world's first atomic bombs, enabled him to map science onto a phenomenon thought to be unknowable, forever changing our understanding of tornadoes.

Series Title: Wild Rivers with Tillie
Episode Title: Wild and Free!
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 6/28/2023 4:30:00 PM
Service: APTEX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:30:00

Known as the Jewel of the West, the Yampa River is one of North America's last undammed river ecosystems. Rising in the Rocky Mountains and flowing through NW Colorado, It's a living showcase of the diversity of life a free-flowing river supports. Ride the rapids through Dinosaur National Monument while exploring rich

ecological and cultural delights.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Out of the Past
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/16/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the lost roots of actors Billy Crudup and Tamera Mowry-Housley, traveling back generations to recount significant events in history—from the American Revolution to the journey of the Mayflower—in a deeply personal way.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Sam Now
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/22/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

What happens when a boy and his brother go in search of his missing mother? Sam Now is a coming-of-age documentary that follows Sam from age 11 to 33 as his once-average, middle class Seattle family is heartbroken and unsure of what to do after his mother suddenly abandons them. Through Sam's 20-year quest for answers, the film explores intergenerational trauma and the relationships of mother to son, mother to family, brother to brother and the turning points of family dysfunction and healing. Woven together with home movies by Sam's half-brother, director Reed Harkness, we witness a boy grow up grappling with the effects of a singular traumatic event within a modern American family.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Salem's Lot
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/30/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. takes actors Claire Danes and Jeff Daniels on a journey into their roots, uncovering primal scenes from our nation's past. Weaving together stories of soldiers, settlers, immigrants and entrepreneurs, Gates travels from World War I battlefields to Civil War prison camps to America's most infamous witch hunt—offering his guests insight into what made them who they are today.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Sun Queen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/16/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

For nearly 50 years, chemical engineer and inventor Maria Telkes applied her prodigious intellect to harnessing the power of the sun. She designed and built the world's first successfully solar-heated modern residence and identified a promising new chemical that, for the first time, could store solar heat like a battery. And yet, along the way, she was undercut and thwarted by her boss and colleagues - all men - at MIT. Despite these obstacles, Telkes persevered and, upon her death in 1995, held more than 20 patents. She is now recognized as a visionary pioneer in the field of sustainable energy. An unexpected and largely forgotten heroine, Telkes was remarkable in her vision and tenacity - a scientist and a woman in every way ahead of her time. Her research and innovations from the 1930s through the 70s continue to shape how we power our lives today.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Science Pioneers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/14/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. traces the family trees of Francis Collins, Shirley Ann Jackson, and Harold E. Varmus — three pioneering scientists who've made dramatic contributions to our understanding of the world, all the while knowing little about their own ancestry.

Series Title: Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/25/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the mysteries and unanswered questions about the boy king's life.

TRANSPORTATION

Series Title: Freedom House Ambulance: The First Responders
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/9/2023 9:30:00 PM
Service: WQED
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:30:00

This 30-minute documentary explores the rise and fall of Freedom House Ambulance. With rare archival images, the program features the story of inception from an original founder, compelling reflections of surviving paramedics, stories of the world-renowned doctors who trained them, and memories of lifelong Hill District residents.

Series Title: Secrets of Royal Travel
Episode Title: Secrets of the Royal Train
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/31/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Get an inside look at the private world behind the royal train's veiled carriages.

Series Title: Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/2/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS PLUS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

When Ste. Claire and SS Columbia sounded their whistles, every Detroit kid knew it heralded the coming of summer and the magic of ferrying over to nearby Boblo Island Amusement Park. After 85 years of operation, these two sister steamships - the oldest in America - find their fates resting in the hands of an unlikely band of heroes. This award-winning, nostalgic film is narrated by Martha Reeves.

WAR/VET/NATIONAL SECURITY

Series Title: My Grandparents' War
Episode Title: Kit Harington
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/23/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join actor Kit Harington, who has played soldiers, spies, and – in Game of Thrones – warriors, as he discovers that his grandparents played comparable roles in their real lives during WWII and gains a new appreciation of their courage and sacrifice.

Series Title: The Tuskegee Airmen: Return to Ramitelli
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/28/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN: RETURN TO RAMITELLI tells the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of Black military pilots who broke stereotypes and helped win World War II with their daring fighter escorts of American bombers. The legacy-themed documentary features interviews with many original Tuskegee Airmen, family members, and historians – both Italian and American. It also follows the daughter of a Tuskegee Airman back to Italy to visit what remains of the base at Ramitelli and includes a visit to the cemetery at Nettuno, Italy, where several Tuskegee Airmen are buried.

Series Title: US and the Holocaust: Insight and Understanding
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/4/2023 7:30:00 PM
Service: PBS Pledge event
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

This special presentation also features select clips from the series to illustrate the rise of Hitler and Nazism in Germany in the context of global anti-Semitism and racism while shedding light on what the U.S. government and American people knew and did as the catastrophe unfolded in Europe.