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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Reagan: American Experience
Episode Title: Lifeguard
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 7/3/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:56:46

The life of the actor, governor, and president who saw America as “a shining city on a hill” is recalled by those who knew him best: wife Nancy Reagan and three of his children. Also interviewed are those in his inner political circle as well as his counterparts on the world stage, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who negotiated historic arms agreements with Reagan.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Voice of Freedom
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 8/7/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:56:46

On Easter Sunday, 1939, contralto Marian Anderson stepped up to a microphone in front of the Lincoln Memorial. Inscribed on the walls of the monument behind her were the words “all men are created equal.” Barred from performing in Constitution Hall because of her race, Anderson would sing for the American people in the open air. Hailed as a voice that “comes around once in a hundred years” by maestros in Europe and widely celebrated by both white and black audiences at home, her fame hadn’t been enough to spare her from the indignities and outright violence of racism and segregation.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Raul Julia: All The World’s A Stage
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/9/2022 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Explore a warm and revealing portrait of the charismatic, groundbreaking actor's journey from his native Puerto Rico to the creative hotbed of 1960s New York City, to prominence on Broadway and in Hollywood.

CULTURE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Slave Trade
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/8/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. journeys with film director Ava DuVernay, actor S. Epatha Merkerson, and musician Questlove to the unexpected places where their ancestors were scattered by slavery, upending their notions of African American history—and their own family trees.

Series Title: The Jubilee Pudding: 70 Years in the Baking
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/11/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: GPB/WETA
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

In the year Queen Elizabeth marks her 70th on the throne, Fortnum & Mason has challenged home bakers to create a tart, cake, or pudding to honour her legacy. Seven judges headed by Dame Mary Berry invite the final five bakers to London where over one extraordinary day they bake their cakes, tarts, and trifles - hoping it will be the winning recipe.

Series Title: Austin City Limits
Episode Title: Mitski/Rainbow Kitten Surprise
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/24/2022 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The experimental rock of singer/songwriter Mitski and indie rockers Rainbow Kitten Surprise. New Yorker Mitski plays songs from her album Be the Cowboy; North Carolina's RKS perform cuts from their record How To: Friend, Love, Freefall.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Richard Bangs' Adventures With Purpose
Episode Title: Egypt: Quest for the Lord of the Nile
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/29/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

In RICHARD BANGS' ADVENTURES WITH PURPOSE Egypt: Quest for the Lord of the Nile, explorer and travel writer Richard Bangs sets off for an incredible adventure on the great Nile River to uncover the history, myths and culture of the lost crocodiles of ancient Egypt. From Alexandria to Cairo, from the pyramids at Giza to the Valley of the Kings, Bangs explores the way the river and its fearsome "Lord" molded a civilization. Further upstream, he visits a temple dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, and searches for the beast in the waters of Lake Nasser.

Series Title: Agnes 50: Life After The Flood
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/30/2022 5:00:00 PM
Service: WVIA
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

On Friday, June 23, 1972, Pennsylvania suffered the wrath of Hurricane Agnes, which at the time was the costliest hurricane to hit the United States and would claim the lives of 128 people in the storm's path. Now, at the 50th anniversary, WVIA explores what we as a region have learned from the Agnes tragedy. Half a century later, how did this epic event permanently change our communities - economically, physically, and emotionally? What have local communities done over the past decades to address and mitigate potential flooding in the future? Have we done enough?

Series Title: Outback
Episode Title: The Kimberley Comes Alive
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/27/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

he Kimberley region in North West Australia is one of the world's largest wilderness areas with small but tough human populace and large number of dangerous yet beautiful animal species. As the rainy season ends, both the crocs and the locals hit the water, so the rangers must do their best to keep them apart.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Reporting on the Reporters
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/15/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. shows journalists Christiane Amanpour, Ann Curry and Lisa Ling that the stories within their own family trees are every bit as compelling as the news stories they have been covering for the world.

Series Title: Princess Diana: Who Do You Think She Was?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/29/2022 4:00:00 PM
Service: APTSY
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:45:00

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.

Series Title: Victoria and Albert: The Wedding
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/18/2022 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Enjoy a recreation of the wedding that changed British matrimonial ceremonies forever. This series, hosted by Lucy Worsley, celebrates an enduring love that was to melt the nation's heart and set the standard for generations of brides to come.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Galileo's Moon
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join experts as they uncover the truth behind the find of the century: an alleged proof copy of Galileo's "Sidereus Nuncius," which changed our understanding of the cosmos. This copy included his signature and seemingly original watercolor paintings.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Cleopatra's Lost Tomb
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/3/2022 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn about the legendary queen Cleopatra, who ruled the Egyptian empire. Will an amateur archaeologist's theory reveal where the queen's lost tomb is hidden?

Series Title: Impossible Builds
Episode Title: Skinny Skyscraper
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/11/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In Manhattan, architects and engineers are redefining just how much land it takes to support a skyscraper. In a city where the only direction to build is up, they've designed a needle-thin tower 82 stories high, built on the construction equivalent of a postage stamp. Witness the construction of the skinniest skyscraper ever to make it off the drawing board. Located in New York and rising from within a landmarked building the team will attempt to build the world's thinnest skyscraper.

TRANSPORTATION

Series Title: Scotland's Scenic Railways
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/19/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: APTSY
Format: Other
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. The Strathspey Heritage Steam Railway keeps the tradition of linking nearly every town when steam trains criss-crossed the Scottish countryside.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Hindenberg's Fatal Flaws
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/12/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In 1937, the Hindenburg airship exploded into flames and 36 people were killed in the horrifying crash, shocking the world and sealing the fate of airship travel forever. For decades, the exact cause of the Hindenburg's crash has remained a mystery. Now, recently discovered letters, maintenance reports and company memos reveal the unfortunate errors that led to the disaster. More than 80 years later, experts suspect that, had critical construction flaws been fixed at the time, the airship might not have exploded.

Series Title: Secrets of Royal Travel
Episode Title: Secrets of the Royal Train
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/18/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Pack your bags for a rare inside look at the monarchy's luxurious private planes and trains. Climb on board the "palace on wheels" and take to the skies for the five-star opulence of the Queen's Flight.

WAR/VET/NATIONAL SECURITY

Series Title: A President at the Crossroads
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/10/2022 11:00:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A PRESIDENT AT THE CROSSROADS details the life and dualities of Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd president of the United States. He was a war hero and champion of veterans. He was cold in one-on-one conversation but a brilliant lawyer and orator. In the area of conservation, he was a visionary, in foreign affairs, foresighted and in his personal life, unconventional. Harrison was an early architect of a social safety net, and he signed landmark anti-trust legislation that is still on the books today. However, he also presided over growing income inequality and unrest, and supported domestic legislation that likely contributed to the economic collapse of 1893. Both were factors that cost Harrison another term. In this one-hour documentary, historians and scholars examine Harrison's formative years, his time in office, and his life after the presidency. Viewers are afforded a look at both the public and private lives of a man who stood at the crossroads between the past and the modern world.

Series Title: Fly Boys: Western Pennsylvania's Tuskegee Airmen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/5/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Other
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: 9/11 Inside the Pentagon
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/11/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

In the past 15 years, we have seen the Towers fall in a series of powerful documentaries and TV shows. Movies have expertly rendered the courage of first responders and the passenger takeover on United Flight 93. But, in the smoke of 9/11, one story still remains largely overlooked: the attack on the Pentagon.