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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Benjamin Franklin
Episode Title: Join or Die (1706-1774)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 4/17/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Ken Burns's two-part, four-hour documentary, "Benjamin Franklin," explores the revolutionary life of one of the 18th century's most consequential and compelling personalities, whose work and words unlocked the mystery of electricity and helped create the United States.

Series Title: Remember Pearl Harbor
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/8/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: APTEX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR chronicles the personal stories of veterans and citizens who witnessed the surprise attack by the Japanese on the American Pacific Fleet on December 7, 1941, launching the United States into World War II. Using archival footage and photos and graphics, the documentary shows in detail the bombings on Oahu, along with the fiery explosion of the USS Arizona, the sinking of the USS Oklahoma, and the attacks on Hickam Field, as well as on other parts of the island.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Plague at the Golden Gate
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 6/28/2022 4:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:51:33

The gripping story of the desperate race against time to save San Francisco and the nation from the deadly disease, Plague at the Golden Gate is based in part on David K. Randall's critically acclaimed book, Black Death at the Golden Gate.

CULTURE

Series Title: Rick Steves European Easter
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/17/2022 11:00:00 PM
Service: APTEX
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Taking you on a spring journey through Spain, Slovenia, Italy and Greece, RICK STEVES EUROPEAN EASTER celebrates this 2,000-year-old story in a variety of cultures. Ancient rituals of woolly beasts scaring winter away in Slovenia and elegant masked carnival parties in Venice are a prelude to the austerity of Lent. A few weeks later, crowds fill St. Peter's Square in Rome and the streets of Sevilla are packed for Palm Sunday as the Passion of Christ unfolds day by day through Holy Week. The despair of Good Friday leads to Easter Sunday as the joy of resurrection fills family gatherings, small-town festivals, and churches of every size across Europe, just as spring floods the world with new life.

Series Title: Antiques Roadshow
Episode Title: Grounds for Sculpture Hour 3
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/13/2022 5:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Enjoy fascinating finds at scenic Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ, including a German Hanukkah menorah, a 1946 David Burliuk oil painting, and a 1988 Ai Weiwei "One Man Shoe" sculpture. Can you guess which is appraised for \$100,000?

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Off the Farm
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/26/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Two comic actors who grew up on farms in America's heartland--the descendants of generations of people who worked the land--retrace the journeys of their ancestors to see what they share with the men and women who literally laid the groundwork for their success.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: The Hottest August
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/4/2022 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Listen as ordinary New Yorkers attempt to answer the question What were you doing while the planet burned? During one sweltering month in 2017, they discuss the biggest issues they face, from climate change to skyrocketing rents to mass shootings.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Flood in the Desert
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/15/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the 1928 dam collapse, the second deadliest disaster in California history. A colossal engineering failure, the dam was built by William Mulholland to ensure the growth of Los Angeles by bringing water to the city via aqueduct.

Series Title: Ken Burns: The National Parks
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 6/5/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

In 1851, word spreads across the country of a beautiful area of California's Yosemite Valley, attracting visitors who wish to exploit the land's scenery for commercial gain and those who wish to keep it pristine. Among the latter is a Scottish-born wanderer named John Muir, for whom protecting the land becomes a spiritual calling.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Watchmen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/27/2022 3:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. guides Regina King and Damon Lindelof, the creative forces behind a visionary television series, as they discover that they have more in common than meets the eye.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Hard Times
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/13/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the family stories of filmmaker Michael Moore and actors Laura Linney and Chloë Sevigny—three people whose distant ancestors overcame great hardships in ways that resonate with their lives today.

Series Title: Secrets of the Six Wives
Episode Title: Divorced
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/23/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Worsley examines the happy marriage of Henry VIII to first wife, Catherine of Aragon. Despite her skill and devotion as his queen, she fails to give Henry the son he needs and he falls for Anne Boleyn.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: Aging Backwards 3 with Miranda Esmonde-White
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/24/2022 10:00:00 AM
Service: APTEX
Format: Pledge event
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Did you know that you actually have a choice in how you age, and whether you remain mobile, healthy and pain-free throughout your life? In AGING BACKWARDS 3, former ballerina Miranda Esmonde-White uses groundbreaking science to develop a practical six-point plan anyone can use to keep their minds sharp and their bodies active using gentle daily movement.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: AWARE: Glimpses of Consciousness
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/8/2022 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

What begins as a science film emerges far beyond the explicable. Follow six brilliant researchers approaching consciousness from different perspectives.

Series Title: Don Quixote in Newark
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/26/2022 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS PLUS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

"Don Quixote in Newark" tells the inspiring story of James Oleske, the New Jersey pediatrician who identified HIV/AIDS in children. His scientific breakthrough, the outcome of dedicated work in an underfunded community hospital, changed the profile of AIDS forever and was instrumental in the discovery of the HIV virus. At the same time, his remarkable work spearheaded new forms of patient care.

TRANSPORTATION

Series Title: 10 Streets That Changed America
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/3/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A whirlwind tour of 10 streets that change the way we get around: from Broadway in New York and Wilshire in Los Angeles, to the Boston Post Road and the Lincoln Highway. Find out which 10 streets made the list!

Series Title: WWII Mega Weapons
Episode Title: Battleship Yamato
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/8/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In 1934 the Japanese begin designing The Yamato, the most powerful battleship in history.

Series Title: Rick Steves Island Hopping Europe
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 6/22/2022 9:30:00 PM
Service: APT Pledge event
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:30:00

In this unforgettable voyage, join Rick Steves on a tour of four of Europe's most intriguing and surprising islands: Malta, Capri, Orkney, and Skye. This island-hopping adventure comes with remote beaches, Crusader castles, a Blue Lagoon, Pre-historic wonders, and salty traditional island lifestyles.

Series Title: Treblinka's Last Witness
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 4/24/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:30:00

Samuel Willenberg, now 92 years old, is the last living survivor of the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, where an estimated 900,000 Jews were murdered in a 13-month period at the height of World War II. Still haunted 70 years later by the horrors he witnessed as a young forced laborer, Samuel has immortalized his harrowing experiences in a series of bronze sculptures of the tragic victims who dwell indelibly in his memory like ghosts.

Series Title: Unsettled History: America, China and the Doolittle Tokyo Raid
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/29/2022 10:30:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

UNSETTLED HISTORY: AMERICA, CHINA, AND THE DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAID examines a key moment in American/Chinese history from the perspectives of the children of both the "Doolittle Raiders" and the Chinese villagers who aided in their rescue. In doing so, the film explores how a shared event can be remembered in different ways, and what lessons this history may hold for today.

Series Title: Soldier On: Life After Deployment
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/22/2022 12:00:00 AM
Service: APTX
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

In SOLDIER ON: LIFE AFTER DEPLOYMENT three women — Natasha Young, Amanda Tejada and Lyndsey Lyons — confront the challenges of readjusting to civilian life after their post-9/11 military service. Once back in the United States, the women cope with the disintegration of their relationships, alcohol and substance abuse, depression, health problems, military sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, and employment difficulties.