

**~ MAINE PUBLIC TELEVISION FOURTH QUARTER 2017 ~**  
**TV ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST**

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**Introduction**

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

*Maine Public Television 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 Maine Public Television 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.*

***Maine Public Television'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 11:30AM & 12PM, Saturday & Sunday @ 7 & 7:30AM.** This venerable series of five half-hour programs 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. 11 half-hours a week.

### **Once Upon a Sesame Street Christmas**

**Wednesday 11/22, 12/13 & 12/27, Thursday 11/23, Friday 11/24, 12/15, 12/29 Monday 12/11, Wednesday 12/13 & 12/27 @ 11:30AM. Tuesday 12/12, Thursday 12/14, & Sunday 12/24 @ 12Noon. Sunday 12/17 & 12/31 @ 7AM.** Elmo's dad tells him a story about a time when there was no holiday spirit on Sesame Street.

### **Wild Kratts**

**Weekdays at 7:30AM, 3:30PM & 4PM** "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.

### **Arthur and the Haunted Tree House**

**Monday 10/23 & 10/30 Friday 10/27 & Tuesday 10/31 at 7AM & 3PM,**

Arthur, Buster and Ladonna have a treehouse sleepover that seems to be haunted! But by what? One hour program.

### **Curious George**

**Weekdays at 8:30 & 9AM - Saturday & Sunday 9AM** 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. 12 Half-Hours per week.

**Curious George: A Halloween Boo-Fest**

**Monday 10/23, @ 8:30AM & 2PM, Wednesday 10/25, Friday 10/27 Saturday 10/28, Sunday 10/29 at 8:30AM & Tuesday 10/31 @ 8AM**

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

**Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas**

**Monday 12/11, Friday 12/15, & Monday 12/25 @ 8:30AM & Sunday 12/24 @ 1PM.** George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas. One Hour Program.

**Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Halloween**

**Tuesday 10/24 & 10/31 @ 9AM, Thursday 10/26 @ 3PM & Monday 10/30 @ 12:30PM.** The Cat in the Hat takes Nick and Sally on a crazy Halloween ride filled with frights and laughs!

**Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood**

**Weekdays at 9:30am & 10AM. Saturday at 7AM & 7:30AM.** "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. 12 half-hours per week.

**Dinosaur Train**

**Weekdays at 13:30PM.** "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. Five half hours per week.

**Bob the Builder**

**Saturdays at 7am.** Aimed at pre-schoolers, 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.

**Peg + Cat**

**Weekdays at 1PM.** 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. 5 half-hours per week.

**Super Why!**

**Weekdays at 12:30PM.** 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.

### **Nature Cat**

**Weekdays at 8AM 2:30PM & 3PM**, 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." Fifteen half-hours per week

### **Splash & Bubbles**

**Weekdays @ 10:30AM & 11AM, & Saturday & Sunday @ 8:30AM** Splash and Bubbles is an animated preschool comedy inspiring kids to connect with and care about the ocean. Splash, Bubbles, and their Reef town friends share amazing adventures, meet new creatures, and explore the diversity and wonder of life in the ocean. Twelve half-hours per week

### **Ready Jet Go!**

**Weekdays @ 7AM & 2PM**. READY JET GO! Is a 3D animated series for 3-8 year-olds with a focus on astronomy, scientific exploration, innovation and invention, and Earth as it is affected by our solar system? The show is about two neighborhood kids-one with an all-consuming drive for science fact and another with an overwhelming passion for science fiction. They both befriend the new kid on their street, Jet Propulsion, whose family happens to be aliens from Bortron 7. The comedy series teaches kids a variety of Earth science concepts (gravity, tides, moon phases, seasons) as well as an introductory explanation of innovation, astronomy, and our solar system. 10 Half Hour episodes per week.

### **Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas**

**Monday 12/11 & 12/25, Friday 12/15 @ 7:30AM & 3:30PM, Sunday 12/24 @ 2PM**. The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe! One Hour Program.

## **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**: Weekly summary of news in Europe. One half-hour per week.

### **BBC Newsnight**

**Saturday's at 6am**. 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.

### **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. 2 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 ending 11/17. 11PM beginning 11/20:** 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. 10 One hours per week.

### **Charlie Rose**

**Weeknights at 4:30pm & 11pm ended 11/17:** 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. 10 One hours per week.

### **Washington Week**

**Friday @ 8PM & Saturday @ 6PM and 8:30PM beginning 11/24, 12:30AM beginning 11/25 and 5:30AM beginning 11/26.** Join a robust roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major stories emanating from the nation's capital. Half-hour program

### **Charlie Rose – The Week**

**Friday at 8:30pm ending 11/17:** 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 per week.

**Third Rail with Ozy**

**Friday @ 8:30PM.** Journalist Carlos Watson and guests discuss timely, provocative topics, incorporating audience input and national polls. Half-hour program Ends Friday 10/13

**NHK Newslines**

**Monday – Friday at Midnight. Some days 12:30AM.** NEWSLINE is produced by NHK, Japan's news leading public broadcaster, featuring global news and current affairs, business, sports, science and technology trends plus global weather forecasts from over 30 news bureaus throughout the world. 5, 30 minute programs.

**Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting**

**Saturday @ 9:30AM.** Marianne Fons & daughter, Mary Fons, showcase their passion for quilting through in-depth demonstrations on a variety of quilting topics. Beginner or expert, viewers with a love of quilting will be inspired by their tips, designs and techniques. Half-hour program

**Sara's Weeknight Meals**

**Saturday at Noon.** Renowned chef, television personality, magazine editor and cookbook author Sara Moulton brings her signature warmth and informative style back to public television in her new series, SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS. Based on her book, Sara's Secrets for Weeknight Meals, Sara and her celebrity-chef friends share their ideas for flavorful, healthy meals with minimal fuss. Twenty fast-paced and engaging episodes feature quick, delicious and routine-breaking entrees designed to inspire and empower home cooks. Episodes include: "Breakfast for Dinner," "Soup for Supper" and "The Substantial Sandwich." One half-hour per week

**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 ILLUSTRATED's 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.

**Moveable Feast with Fine Cooking**

**Saturday @ 2PM.** 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. Half-hour program.

### **Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television**

**Saturday at 2:30pm:** The world of home cooking is undergoing a revolution with new tastes, flavors, techniques and influences. CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION wants to change how Americans cook by bringing home a fresher, bolder, simpler way of preparing food. Chris and his test cooks search the world over looking for the best recipes, and finding home cooks who can teach better ways to prepare a meal at home. The first season includes 40 all-new recipes, such as Central Mexican guacamole, Thai fried rice, Peruvian pesto, Japanese fried chicken, soba with miso butter and asparagus, tahini swirl brownies, lemon buttermilk pound cake, and more. Chris also shares tips and techniques designed to make home cooking easier, like how to make foolproof egg whites and how to season a carbon steel pan. As part of the debut season, Chris also travels overseas to cook with several internationally renowned chefs and authors, including: Fuchsia Dunlop, a Sichuan cooking expert; Claire Ptak, a food stylist and author of London's The Violet Bakery; and Andy Ricker in Thailand, known for his skill and expertise in northern Thai cuisine. Back in the kitchen, Chris transforms what the MILK STREET TELEVISION crew has learned into practical, simple recipes for home cooks everywhere. One half-hour per week.

### **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 @ 9:30AM.** 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**

**Most Wednesdays at 9pm or 10pm & Sunday at 10:30am.** 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.

### **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, 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.

### **POV**

**Some Mondays @ 10PM or 10:30PM.** POV presents an array of groundbreaking and distinctive perspectives on contemporary life as chronicled by some of America's and Europe's most visionary non-fiction filmmakers.

### **Independent Lens**

**Monday 12/26 @ 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. 1 – 2 hour programs.

### **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.

### **Father Brown**

**Sundays @ 7PM** Based on the short stories by G K Chesterton, Father Brown follows the kindly cleric as he solves crimes in his community. It is a quintessentially English world: drawing rooms in large country houses, miles of countryside, village halls and secret gardens, as well as country fairs, railway stations and rural parish churches. Each episode sees the enigmatic priest investigate a crime in his own particular way, using intuition and psychology. Father Brown discovers the truth of a crime by looking into the truth of the soul - the passions, dark secrets, hidden desires. Many years spent hearing his parishioners' confessions have given him an uncanny insight into the origins of evil and the workings of the criminal mind. But the stories are not concerned with judgement - Father Brown is more interested in saving souls than in bringing the guilty to justice. One hour program

### **Secrets of Scotland Yard**

**Sunday 10/1 @ 11PM.** A look at London's police force sheds light on what it takes to become a modern-day Sherlock Holmes. One hour program

### **Doctor Blake Mysteries**

**Most Thursdays @ 9PM**

Many years have passed since Dr. Blake first returned home from war to run his father's old practice. But Ballarat is no longer the sanctuary from the outside world it used to be. There's a new chief superintendent who doesn't approve of Blake's unorthodox methods, and despite the pathologist solving the crimes which have confounded the police, he is determined to get rid of Blake for good. Even dependable Jean, his housekeeper and assistant, is thinking of leaving town as her own past comes back to haunt her. Amid the upheaval the mysteries continue and Lucien Blake will face his most personal challenge yet as he tries solving his own mother's mysterious death. One hour program.

### **Finding Your Roots**

**Tuesday @ 8P Sunday @ 5PM** Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is the 12th and latest series from the renowned cultural critic and Harvard scholar. In this 10-part series, Professor Gates continues the quest he begun in African American Lives 1 and 2 and Faces of America delving into the genealogy and genetics of an all new group of famous Americans. The series combines history and science in a fascinating exploration of race, family, and identity in today's America. Each hour features a different pair of celebrity guests, who are bound together by an intimate, sometimes hidden link, whether it be as old friends, through long-lost relatives, or even through a common ancestral past. 1 hour program

### **The Vietnam War**

**Sunday 10/1 @ 4PM. Tuesdays at 9PM. Tuesday 10/3 @ 10:30PM.** Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the epic story of the war as it's never before been told on film. The 10-part series features testimony from nearly 80 witnesses, American and Vietnamese, bringing the war and its chaotic epoch viscerally to life. One – Two hour programs

### **American Graduation Day**

**Saturday 10/14 @ 2PM.** AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY 2017 is a four-hour, live broadcast and outreach event dedicated to engaging our country around the dropout crisis with special celebrity guests, relevant spokespeople and compelling stories from the students themselves. At its core, it will preserve the same broadcast themes as last year's AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY, leveraging a unique production and community engagement model both locally and nationally. AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY 2017 will be hosted by Soledad O'Brien and once again be broadcast from the Tisch WNET Studios at Lincoln Center in New York City. The broadcast's primary theme will be mentorship -- telling the story of Community Partners and how they provide support, advice, and intervention services to at-risk students, families, and schools. This year's AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY will emphasize the need for mentors beyond high school, and focus on how mentors can be helpful as students pursue a variety of post-secondary options, including traditional four year colleges, skills-based certifications, vocational training or the military. As in years past, the most important element of AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY 2017 is the participation of community-based organizations (Community Partners) doing exceptional work to combat the dropout problem. The theme of mentorship will be applied to a variety of pertinent topic strands related to addressing this crisis including Early Education, More & Better Learning, Special Needs, STEAM, Dropout Prevention and Re-engagement, and Career Readiness & College Completion. The topic strands will thematically link stand-alone segments, which will feature a dynamic mix of long-form programming, live interviews and pre-taped features that tell the story of Community Partners and how they provide support, advice, and intervention services to at-risk students, families, and schools. Additionally, celebrity guests involved in education advocacy will be featured throughout the broadcast encouraging viewers to help close the graduation gaps and become mentors and American Graduate Champions themselves. Four hour program

### **Major League Cuban Baseball**

**Sunday 10/8 @ 4PM.** The experiences of Cubans at the most accomplished levels of American baseball are highlighted. On Hour Program

### **Dancing on the Edge**

**Sundays at 11PM 10/8 – 12/17.** Follow a drama about a black jazz band's experiences in London in the 1930s. Composed of talented musicians, the band achieves success and secures record deals. But tragedy strikes, setting off a chain of events that threatens the band's survival. 1 hour program

### **Weekend in Havana**

**Friday 10/6 @ 10PM.** Geoffrey Baer travels to Havana, Cuba, and visits with dancers, musicians, architects and writers. One hour program.

### **Royal Wives at War**

**Sunday 10/8 @ 8PM.** Dramatic monologues by the Queen Mother (Emma Davies) and Wallis Simpson (Gina McKee) highlight the abdication crisis of 1936. 1 hour program

**Giap's Last Day at the Ironing Board Factory**

**Thursday 10/12 @ 8:30PM.** A Vietnamese refugee who has been working in an Indiana factory since 1975 works her last day. 30 minute program

**Great Performances**

**Most Fridays at 9PM** GREAT PERFORMANCES, the longest-running performing arts anthology on television, continues to feature the best in the performing arts. 1 hour – 2.5 Hour program

**Tolkein & Lewis: Myth, Imagination**

**Sunday 10/15 @ 4PM.** The imaginative process of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis and characteristics of myth are explored. One hour program

**Canadian Rockies by Rail**

**Thursday 10/19 @ 8PM.** A trip through the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Rockies explores some of the most stunning scenery in the world. 1 hour program

**Supernature – Wild Flyers**

**Sunday 10/22, 10/29 & 11/5 @ 1PM. Wednesday 12/13, 12/20 & 12/27 @ 10PM.**

Explore the wonder and science of one of nature's greatest innovations - the power of flight. Cutting-edge camera technology and computer-generated graphics help explain airborne animals' remarkable powers and how they work. One hour program.

**Jackie Robinson**

**Sunday 10/22 & 10/29 @ 2PM.** Examine the life and times of Jack Roosevelt Robinson, who in 1947 lifted a nation and an entire race on his shoulders when he crossed baseball's color line. Ken Burns reveals fascinating stories about the legend's life on and off the field.

**Arab Americans**

**Sunday 10/22 @ 4PM & Tuesday 10/24 @ 10:30PM.** The contributions made to the American fabric by Arab-American immigrants are illustrated. 1 hour program

**Real Rail Adventures: Swiss Winter Magic**

**Thursday 10/26 @ 8PM.** Train buff Jeff Wilson showcases the construction marvels and visual splendors of the Swiss rail system. 1 hour program

**Opera Reimagined: Animating the Cunning Little VIX**

**Friday 10/27 @ 11:30PM.** The Cleveland Orchestra staged a unique production of Leos Janacek's "The Cunning Little Vixen." 30 minute program

**Music Voyager**

**Saturday at 11:30PM, 10/14 – 12/30.** The new travel-based music series MUSIC VOYAGER features host Jacob Edgar exploring thriving, exotic global music scenes to discover emerging talent. Edgar - an ethnomusicologist, cultural musician and music critic - travels all over the world to hear cutting-edge musicians and immerse himself in their cultures. In the series' first episode, Edgar ventures to Mumbai, Delhi to create a hit Bollywood song with vocalist Sona Mohapatra and meet Kailash Kher, one of India's most prolific performers, producers and musical stars. Kher also brings the members of his hit band Kalisa into the studio for a private, intimate performance with Edgar. Other episodes include journeys to Jamaica, New Orleans, New York and Chicago. 30 minute program

**Take Me Home Huey**

**Sunday 10/29 @ 4PM.** A Medevac helicopter, shot down in 1969 in Vietnam, is transformed into colorful sculpture.

**Edgar Allen Poe: American Masters**

**Monday 10/30 @ 9PM.** Discover the real story of the notorious author, starring Denis O'Hare as Edgar Allan Poe. 90 minute program

**Eyes on the Sixties: The Iconic Photography of Rowland Scherman**

**Tuesday 10/31 @ 10:30PM** Famed LIFE magazine photojournalist Rowland Scherman captured transformational events of the 1960s. 90 minute program

**Doc Martin**

**Thursdays at 8PM beginning 11/2** DOC MARTIN is a catchy comedy drama that stars Martin Clunes (Men Behaving Badly) as Martin Ellingham, whose truculence and tactless manner causes mayhem in a small Cornish community. The series details the trials and tribulations of the brash Ellingham, once a celebrated London surgeon who left his job after developing a phobia to blood. After retraining as a general practitioner, he gets a job in the beautiful but sleepy village of Portwenn, replacing their deceased local doctor-but his abrasive personality doesn't exactly mesh with the pace of life in Cornwall. 60 minute program.

**Great British Baking Show**

**Friday 12/8 @ 9PM & Sunday 12/17 @ 2, 3 & 4 PM.** 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 Hour program

**VA: The Human Cost of War**

**Monday 11/6, @ 9PM & Sunday 11/12, @ 1PM.** The history of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including its successes and failures, are explored.  
One Hour Program

**Foo Fighters – Landmarks Live**

**Friday 11/10 @ 10PM** The rock band is captured in peak performance at the ancient amphitheater at Athens' Acropolis. One Hour Program

**A Year in Space**

**Wednesday 11/15 @ 8PM & Sunday 11/19 @ 9:30AM.** Go behind-the-scenes of astronaut Scott Kelly's 12-month stay on the International Space Station. 1 Hour program

**Beyond A Year in Space**

**Wednesday 11/15 @ 9PM & Sunday 11/22 @ 10:30AM.** Astronaut Scott Kelly's last day in space, his return to Earth and astronaut training are featured. 1 Hour program

**Farthest – Voyager in Space**

**Wednesday 11/15 @ 10PM.** Launched in 1977, NASA's epic Voyager missions revolutionized our understanding of our galaxy. 2 Hour program

**David Lettermen: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize**

**Monday 11/20 @ 8PM.** Emmy award-winning comedian David Letterman receives the 2017 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. 90 minute program

**Jay Leno: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize**

**Monday 11/20 @ 9:30PM.** The biggest names in comedy salute the former "Tonight Show" host, comedian and performer Jay Leno. 90 minute program

**Anne of Green Gables**

**Thursday 11/23 @ 8PM.** Orphaned Anne is placed in the care of uptight Marilla in a new adaptation of the classic novel. 90 minute program

**Anne of Green Gables: The Good Stars**

**Thursday 11/23 @ 9:30PM & Sunday 12/10 @ 4PM,** Free-spirited Anne Shirley turns 13 and faces complex situations with friends, adults and Gilbert. 90 minute program

**The 46er's**

**Tuesday 12/12 @ 9PM.** Climbers who scale the 46 Adirondack Mountain High Peaks in northern New York State are explored. One hour program

**Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir**

**Friday 12/15 @ 9PM & Sunday 12/24 @ 11PM.** Renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and tenor Rolando Villazon perform seasonal favorites. One hour program.

**Lidia Celebrates America**

**Sunday 11/19 @ 1PM. Friday 12/15 @ 10PM.** Join Lidia Bastianich to celebrate our homegrown heroes-veterans who now cultivate the land One Hour program

**Storm of the Century**

**Tuesday 12/19 @ 9PM.** A devastating series of storms swept across the Great Plains in the winter of 1949. 1 hour program.

**Bing Crosby Rediscovered: American Masters**

**Friday 12/22 @ 9PM.** The life and legend of the iconic entertainer is told through film footage and interviews with his family. 90 minute program

**European Christmas Markets**

**Friday 12/22 @ 10:30PM.** In Germany, France and Switzerland, holiday festivities are celebrated in outdoor markets. . Half-Hour program.

**Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops**

**Monday 12/25 @ 8PM.** The Pops, with conductor Keith Lockhart, and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus celebrate the holiday season. One hour program

**Sultan and the Saint**

**Tuesday 12/26 @ 8PM.** A simple Christian friar and a mighty Muslim leader met on a bloody battlefield 800 years ago. What happened next changed world history? One hour program.

**Secrets of Spanish Florida: American Experience**

**Tuesday 12/26 @ 9PM.** The little-known history of America's Spanish colonists who settled in Florida in 1565 is revealed. One hour program

**Princes of the Palace**

**Thursday 12/28 @ 10PM.** Interviews and archival footage chronicle the lives of three generations of British royal princes. One hour program

**Bob Hope: American Masters**

**Friday 12/29 @ 9PM.** The entertainer's personal archives shed light on his life. Woody Allen and others are interviewed. Two hour program

**ACL Hall of Fame New Year's Eve**

**Sunday 12/31 @ 11PM.** Neko Case, Brandi Carlile and others celebrate Roy Orbison, Rosanne Cash and the Neville Brothers. One hour program

**Live from Lincoln Center: NY Philharmonic New Year's Eve**

**Sunday 12/31 @ 9PM.** Ring in 2018 with a celebration of Leonard Bernstein's works for Broadway, including West Side Story. Two hour program.

**David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer Conversations**

**Saturday 12/16 @ 12:30AM** Join financier and philanthropist David Rubenstein as he talks with the most influential leaders in business to uncover their stories and their paths to success. Each episode features an interview with one business leader. 30 minute program

**Open Mind**

**Wednesday 12/13 & 12/20 @ 12:30AM.** Nick Monaco talks about the meaning of bots and trolls and their influence on contemporary society. 30 minute program

**Curious Traveler**

**Saturdays @ 10.** CURIOS TRAVELER takes viewers on an enriching and entertaining "field trip for grown-ups" to some of the most intriguing European and North American cities in the world. Daytime Emmy- and Telly-winning travel, arts and entertainment journalist Christine Van Blokland brings her passion and genuine curiosity for the arts, quirky characters, storytelling, and lifelong learning to this new series. In each location, Christine explores the hidden histories in their art, architecture, museums, and monuments, houses of worship and city parks. Each episode begins with Christine's list of "Curious Questions": Is the Mona Lisa really a prostitute? Is the Eiffel Tower really Egyptian? Why are there acorns all through Grand Central Terminal? Christine's previous television credits include: Let's Go! Georgia Traveler, Let's Go! Georgia and Better Destinations. 30 minute program

**Locally Produced Programming**

**Connecting to the Future**

**Thursday 10/12 @ 8PM, Friday 10/20 @ 8:30PM & Tuesday 10/24 @ 11:30PM** Maine Education Today: opportunities to put what they're learning in the classroom to work in their community. Students are gaining both academic and professional skills as they prepare for their future. 30 minute

**Your Vote 2017: Ballot Measures Gaming & Healthcare**

**Friday 11/3 @ 8:30PM & Sunday 11/5 @ 5PM** Initiatives: Voters will consider two ballot initiatives at the election on November 7, 2017. Question 1 was designed to authorize a casino in York County, Maine. Question 2 was designed to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, to cover people with incomes equal to or below 138 percent of the federal poverty line. One hour program

**Independently Produced Programming**

**The Original Food Truck**

**Thursday 10/5 @ 10PM, Saturday 10/7 @ 11AM.** The oldest continually operating diner on wheels is a story of the American Dream. 1 hour program

**How County Government Works**

**Thursday 10/12 @ 10PM & Saturday 10/14 @ 11AM.** County Commissioner Betty Johnson tours the departments of Waldo County. 1 hour program

**From the Bow Seat**

**Thursday 10/19 at 10PM & Saturday 10/21 at 11AM.** A quest to understand ocean issues inspired a sail of discovery by a Maine woman and her two teenage daughters. 1 hour program

**Acadia Always**

**Thursday 10/26 @ 10 PM & Saturday 10/28 at 11AM;** Filmmaker Jeff Dobbs offers this look at one of America's favorite national parks. Jack Perkins, former NBC News correspondent lends his powerful narrative to this hour long tribute to the people who created Acadia National Park and to those who keep and preserve it. The photography of Jeff Dobbs and Bing Miller, who call Acadia home, and the music of John Cooper, give the film its essence. One hour program

**Together in Time: A Story of New England**

**Thursday 11/2 @ 10PM & Saturday 11/4 at 11AM.** "A Story of New England Contra Music and Dance" An enduring form of community music and dance is traced. 30 minute program

**Saco River Indian Cellar**

**Thursday 11/2 @ 10:30PM & Saturday 11/4 @ 11:30AM.** The residents of Hollis, Maine, worked to preserve a diverse riverfront property. 30 minute program

**US 1 Aroostook: The First Hundred Miles of America**

**Thursday 11/9 @ 10PM & Saturday 11/11 at 11AM.** "The First Hundred Miles of America" America's cultural diversity begins in northern Maine's St. John Valley. One hour program

**Helen Nearing: Conscious Living Conscious Dying**

**Thursday 11/16 @ 10PM & Saturday 11/18 @ 11AM.** Helen and Scott Nearing were Maine homesteaders for decades. One hour program

**Maine Event**

**Sundays @ 6PM, begins 9/3.** Former House Speaker Hannah Pingree and Senator Roger Katz discuss the political issue of the week. 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.

Typed or Printed Name of Signatory Tristan G. Richards	Typed or Printed Title of Signatory Director of Operations
Signature Tristan G. Richards	Date January 9, 2018