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ARTS

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: HOPPER: An American Love Story
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/2/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Discover the secrets behind Edward Hopper's most iconic and enigmatic works. Meet the man behind the brush, and see how his marriage to fellow artist Josephine Nivison Hopper shaped his art and career.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. This portrait of the "King and Queen of Rock and Roll" explores his far-reaching influence as well as his advocacy for the rights of Black artists in the music industry.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 175
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/1/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:00

This week, Beyoncé continued her reign at the top of the country charts. Last week she became the first Black woman to hit number one with her banjo-infused bop “Texas Hold ’Em.” The song has brought a new audience to the genre and reminded music fans of country music's deep African and African American roots. Amna Nawaz has a closer look for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

CULTURE

Series Title: Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies
Episode Title: Episode 2
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/16/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:12

Hour two uncovers further mysteries behind King Tut's life and burial. Egyptian Archeologist Dr. Yasmine El-Shazly continues her journey, seeking to answer some of the historical inconsistencies surrounding this great civilization.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Easter Island Origins
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 177
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/5/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:55

The Austin, Texas theater company, Proyecto Teatro, aims to promote and preserve Latin American culture. Its latest project is helping redefine Latin American history. Journey Love Taylor of our Student Reporting Labs Academy shares the story as part of our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Serengeti Rules
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Flyways
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:10

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic regions and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water. But their populations are crashing. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 176
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/4/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:26

In our news wrap Monday, a new round of snow is blanketing the mountains of Northern California as residents struggle to dig out from a days-long blizzard, Jack Teixeira pleaded guilty to leaking highly classified military documents online and the State Department urged Americans to leave Haiti as heavily armed gangs attacked the main international airport.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Fathers and Sons
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/16/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors LeVar Burton and Wes Studi—two men who grew up without their fathers. With few clues to guide him, Gates introduces them to ancestors they've never known—revealing connections to key moments in history.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Far and Away
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse Williams—telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secret Lives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Van Gogh's Ear
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

The night when Vincent van Gogh cut his own ear defines his turbulent life and art. Generations have theorized about what really happened on December 23, 1888, in the French town of Arles, but no one has been clear on the details—until now.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Cancer Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:49

Three heroes and their dramatic journeys in the fight against cervical cancer.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/8/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the issue of reparations in the U.S. with a focus on historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue. Through narratives, inquiries, and insights, the film aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: How It Feels To Be Free
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 184
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:14

The death of an administrator at Lincoln University in Missouri and the resignation of Harvard's former president have sparked outrage, concern and dialogue about the treatment of Black women in higher education. We hear from Black women about the challenges and pressures they face in academia, and Geoff Bennett speaks with UT Austin professor Bridget Goosby for more.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Nero's Sunken City
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS

Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Baiae... An escape for ancient Rome's powerful elite, the Las Vegas of its day. Now, archaeologists are mapping underwater ruins and piecing together what life was like in this playground for the rich.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Graveyard of the Giant Beasts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A mining operation in Cerrejón, Northern Colombia, opened a window onto a previously unknown period of the earth's history - and a world teeming with giant creatures emerged. The biggest of them all was Titanoboa, a 43-foot snake, the largest that ever lived. No other creature could match Titanoboa in its size and strength, or so it was thought.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Polar Extremes
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/20/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:52:46

Join renowned paleontologist Kirk Johnson on an epic adventure through time at the polar extremes of our planet. Following a trail of strange fossils found in all the wrong places- beech trees in Antarctica, hippo-like mammals in the Arctic- Johnson uncovers the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-high ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life. What caused such dramatic changes at the ends of the Earth? And what controls the dial on Earth's thermostat? Today, the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else in the world, and Antarctica has locked in its ice enough water to raise sea level by a terrifying 200 feet. The way that the poles respond to a warming climate is one of the greatest wildcards in predicting our climate future. Johnson uses Earth's history, written in stone, as a cipher to decode what is going on at our polar extremes today, and what the future may hold.