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**PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
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**ARTS**

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo  
Episode Title: A Star Is Born  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/3/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:00

Dangerous politics and turbulent love shock Frida's world, while love and trauma shape her final years. Diego and she divorce, then remarry. As her body fails her, her painting thrives.

Series Title: Icon: Music Through the Lens  
Episode Title: On the Cover  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/3/2023 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the uncensored and never-heard-before stories behind the amazing photographs that graced the front pages of music magazines and played a pivotal role in elevating music photography to iconic status.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 112  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/5/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:08:01

The Roots are one of hip-hop's most important and influential groups and lead lyricist and emcee Tariq Trotter, better known by his stage name Black Thought, has established himself among the leading rappers. The Grammy-winner tells his own story in, "The Upcycled Self: A Memoir on the Art of Becoming Who We Are." Jeffrey Brown spoke with Trotter for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

## CULTURE

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: The Sunken Basilica  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/11/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:55:15

2014, Turkey. A normal survey flight over Lake Iznik unexpectedly reveals the sunken remains a 4th century basilica. The discovery prompts scientists to probe the elusive history and geology behind the demise of the church that was built in ancient Nicaea -- now known as Iznik. When was the basilica destroyed? How did the basilica get swallowed up by Lake Iznik? And what happened to its community? Spanning the globe, this investigation follows a world-renowned team in this underwater excavation. Thanks to exclusive access to the site, including critical aerial and underwater cinematography, and spectacular CGI, we time travel through the centuries, back to the Roman and Byzantine time, and at the foundation of Christianity itself.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Decoding Hieroglyphics  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/8/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

How ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics were first translated 200 years ago and the archaeological work being done in Egypt to understand one of the most important scribes.

Series Title: Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tudor Christmas  
Episode Title:  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/14/2023 8:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join Lucy Worsley on a 12-day extravaganza as she discovers that much of what we enjoy in contemporary Christmas – from carols to turkey, gift-giving to mistletoe and mulled wine – has surprising Tudor origins, rooted in devotion and charity.

**ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS**

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston  
Episode Title: Utah: Choose Your Path  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/4/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From paragliding over the Great Salt Lake to canyon climbing to discovering the science behind nature's healing powers, Baratunde journeys west to find out what modern day pilgrims are seeking in Utah's outdoor spaces.

Series Title: Spy in the Ocean, A Nature Miniseries  
Episode Title: Deep Feelings  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/1/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Spy creatures explore animal emotions and the deep feelings we share. With surfing dolphins, kissing manatees and sensitive cuttlefish, witness the emotional rollercoaster of life in the sea.

Series Title: PBS News Weekend  
Episode Title: Episode 46  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 12/3/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:09:45

When President Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act into law 50 years ago, one of the first on the endangered list was the black-footed ferret, North America's rarest animal. Once thought to be extinct, they are making their way back thanks to the work of dedicated conservationists. John Yang reports on some of that work for our ongoing series, "Saving Species."

**FAMILY/MARRIAGE**

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Family: Lost and Found  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/3/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates uses DNA detective work to solve family mysteries for actor Joe Manganiello and football star Tony Gonzalez—uncovering close relatives whose names they've never heard and compelling each man to rethink his own identity.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Mexican Roots  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/14/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and guests Mario Lopez and Melissa Villaseñor look at the Mexican American experience as seen through the lens of two families.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Country Roots  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/19/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the remarkably diverse backgrounds of country music icons Clint Black and Rosanne Cash.

**HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**

Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: Fire Through Dry Grass  
Length: 90 minutes  
Airdate: 10/30/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Wearing snapback caps and Air Jordans, the Reality Poets don't look like typical nursing home residents. In Fire Through Dry Grass, these young, Black and brown disabled artists document their lives on lockdown during Covid, using their poetry and art to underscore the danger and imprisonment they feel. In the face of institutional neglect, they refuse to be abused, confined, and erased.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: The Battle to Beat Malaria  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/15/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Are scientists on the verge of a breakthrough in the fight against malaria, one of humanity's oldest and most devastating plagues? Follow researchers as they develop and test a promising new vaccine on a quest to save millions of lives.

Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: How to Have an American Baby  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 12/11/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Voyage into the shadow economy catering to Chinese tourists traveling to the U.S. to give birth for citizenship. Through a series of intimate vignettes, this story depicts the fortunes and tragedies that befall the ordinary

**MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS**

Series Title: Native America  
Episode Title: New Worlds  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/24/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native innovators lead a revolution in music, building, and space exploration. From the surface of Mars to the New York City hip hop scene to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Native traditions are transforming life on Earth and other worlds.

Series Title: Native America  
Episode Title: Women Rule  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/7/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native women are leading, innovating, and inspiring in the arts, politics, and protecting the planet. NATIVE AMERICA explores the diverse ways they carry forward deep traditions to better their communities, their lands, and the world.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 129  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/28/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:03:15

Andrés González is a conductor, musician, and advocate for youth music education. He was trained from a young age through El Sistema, a renowned music program in Venezuela, before moving to the United States. He is a mentor at Play on Philly, providing access to music education to low-income and minority students. González shares his Brief But Spectacular take on how music empowers communities.

**SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY**

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 10/4/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Early Earth was a hellscape of molten lava and barren rock, bombarded by meteors, with no atmosphere at all. How did our familiar blue sky - the thin, life-giving band of gasses protecting our planet - come to be?

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Death in Britannia  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 11/1/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The discovery of a skeleton, dating to the Roman occupation of Britain, provokes further study after scientists see an iron nail driven through its heel bone. Could the remains belong to someone the Romans crucified? Despite hundreds, if not thousands, of people being crucified in the Roman Empire, only one other crucified skeleton has ever been found in the world. Who was this person? What was his life in Roman Britain like? And what could they have done to receive so harsh a punishment?

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: The Next Pompeii  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 12/13/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover Campi Flegrei, a lesser-known volcano in the shadow of Vesuvius. If it erupts, millions of lives could be at risk. Meet the scientists exploring its geography and developing a warning system to prevent Naples from becoming the next Pompeii.