

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

WHRO TV – April 1 – June 30, 2015

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date Time Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Art			
Arts/Dance	America's Ballroom Challenge	Fridays 4/24 - 5/8 2015 (3) 9 pm 1 hr.	This three-part series, hosted by former U.S dance champions Mary Murphy and Tony Meredith, features all four of the major styles of competitive ballroom dancing: American Smooth, American Rhythm, International Standard and International Latin. In addition to 25 world-class couples competing to be named "America's Best," the series includes backstage footage of the couples preparing for competition and exhibitions featuring other top couples in each style of dance, from children to Pro-Am champions. Look behind-the-scenes at different aspects of the world of ballroom dancing, from music to hairstyles.
Arts/Dance	America's Ballroom Challenge	Fridays 5/15/15 9 pm 1.5 hr.	Delve into the rich, 75-year history of one of the world's preeminent ballet companies. Ric Burns' documentary combines intimate rehearsal footage, virtuoso performances and interviews with American Ballet Theatre's key figures: artists pivotal to the company's formation, including Alicia Alonso and the late Donald Saddler and Frederic Franklin; contemporary luminaries, including dancers Susan Jaffe and Julie Kent, choreographer Alexei Ratmansky and artistic director Kevin McKenzie; past and present stars Misty Copeland, Gillian Murphy, Marcelo Gomes and Hee Seo.
Arts/ Music/ Symphony	Great Performances Boston Symphony Orchestra: Andris Nelsons' Inaugural Concert	5/29/15 9 pm 2 hrs.	This wide-ranging, one-night-only event celebrates the start of BSO music director Andris Nelsons' tenure as the 15th music director of the orchestra and features two of the conductor's close colleagues, the acclaimed Latvian soprano Kristine Opolais and the internationally acclaimed German

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Arts / Painting	Bob Ross: The Happy Painter	6/3/15 8 pm 1.5 hr.	Bob Ross - The Happy Painter presents a behind-the-scenes look at the beloved public television personality's journey from humble beginnings to an American pop-culture icon. The Happy Painter reveals the public and private sides of Bob Ross through loving accounts from close friends and family, childhood photographs and rare archival footage. Famous Bob Ross enthusiasts provide intriguing insights into the man, the artist and his legacy.
Arts/Music/ Muscle Shoals Sound	Independent Lens: Muscle Shoals	6/4/15 8 pm 3 hrs.	Muscle Shoals, Alabama, is the unlikely breeding ground for some of America's most creative and defiant music. At its heart is Rick Hall, founder of FAME Studios, who brought black and white together in Alabama's cauldron of racial hostility to create music for the generations. In this joyful film, Greg Allman, Bono, Clarence Carter, Mick Jagger, Etta James, Alicia Keys, Keith Richards, Percy Sledge and others bear witness to Muscle Shoals' magnetism and mystery.
Arts/ Opera	Great Performances at the Met: The Merry Widow	5/29/15 9 pm 2 hrs.	Broadway director and choreographer Susan Stroman makes her Met debut with a lavish new staging of Lehár's effervescent operetta. Soprano Renée Fleming adds a new character to her Met repertoire as Hanna, the widowed millionairess. Broadway star Kelli O'Hara makes her Met debut as the Zeta's wife, Valencienne. The operetta is performed in English. Mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato hosts.

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Education			
Education/ High school	Independent Lens: The Homestretch	4/13/15 10 pm 1 hr.	Follow three smart and ambitious Chicago teens who brave frigid winters, high school pressures and homelessness as they fight to stay in school, graduate and build a future.
Education/ achievement gap	PBS NewsHour	3/10/15 6 pm 1 hr. 6:04 seg.	Illinois high school shrinks its achievement gap for minority students by setting a high bar: Evanston Township High School outside of Chicago offers its students nearly 30 Advanced Placement classes. But despite the plentiful offerings, administrators noticed that minorities were underrepresented in these courses that can be a boost to a college application. How did the school bridge the gap? Brandis Friedman of WTTW reports from Chicago.
Education/ value of high school diploma	PBS NewsHour	6/9/15 6 pm 1 hr. 5:32 seg.	Are kids getting shortchanged by easier-to-earn diplomas? While high school graduation rates have climbed steadily the last decade to an all-time high, a new investigation by NPR finds reasons to question the increases. Federal data show 81 percent of students finish, but the value of a high school diploma can vary widely depending on the state and the student's path. William Brangham learns more from Anya Kamenetz, lead education blogger for NPR.
Education/ Improving graduation rates	PBS NewsHour	6/25/15 6 pm 1 hr. 8:54 seg.	International Baccalaureate changes outlook for Seattle school: The International Baccalaureate program, once thought of as a college preparatory curriculum exclusively for the rich, may also help students at struggling schools. The NewsHour's April

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Environment			
Environment / Climate change	Sky Island	4/20/15 6 pm 30 mins.	In Northern New Mexico a range of mountains rises up from the high desert, a wild, rugged land of the Faraway Nearby. The volcanic Jemez Mountains are isolated from all other ranges -- an island in the sky, surrounded by a desert sea. In Sky Island, filmmaker John Grabowska profiles this enchanting landscape and our place within it, with climate change effects already dramatically altering the desert and alpine ecosystems. The film features narration by Pulitzer Prize winner N. Scott Momaday and acclaimed actress Meryl Streep, with a sweeping orchestral score by Academy Award winner Todd Boekelheide.
Environment / Climate change	PBS NewsHour	5/26/15 6 pm 1 hr. 7:42 seg	Why is a billionaire climate activist bothering with GOP primaries? The amount of money spent in the 2016 election cycle is on track to double the roughly \$2 billion spent in 2012. One reason is the rise of spending by millionaire and billionaire political activists on both sides of the aisle. Gwen Ifill talks to billionaire Tom Steyer of NextGen Climate, who has pledged millions on the issue of climate change.
Environment / Climate change	Charlie Rose	5/27/15 11 pm 1 hr. 29:52seg	Jeffrey Sachs, senior UN advisor and director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, discusses the urgent need for global action on climate change and his new book is called The Age of Sustainable Development.

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Environment / Climate change	Religion & Ethics	6/19/15 5 pm 30 mins. 9:42 seg	Faith-Based Activism on Climate Change: In the bayous of south Louisiana, faith-based activists are trying to help vulnerable communities affected by climate change. Most scientists say climate change has led to rising sea levels that are accelerating erosion and land loss, leading in turn to the displacement of local residents. On June 18, Pope Francis released his much anticipated encyclical on climate change, and while many environmental advocates support the pope's contributions to the current debate, there are also critics who say political and scientific issues are beyond his purview.
Environment / Ocean life	NOVA: Lethal Seas	5/13/15 9 pm 1 hr	A deadly recipe is brewing that threatens the survival of countless creatures throughout Earth's oceans. For years, we've known that the oceans absorb about a quarter of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. But with high carbon emissions worldwide, this silent killer is entering our seas at a staggering rate, raising the ocean's acidity. It's eating away at the skeletons and shells of marine life. NOVA follows the scientist making breakthrough discoveries and seeking solutions. Visit a unique coral garden that offers a glimpse of what seas could be like in a half-century from now.
History			
History/ Military, Vietnam	Last Days in Vietnam	4/28/15 2pm 2 hrs.	In final days of the Vietnam War, as the North Vietnamese Army closed in on Saigon and South Vietnamese resistance crumbled. In April 1975, city after city and village after village were falling to the North, while the few U.S. diplomats and military operatives still in the country were contemplating withdrawal. With the lives of thousands of South Vietnamese hanging in the balance, those in control faced an impossible choice. Who would be rescued and who would be

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			left behind to face brutality, imprisonment or even death?
History/ Washington DC	The National Mall: America's Front Yard	4/21/15 8 pm 1 hr	The United States National Mall, set in the heart of Washington, DC., is a place unlike any other on earth, and its history is equally fascinating. This special reveals the surprising and inspiring story of the Mall's evolution.
History/ WWII	NOVA: Nazi Attack on America	5/6/15 9 pm 1 hr	Long before 9/11, a far deadlier, little-known attack from the ocean depths struck our shores, lasting three-and-a-half years and claiming 5,000 lives. Now, famed undersea explorer Bob Ballard, discoverer of the Titanic, investigates the wreck of one of the attack craft, a German submarine that lies at the bottom of the gulf just a few miles off New Orleans. U-166 was part of Operation Drumbeat, a highly successful U-boat operation that caught East Coast cities and shipping almost completely unprepared. With state-of-the-art survey gear, Ballard probes the wreck and unravels a dramatic mystery in the official story of the sub's sinking.
History/ Presidents/ Roosevelts	The Roosevelts: An Intimate History	Tuesdays 5/5-6/23 2015 (8) 8pm 1 hr	<i>The Roosevelts: An Intimate History</i> chronicles the lives of Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, three members of the most prominent and influential family in American politics. It is the first time in a major documentary television series that their individual stories have been interwoven into a single narrative. It is also an intimate human story about love, betrayal, family loyalty, personal courage and the conquest of fear.
History/ WWII	NOVA: D-Day's Sunken Secrets	6/10/15 9 pm 1 hr	On June 6, 1944, the Allies launched the biggest armada in history to invade the Normandy beaches and liberate Europe from the Nazis. In less than 24 hours, more than 5,000 ships crossed the English Channel, along with thousands of tanks and landing craft and nearly 200,000 men. Throughout the operation, hundreds of ships sank running the gauntlet of mines and bunkers, creating one of the world's largest

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History/ Increase awareness of local & regional history	Here and Then	ongoing	Interstitial segments that highlight significant episodes in Hampton Roads history. Sixty spots in rotation. Approximately 6 – 8 aired each day.
Military			
Military/ Memorial Day Celebration	National Memorial Day Concert	5/24/15	On the eve of Memorial Day, a star-studded lineup will grace the stage for one of PBS' highest-rated programs. The multiple-award-winning television event has become an American tradition, honoring the military service and sacrifice of all our men and women in uniform, their families at home, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Join co-hosts Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna for the National Memorial Day Concert, honoring our American heroes for over 25 years live from the U.S. Capitol.
Military/ Military Families	The Homefront	5/25/15 9pm 2 hrs.	More than two million men and women serve in America's all-volunteer military force, and another three million are their husbands, wives, sons and daughters. Yet over the course of two long wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the stories — and the service — of these military families have often been overlooked. This two-hour documentary is a revealing series of intimate portraits of America's military families that share stories of pride, patriotism, sacrifice and resilience.

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