

KBTC/KCKA Issues Programs Report

Reporting Period January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2020

Arts

Northwest Now 1105 Attack, Decay, Sustain, Release

Aired 1/1/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

A special look at guitar making in Western Washington and its evolution as a major regional industry.

Independent Lens 2207 A Day In the Life of Americans/American Nomads

Aired 1/19/21 11:00pm 90 minutes

On July 4, 2017, more than 90 film crews across the country capture Americans in the midst of life, liberty and their particular pursuit of happiness, creating an unflinching snapshot of the depth and breadth of the American experience.

Queen of Swing

Aired 2/17/21 6:00pm 60 minutes

QUEEN OF SWING recounts the true story of a Jazz Age trailblazer - 95-year-old entertainer Norma Miller. The engaging biography highlights the life, career and indomitable spirit of the Harlem-born actress, dancer and choreographer known as "The Queen of Swing." Discovered at the age of 12, Miller's show business career has spanned seven decades (and counting). Among her many accomplishments, Miller developed the acrobatic "Lindy Hop" dance, appeared in the Marx Brothers' A Day at the Races (1937), took up stand-up comedy at the prompting of Redd Foxx (Sanford and Son), entertained soldiers in Vietnam, worked with Sammy Davis Jr. in Las Vegas, appeared in Richard Pryor specials, and authored two books about swing culture. She also provided a first-hand account of the Harlem music and dance scene during the 1930s and '1940s in Ken Burns' Jazz (2001). Narrated by actor Bill Cobbs (New Jack City, The Bodyguard, Night at the Museum), QUEEN OF SWING examines Miller's influence in the globalization of America's jazz culture and her role in breaking down racial barriers across the United States and around the world.

Fat Boy: The Billy Stewart Story

Aired 2/18/21 8:00pm 60 minutes

FAT BOY: THE BILLY STEWART STORY chronicles the life and career of one of the most popular rhythm and blues singers of the 1960s, tracing his journey from a young piano player to a famous R&B balladeer. Growing up, Stewart's early passion and talent made him a Washington, D.C. legend, and he regularly sang in area nightclubs and other popular venues across the city. After meeting Bo Diddley in 1955, Stewart joined his band and headed to Chicago, where he first signed with Chess Records. However, it wasn't until the early '60s that Stewart began recording a string of hits, such as "Reap What You Sow," "Fat Boy," "I Do Love You" and "Sitting in the Park." Stewart's soulful music touched audiences all over the country, from New York to California and beyond. FAT BOY: THE BILLY STEWART STORY is narrated by former radio and television announcer Charlie Neal and features a rich collection of archival stills and footage, including never-before-seen 8mm film of Stewart relaxing with his family and performing in various night clubs. Interviews with prevalent musicians, friends, and family who were close to him - such as former Chess recording artist Curtis Prince, Herb Fame of the singing duo Peaches and Herb, Grace Ruffin from The Jewels, and Mitty Collier ("I Had a Talk With My Man Last Night") - also help paint a picture of his life and career.

An Opry Salute to Ray Charles

Aired 2/18/21 9:00pm 90 minutes

AN OPRY SALUTE TO RAY CHARLES celebrates the music of an iconic singer, band-leader and pianist, the blind "genius of Soul." Taped at Nashville, Tennessee's country music stage The Grand Ole Opry and hosted by Darius Rucker, the program features performances of Ray Charles's songs by Boyz II Men, Brett Eldredge, Leela James, Ronnie Milsap, Lukas Nelson, LeAnn Rimes, Allen Stone, Travis Tritt, Trisha Yearwood, and Chris Young.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

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Northwest Now 1219 Tacoma Violence

Aired 2/19/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

The increase in violence in Tacoma is discussed.

Economy/Employment

Northwest Now 1215 Pierce County Economy

Aired 1/22/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

Following a year of the pandemic and social unrest, Pierce County's economic outlook is examined.

Northwest Now 1216 Boeing Troubles

Aired 1/29/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

Experts discuss the recent problems that Boeing has been experiencing and what lies ahead for the company and its future in Western Washington.

Northwest Now 1217 GOP Future and Redistricting

Aired 2/5/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

Discussion topics include the future of the Republican Party and redistricting in Washington State.

Africa's Great Civilizations 105

Aired 2/4/21 10:00pm 60 minutes

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the impact of the Atlantic trading world, giving rise to powerful new kingdoms, but also transatlantic slave trade. Learn of the revolutionary movements of the 18th-early 19th centuries, including the advent of the Sokoto Caliphate.

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Gates explores the dynamism of 19th-century Africa, the "scramble" by European powers for its riches, and the defiant and successful stand of uncolonized Ethiopia.

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Independent Lens: Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story Of Black Colleges

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Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities is a documentary and interactive project that explores the pivotal role historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) have played in American history, culture, and national identity. Today, over half of all African American professionals are graduates of HBCUs. More than 50% of the nation's African American public school teachers and 70% of African American dentists earned degrees at HBCUs. The film brings to a broad national audience for the first time the story of HBCUs and the power of higher education to transform lives and advance civil rights and equality in the face of intolerance and injustice.

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Environment/Nature/Natural Disaster

Nature 3901 The Alps: The Highlife

Aired 1/26/21 7:00pm 60 minutes

Enjoy the Alps in spring and summertime as newborn animals grow up to face the coming brutal winter.

Rockies: Kingdoms of the Sky

Aired 2/2/21 6:00pm 60 minutes

Experience the amazing wildlife and remarkable people who inhabit this 3,000-mile mountain range, home to cougars, wolverines, wolves and grizzlies. Daredevil wingsuit fliers jump from high peaks and Native Americans compete in breakneck horse races.

Nature 3902 The Alps: Winter's Fortress

Aired 2/9/21 7:00pm 60 minutes

Experience the hostile and bitter cold ecosystems of the Alps, shaped by snow blizzards and avalanches.

Nature 3903 Pumas: Legends of the Ice Mountains

Aired 2/16/21 7:00pm 60 minutes

Travel to the mountains of Chile to discover the secrets of the puma, the area's biggest and most elusive predator. Discover how this mountain lion survives and follow the dramatic fate of a puma mother and her cubs.

Nile: Rivers of Life

Aired 2/16/21 7:00pm 60 minutes

The Nile is the world's longest river. From elephants and leopards to extreme kayakers and ancient wonders, its great length provides a lifeline for Africa's wildest beasts and for some of the world's most incredible cultures.

Health/Healthcare

Northwest Now 1120 Carline Wright

Aired 1/8/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

Seattle Author Caroline Wright talks about her terminal brain cancer diagnosis, her life, and her family.

Amanpour and Company 3134

Aired 1/5/21 12:00am 60 minutes

Virologist Peter Piot explains why new COVID-19 variants are causing concern amongst scientists. Former Defense Secretary William Cohen reacts to President Trump's phone call with Georgia's secretary of state. Former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun discusses tomorrow's senate runoff election in Georgia. Dr. Vivek Murthy explains what's gone wrong with vaccine distribution.

Northwest Now 1214 COVID Vaccines

Aired 1/15/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

The vaccines have arrived- and now the discussion begins about their efficacy and distribution outlook, across the nation and in our region.

Amanpour and Company 3159

Aired 2/9/21 12:00am 60 minutes

Angus Thomson and Dr. Matshidiso Moeti discuss the study on the AstraZeneca vaccine's efficacy against the South Africa variant. Musician Judy Collins reflects on her career. Nikki King explains why she established an innovative new opioid addiction program that focuses on treatment and support rather than jail.

Amanpour and Company 3175

Aired 3/3/21 12:00am 60 minutes

Report: Possible Vaccine Breakthrough in Cuba; Candace Johnson; Kazuo Ishiguro; Tim Ryan

American Experience 3202 : The Poison Squad

Aired 3/27/21 7:00pm 60 minutes

Discover the forgotten heroes who fought for food safety at the turn of the 20th century. Unusual experiments and tireless advocacy led by a government chemist changed the way Americans thought about food, health and consumer safety forever.

History

Native America 101

Aired 1/7/21 6:00pm 60 minutes

Combine ancient wisdom and modern science to answer a 15,000-year-old question: who were America's First Peoples? The answer hides in Amazonian cave paintings, Mexican burial chambers, New Mexico's Chaco Canyon and waves off California's coast.

Native America 102

Aired 1/7/21 7:00pm 60 minutes

Explore the rise of great American nations. Investigate lost cities in Mexico, a temple in Peru, a potlatch ceremony in the Pacific Northwest and a tapestry of shell beads in upstate New York whose story inspired our own democracy.

Native America 103

Aired 1/7/21 8:00pm 60 minutes

Discover the cosmological secrets behind America's ancient cities. Scientists explore some of the world's largest pyramids and 3D-scan a lost city of monumental mounds on the Mississippi River; native elders reveal ancient powers of the sky.

Native America 104

Aired 1/7/21 9:00pm 60 minutes

Discover how resistance, survival and revival are revealed through an empire of horse-mounted Comanche warriors, secret messages encoded in Aztec manuscript and a grass bridge in the Andes that spans mountains and centuries of time.

Northwest Now 1218 Black History Month

Aired 2/12/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

The state of civil rights and white supremacy across our country and in the Northwest is discussed.

Northwest Now 1117 Quintard Taylor

Aired 2/26/21 7:30pm 30 minutes

University of Washington Law Professor and nationally renowned Historian Quintard Taylor discusses the significance of Black History month.

Politics/Military/Government

People's Protectors

Aired 1/7/20 10pm 60 minutes

Meet four Native American veterans who reflect on their experiences in the military during the Vietnam War and how their communities helped them carry their warrior legacy, even as they struggled with their relationship to the U.S. government.

Fannie Lou Hamer: Stand Up

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Science/Technology

NOVA 4801 Secrets In Our DNA

Aired 1/26/21 8:00pm 60 minutes

Millions of Americans have sent their DNA to be analyzed by private companies, which are revealing customers' ancestry and family connections, and reporting health risks. But what are the pitfalls and unintended consequences of sharing genetic data?

NOVA 3910 Deadliest Tornadoes

Aired 2/9/21 8:00pm 60 minutes

In April 2011, the worst tornado outbreak in decades left a trail of destruction across the U.S., killing more than 340 people. Why was there such an extreme outbreak? How do such outbreaks form? With modern warning systems why did so many die? Is our weather getting more extreme -- and if so how bad will it get? This episode of NOVA looks at the science behind the April outbreak, meeting those affected and the scientists trying to predict tornadoes and understand whether this outbreak relates to global climate change.

Beyond the Elements On NOVA 4717

Aired 2/16/21 8:00pm 60 minutes

Discover the chemical reactions that constantly transform our world. Like one that enables us to feed billions but when reversed, is explosive. And lock-and-key molecules that put the heat in hot peppers or make deadly venoms useful to medicine.

Beyond the Elements On NOVA 4718

Aired 3/16/21 8:00pm 60 minutes

Scientists have created virtually indestructible versions of glass, rubber and plastic. But are they too tough? As the environmental impact of the quest for durability becomes clear, scientists look for ways to maintain utility but minimize harm.

Beyond the Elements On NOVA 4719

Aired 3/23/21 8:00pm 60 minutes

Without the chemistry of photosynthesis, ozone, and an enzyme called Rubisco, we wouldn't exist. So why do we? Discover the molecules that allowed life on Earth to begin, and ultimately thrive, and how scientists use evolution in chemistry.

Women/Minorities

Roadtrip Nation: Single Mom's Story

Aired 1/5/21 11:00pm 60 minutes

ROADTRIP NATION: A SINGLE MOM'S STORY follows three single mothers driven to succeed despite the odds stacked against them. Along the way, they hear the inspiring stories of other single mothers who have made it through raising children on their own while paving their own career path. Roadtrippers Gabby, Kiera and Maliaq learn from other single moms working in the fields of law, clothing design science, and more. They meet Amy Yeung, the founder of Orenda Tribe, a clothing line dedicated to helping Native American designers pursue their fashion goals; Elisa Peterson, a visual artist and writer who also co-hosts the Cool Moms podcast; and Felicia Rice, a microbiologist at the Mayo Clinic.

Keep Talking

Aired 1/7/21 11:00pm 60 minutes

Follow four Alaska Native women fighting to save Kodiak Alutiiq, an endangered language spoken by fewer than 40 remaining fluent Native elders. On remote Afognak Island, they inspire young people to learn the language and dances of their ancestors.

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The Black Church: This Is Our story, This Is Our Song 101

Aired 2/25/21 6:00pm 120 minutes

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of African American religion beginning with the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the extraordinary ways enslaved Africans preserved and adapted faith practices from the brutality of slavery to emancipation.

The Black Church: This Is Our story, This Is Our Song 102

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Discover how the Black church expanded its reach to address social inequality and minister to those in need, from the Jim Crow South to the heroic phase of the civil rights movement, and the Black church's role in the present.