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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 1AM & 1PM, 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. Eleven half-hours a week.

Wild Kratts

Weekdays at 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.

Curious George

Weekdays at 8:30, 9AM & 2PM, 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. Nineteen Half-Hours per week.

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. Twelve half-hours per week.

Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About That

Weekdays at 7:30AM. Coming to television for the first time ever in an animated series, the Cat in the Hat whisks preschoolers off on a voyage of scientific discovery. "The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!" features six-year-olds Sally & Nick, best friends and next door neighbors, who are transported on magical journeys to all corners of the globe where the natural world becomes their playground. With the Cat as their guide, his two energetic helpers, the zany duo, Thing One and Thing Two and the enigmatic Fish along for the ride, every outing becomes an unpredictable adventure. In each episode, Sally and Nick head off with the Cat in his one-of-a-kind custom vehicle, the Thinga-ma-jigger, a quintessentially Seussian contraption that instantly transforms from plane to boat to submarine with just a flick of the jigger-ma-whizzer or a honk of the shrinkamadoodle. They go everywhere from the ocean bottom, to a rainforest, or to the centre of a beehive. The Cat in the Hat "knows a lot" but he doesn't know everything making him the perfect guide for learning and fun. 5 half hour programs

Pinkalicious & Peterrific Premiere

Monday 2/19 @ 8AM & 2:30PM, Friday 2/23 @ 9AM & 2:30PM & Sunday 2/25 @ 8AM. Get creative in Pinkville! Pinkalicious imagines creative possibilities everywhere she looks. 1 hour programs

Pinkalicious & Peterrific

Weekdays @ 9AM & 2:30PM. Pinkalicious imagines creative possibilities everywhere she looks. Aimed at kids 3-5, PINKALICIOUS & PETERRIFIC encourages viewers to engage in the creative arts and self-expression, including music, dance, theater and visual arts. Get creative with Pinkalicious, Peter and all their friends in Pinkville! 10 half hour programs.

Dinosaur Train

Weekdays at 12PM. "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 12:30PM. 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 11:30AM. 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 until 2/16. Weekdays @ 8AM & 2:30PM beginning 2/19. 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."
Ten half-hours per week

Splash & Bubbles

Weekdays @ 10:30AM & 1:30PM, & 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 Reeftown 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. 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 and seasons) as well as an introductory explanation of innovation, astronomy, and our solar system. Five Half Hour episodes per week.

Cat In The Hat Knows A Lot About Camping

Monday 3/12 & Friday 3/16 @ 7:30AM. The Little Cats join The Cat in the Hat, Fish, Nick and Sally on a frenzied outdoor adventure. 1 hour programs

Curious George Swings Into Spring

Tuesday 3/20 & Friday 3/23 @ 8:30AM & 2PM. George has a big case of spring fever and must rescue Hundley when he gets lost in the country. 1 hour programs.

NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

BBC World News

Weekdays at 6am & 6pm. Fridays at Midnight 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. 11 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 & Friday 3/23 & 3/30. 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. Two 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 & 11PM with occasional 11:30PM or Midnight airings: 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. Ten - One hours per week.

Washington Week

Friday @ 8PM & Saturday @ 6PM. 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

Me Too! Now What?

Friday @ 8:30PM ending 2/23. Mainstream cultural norms in media create an overtly sexualized and objectified image of women.

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 ends 2/3. 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 & Fridays @ 4PM: 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, Thursday @ 4PM 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, Tuesday @ 4PM & 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

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's @ 10PM. Tuesday 3/27 @ 9PM 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

Finding Your Roots

Tuesday @ 8P, Wednesday @ 4PM 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. One hour program

Great Performances

Some Fridays at 9PM. GREAT PERFORMANCES, the longest-running performing arts anthology on television, continues to feature the best in the performing arts.

One hour – 2.5 Hour program

Storm of the Century

Monday 1/15 @ 4PM. A devastating series of storms swept across the Great Plains in the winter of 1949. One hour program.

How We Got To Now with Steven Johnson

Monday 1/8 @ 4PM. The first traces of the desire to record sound are explored at the Arcy sur Cure caves in France. One hour program

Grand Coulee Dam: American Experience

Monday 1/22 @ 4PM & Tuesday 1/16 @ 8PM. Technological achievement and environmental impact hangs over the legacy of Grand Coulee Dam in Washington State.

One hour program

Animals with Cameras

Wednesday 1/31, 2/7 & 2/14 @ 8PM. Thursday 2/1, 2/8 & 2/15 & Sunday 2/4, 2/11 & 2/18

@ 9:30AM Get a front row seat for an extraordinary experience. Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan and a team of pioneering animal behaviorists join forces to explore stories of animal lives "told" by the animals themselves. A NATURE miniseries Animals with Cameras showcases a side of the animal kingdom where human cameramen can't go, when animals become the cinematographers. Using the specially-designed cameras, sprint across the savanna with a cheetah, plunge into the ocean with a seal, and swing through the trees with a chimpanzee. We will be privy to their secret lives like never before and uncover some truly unprecedented behavior through their eyes. Each episode features three different species.

One hour program.

Jackie Robinson

Monday 3/19 & 3/20 @ 9PM. 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.

Bonnie & Clyde: American Experience

Tuesday 1/2 @ 8PM. The true story of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, the most famous outlaw couple in US history. 1 hour program

Aurora – Fire in The Sky

Wednesday 1/3 @ 10PM & Monday 1/29 @ 4PM. The aurora, the colorful glow that brightens the night sky in Earth's Polar Regions, is explored. One hour program

PBS Previews: The Best of PBS Indies

Friday 1/12 @ 8:30PM & Sunday 2/25 @ 10:30PM. Independent documentaries including "I Am Not Your Negro," "Dolores" and more are highlighted.

Tony Bennett: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize

Friday 1/12 @ 9PM. Enjoy an all-star tribute to singer Tony Bennett from DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC.

Secret of Tuxedo Park: American Experience

Tuesday 1/16 @ 9PM. Unknown Wall Street tycoon Alfred Lee Loomis, who led a double life as a scientist, is profiled. One hour program

Triangle Fire: American Experience

Monday 2/5 @ 4PM. A deadly factory fire in 1911 in New York's Greenwich Village led to workplace safety laws. One hour program

Understanding The Opioid Epidemic

Wednesday 1/17 @ 10PM, Sunday 1/21 @ 3PM & Tuesday 2/6 @ 4PM. People affected by the opioid epidemic and information from experts are featured. One hour program

Lorraine Hansberry: American Masters

Friday 1/19 @ 9PM. The life and work of A Raisin in the Sun playwright and activist Lorraine Hansberry are explored. Two hour program

We'll Meet Again

Tuesday 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/20, 2/27 @ 8PM. Join Ann Curry for a new series featuring dramatic reunions of people whose lives crossed at pivotal moments. View history through their eyes and hear stories of heroism, hope and the forging of unbreakable bonds. 1 hour program

Great Performances at the Met: Norma

Friday 2/26 @ 9PM. Sondra Radvanovsky stars as the Druid priestess in Bellini's masterpiece. Carlo Rizzi conducts. Three hour program

PBS NewsHour Special Report: State of the Union Address

Tuesday 1/30 @ 9PM. President Trump's State of the Union Address. Two hours

Norman Lear: American Masters

Friday 2/2 @ 9PM & 2/4 @ 4:30PM. Norman Lear affected social change through his groundbreaking sitcoms such as "All in the Family." 90 minute program

Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agent

Sunday 1/28, 2/4 & 2/11 @ 10PM. Elizabeth's enemies grow in strength, but her spymaster Robert Cecil also fights an enemy within.

America's Heartland

Thursday 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/22 & 3/29. AMERICA'S HEARTLAND celebrates the men and women across who grow the country's crops, raise its livestock, tend its nurseries and prepare its food. AMERICA'S HEARTLAND taps into the national fascination with food and curiosity about unfamiliar places and ways of life, while also exploring the American values of family, hard work and the spirit of independence. The series, produced entirely on location, portrays the worlds of agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture complete with fascinating stories, compelling characters, innovative ideas and enticing travel destinations. 30 minute programs

American Epic Sessions

Friday 2/9 @ 9PM. Jack White and T Bone Burnett lead a recording session using a recording device from the 1920s. Two hour program

Secrets of Underground London

Tuesday 2/13 @ 4PM. A look at the natural and man-made wonders beneath London features the lost river fleet. One hour program

Bombing of Wall Street: American Experience

Tuesday 2/13 @ 9PM. The story behind the mostly-forgotten bombing in the nation's financial center in 1920 is explored. One hour program

Into the Wild: Edison, Ford and Friends

Sunday 2/11 @ 5:30PM & Sunday 2/18 @ 11:30PM. In 1914, three famous friends: Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and John Burroughs began a decade of camping trips. Thirty minute program

Road Trip Nation

Monday 2/19 @ 10:30PM. New road trippers Tehani, Traven and Keakealani meet the scientist who saved Hawaii's papayas. Thirty minute program

Golden Age: American Experience

Tuesday 2/6 @ 9PM & Sunday 2/11 @ 3PM. The extravagance of the titans of the late 19th century contrasted with the poverty of workers. Two hour program

Impossible Builds

Wednesday 2/7 – 2/21 @ 10PM, Sunday 2/11 – 2/25 @ 1PM, & Monday 2/12 – 2/26 @ 4PM. Learn about the creation of some of the world's most ambitious and technologically advanced buildings. From subaquatic homes to futuristic towers and pencil thin skyscrapers, see how these previously impossible structures are taking shape. One hour program

Maya Angelou: American Masters

Friday 2/16 @ 9PM. The prolific author and activist inspired generations with lyrical modern African-American thought. Two hour program

Rebecca

Saturday 2/17 & 2/24 @ 10PM. The late mistress of Manderley, Rebecca, casts her irresistible spell from beyond the grave. Two – 90 minute programs

Prince of the Palace

Sunday 2/18 @ 10PM. Interviews and archival footage chronicle the lives of three generations of British royal princes. Ninety minute program

Seeing Canada

Thursday 2/22 & 2/29 @ 10PM & Saturday 2/24 & 3/31 @ 11AM

Brandy Yanchyk's travel documentary, Seeing Canada, will connect viewers to the "Signature Experiences" Canada has to offer. Viewers will experience Canada's iconic nature, thrilling adventures and unique, varied culture through Brandy's eyes. These Signature Experiences have

been fully vetted by the Canadian government's tourism department (known as Destination Canada). These experiences are adventurous in nature, making for great television! Rather than focus on current events, Seeing Canada's focus will be on the vibrant cities, culinary delights, world-class attractions, unique characters and natural wonders of Canada. Through Brandy's charm, sense of humor and curiosity, the audience will have the chance to learn something new about even the most familiar of destinations. Through her bold, adventurous spirit, we will be inspired to take an adventure ourselves. Through her compassion and sensitivity, we will see all the strands that make Canada worth seeing. Thirty minute program

American Creed

Tuesday 2/27 @ 9PM. Condoleezza Rice and David M. Kennedy cross party lines to ask what ideals we share. One hour program

Women Outward Bound

Tuesday 2/20 @ 8PM. The first group of young women who participated in an Outward Bound survival school course in 1965, reunite 47 years later. One hour program

Ireland's Wild Coast

Saturday 3/17 @ 12noon & Wednesday 3/21 @ 8PM. A journey along one of the most spectacular coastlines in the world featuring the wildlife and wild places that make it so special. Wildlife cameraman Colin Stafford-Johnson takes viewers on an authored odyssey along Ireland's rugged Atlantic coast -- the place he chooses to make his home after 30 years spent shooting some of the world's most celebrated wildlife films. Hanging like an emerald jewel off the western edge of Europe, Ireland has always been a place apart -- the last scrap of rock before the void of the Atlantic Ocean. The series features Ireland's west coast and wildlife wonders -- from the Skellig Rocks -- stormbound ocean pinnacles settled by early Christian monks 1500 years ago to breaching Humpback whales newly arrived off the island's southern shores, to Golden Eagles fighting the gales of the northern highlands, to the majestic Salmon returning from the Arctic to face upriver into some of the purest freshwaters in Europe; to the clash of Ireland's last surviving Red Deer stags echoing through the island's highest mountains. Two hour program

WWII Mega Weapons

Wednesday 3/21 & 3/28 @ 10PM. Imperial Japan built a network of defensive lines and fortifications across the island of Okinawa. One hour program

Super Skyscrapers

Sundays 2/11 – 2/25 & Mondays 3/5 – 3/26. This series follows the building of four extraordinary skyscrapers showing how they will revolutionize where we live, work, how we protect ourselves from earthquakes and terrorist attacks -- and even control the amount of energy we use. As well as following the engineering and construction challenges, this series uses state-of-the-art graphics to bring out the full drama of the build. We will meet the architects and other characters involved in each colossus. How will these new skyscrapers tackle a set of tough questions? How do you protect a skyscraper against a terrorist attack? How do you make a super-tall environmentally friendly building? What is involved in building a mega-fast, 600m elevator? How do you construct absolute luxury? How do you clean the windows on the 100th floor? One hour program.

Great Yellowstone Thaw

Sunday 1/7 @ 1PM - 4 PM. Journey with Kirk Johnson to Yellowstone, where wolves, grizzlies, beavers and Great Gray owls survive one of the greatest seasonal changes on the planet. As the temperature swings 140 degrees, cameras capture how the animals cope. Three - one hour programs

Great War: American Experience

Sunday 1/7, 1/14 & 1/21 @ 4PM America's tortured, nearly three-year journey to entering World War I from 1914 to 1916 is explored. Three - Two Hour Programs

Mark Twain's Journey to Jerusalem, Dreamland

Tuesday 1/9 @ 8PM & Sunday 1/14 @ 1PM In 1867, cub reporter Mark Twain visited Jerusalem. What he found surprised and disappointed him. Martin Sheen narrates. One Hour Program

Into The Amazon: American Experience

Tuesday 1/9 @ 9PM & Sunday 1/14 @ 2PM In 1914 Theodore Roosevelt and Candido Rondon journeyed into the heart of the Amazon rain forest. Two hour program

First Peoples

Sunday 1/21 @ 1PM – 3PM, Sunday 1/28 1PM - 4PM. See how the mixing of prehistoric human genes led the way for our species to survive and thrive around the globe. Archaeology, genetics and anthropology cast new light on 200,000 years of history, detailing how early humans became dominant. Five - One Hour episodes

American Epic

Sunday 2/4 1PM – 4:30PM. Travel the country in search of rural artists from the 1920s, when the music of ordinary Americans was recorded for the first time, transforming music forever, in a film executive produced by Jack White, Robert Redford and T Bone Burnett. Two - One Hour episodes & One 90 minute episode

In Defense of Food

Sunday 2/18 @ 4PM. Author Michael Pollan explains what we should eat to be healthy. Two hour program

Old Guys and Their Airplanes

Sunday 2/25 @ 5PM. Chris Morgan was a prisoner of the Japanese from October 1943 to June 1945. Thirty minute program

Mary Tyler Moore: A Celebration

Sunday 3/25 @ 1PM. A look at Moore's career features great clips and interviews with the actress's co-stars. One Hour program

Loretta Lynn: American Masters

Sunday 3/25 @ 2PM, Country music legend Loretta Lynn's hard-fought road to stardom is explored. Two hour program

Discovering Beverly Cleary

Sunday 3/25 @ 5PM. The life, literature and legacy of the children's author are celebrated. Thirty minute program

Influenza 1918: American Experience

Tuesday 1/2 @ 8PM. The social ramifications of the 1918 flu epidemic that killed 675,000 is examined, as well as how it affected those who lived through it. One hour program.

Death in Paradise

Thursday 1/4 - 1/25 @ 9PM. Death in Paradise is a series of impossible murders set on the fictional Caribbean island of Sainte Marie. One hour program

Allen Cumming Sings Sappy Songs.

Friday 1/5 @ 10PM. Television and Broadway star Alan Cumming brings down the house with his acclaimed cabaret show. One hour 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, 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. Thirty minute program

Soundbreaking

Friday 3/23 & 3/30 @ 9 & 10PM. Get an in-depth look at the art of music recording and how it has evolved. The last project of Beatles producer Sir George Martin, the programs feature more than 150 exclusive and original interviews. One hour program

Into The Night: Portraits of Life and Death

Monday 3/26 @ 9PM. An astrophysicist, preacher and philosopher grapple with universal questions of mortality. Two hour program

Great Houses with Julian Fellowes

Saturday 3/31 @ 10PM & 11PM. Follow "Downton Abbey" writer Julian Fellowes on his quest to discover the real stories of Britain's great houses. As he uncovers personal stories hidden behind the walls, he realizes these aren't just homes for posh people-they hold history.

Secrets of Her Majesty's Secret Service

Sunday 1/7 @ 11PM. A close look at the legendary British Secret Service lifts the veil on the shadowy world of spying. One hour program

In Their Own Words: Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday 1/14 @ 11PM. The queen's remarkable life is told from her youth to her reign of more than 60 years. One hour program

Tales from Then Royal Bedchamber

Sunday 1/21 @ 11PM. British historian Lucy Worsley reveals the importance of the palace's regal bedroom to past monarchs. One hour program

Secrets of the Six Wives

Sunday 1/28, 2/4 & 2/11 @ 11PM. Henry VIII breaks with the Roman Church to marry Anne Boleyn, but he soon falls for Jane Seymour. One hour program

Secrets of Highclere Castle

Sunday 2/25 @ 11PM. This English castle is the setting for "Downton Abbey," but it has its own stories to tell. One hour program

Locally Produced Programming

State of the State Address

Tuesday 2/13 @ 7PM. Governor Paul LePage State of the State Address

Maine State Boys & Girls High School Basketball Tournament

Friday 3/2 - 7PM- 11PM, Saturday 3/3 9AM – 4:30PM & 7PM – 11PM & Sunday 7AM – 7PM. Games ran for various lengths.

High School Quiz Show Maine

Thursdays 2/8 – 3/29 @ 8:30PM, Sundays 2/11 – 3/25 @ 5:30, Thursday 3/1 @ 9:30PM & 10PM, Saturday 3/3 4:30 – 6PM. Students compete for their schools and their communities in the ultimate brain game. Shannon Moss hosts. Thirty minute programs

Independently Produced Programming

Passion for Snow

Thursday 1/4 @ 10PM, Saturday 1/ @ 11AM. People in New England have developed many aspects of the modern ski industry. One hour program

Food Fight: Inside Battle for Market Basket

Thursday 1/11 & 3/22 @ 10PM & Saturday 1/13 & 3/24 @ 11AM. In 2014, a corporate fight played out in dozens of communities affecting thousands of workers. Two hour program

Community Conservation

Thursday 1/18 at 10PM & Saturday 1/20 at 11AM. Four active land trusts in different regions of Maine are making efforts toward conservation for their communities. One hour program

The Town That Moved a Mountain

Thursday 1/25 @ 10 PM & Saturday 1/27 at 11AM; In the 1950s, a group in Jay, Maine, built a successful ski area and then two years later, moved the whole operation. One hour program

The Home Road

Thursday 2/1 @ 10PM & Saturday 2/3 at 11AM. A Maine man retraces the journey of his 19-year-old great-great-grandfather, who in 1845 walked nearly 200 miles to Biddeford, Maine. Ninety minute program

Shadows Fall North

Thursday 2/8 @ 10PM & Saturday 2/10 @ 11AM. An examination of the overlooked history of racism in New Hampshire sets the record straight. Two hour program

High Water Mark

Thursday 2/15 @ 10PM & Saturday 2/17 at 11AM. The Pants ruled the Burlington, Vermont, music scene in the 1990s. Their singular sound garnered the attention of music labels and other musicians. The Pants played "indie rock" before it had a name. One hour program

1000 Feet and Below

Thursday 2/22 @ 10:30PM & Saturday 2/24 @ 11:30AM. Small ski hills in rural Maine have become unifying factors for communities. Thirty minute program

Of Stone, Wood and Glass: Alnoba

Thursday 3/29 @ 10:30PM & Saturday 2/31 @ 11:30AM. In New Hampshire, traditional timber framing and innovative passive design come together in a new building, redefining exactly what "conservation" means. Thirty minute program

Maine Event

Sundays @ 6PM. 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.

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Signature Tristan G. Richards	Date April 2, 2018