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## ON THE COVER WOLF HALL

The Mirror and the Light

Sundays, March 23 - April 27 at 8pm

The Masterpiece historical drama picks up in May 1536 after the beheading of Anne Boleyn and follows the last four years of Thomas Cromwell's life, completing his journey from self-made man to the most feared and influential figure of his time.  
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## FOR THE LOVE OF NASHVILLE *... and for the love of PBS*

**Becky Magura**  
President & CEO of Nashville PBS

**M**y grandmother was a hard-working woman and she knew the value of education and experiential learning. I have no doubt that is why she made sure she brought me each year from our home in Cookeville to make that 80+ mile drive to Nashville for me to have unique experiences...from visiting the Parthenon to buying an Easter dress downtown at Harvey's or Cain Sloan on Church Street or to see a show at the Ryman. These memories remind me of the love of my family and the blessing I had as a young child to have been given these experiences.

Not all children are so lucky. I know first hand the difference PBS makes in the lives of those children. It allows them to see a ballet for the first time, or to understand the life cycle of a tiger, or to experience kindness from a children's series like DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD.

Please know that we welcome your questions about how we manage our work as evidenced by our recent annual survey! In fact, I was so grateful when a long-time supporter took the time to ask about our recent addition of this bi-monthly Nashville PBS Magazine. You will see a wonderful full explanation in this issue that shares the purpose, the support, the partners

and the distribution of our magazine to reach new residents in Nashville as well as those who have welcomed us into their home for decades and how it fits within our Strategic Plan.

There's a lot of information in the news right now about the value of public television and the federal funding appropriation. We have always made the most of our community service grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and are grateful for the \$1.60 annually per citizen in our country that is dedicated by Congress to public broadcasting, both television and radio. It's significant for our work in public safety, education and creating community connections.

I encourage you to learn more and sign up to be an advocate at [protectmypublicmedia.org](http://protectmypublicmedia.org)

PBS stations across the country, including Nashville PBS, are locally owned and governed. Someone recently asked me who "owns" Nashville PBS and I was clear to share that as an educational, non-commercial, community licensee it is owned, not by a group of shareholders or any individual, but by our community to serve the public. It is governed by our elected Board of Directors, who are leaders in our community and volunteer their time and it is staffed by individuals, who with their families, call Middle Tennessee home. **We are all Nashville PBS**, including YOU and I believe as citizens it is ours to cherish and strengthen together.

That's the beauty of public broadcasting, we are a media source that is local. Locally governed. Locally staffed. Locally supported with a mission that brings the best of our national content like NOVA, NATURE, PBS NEWS HOUR, FINDING YOUR ROOTS and MASTERPIECE, and blends it with the best from right here at home — TENNESSEE CROSSROADS, VOLUNTEER GARDENER, JAUNTS, CLEAN SLATE and SLICE OF THE COMMUNITY, just to name a few!

Over 60% of our annual funding truly comes from viewers like you, but the support we receive from the federal government is the very foundation of our work in emergency alerting and datacasting; educational services, including a 24/7 PBS Kids broadcast and streaming channel and our daily community connections. You make that happen, as a citizen and as a supporter!

Not only are we investing in locally produced and locally sourced content, but we extend beyond the broadcast with educational and engagement activities for our preschool-high school population, as well as learning opportunities for our adult population with conversations around our AGING MATTERS, WORD ON WORDS, NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS, CITIZENSHIP PROJECT and documentary specials, such as BRENDA LEE: ROCKIN' AROUND, which aired nationally on AMERICAN MASTERS.

Thanks to each of you and the many corporate, foundation and non-profit partners who contribute to our daily work in providing content and engagement that is inspirational, informational and entertaining. You will recognize many of them in this magazine, "our storefront to the public" and we are grateful to them for helping us serve our community.

Nashville PBS is ours. I hope you will fully engage with us and know that we are here for you every day. It's our joy, our mission and a true blessing to be able to serve. Thank you!

*Becky*





# Nashville PBS

## STRATEGIC PLAN

For over sixty years, Nashville PBS has been a trusted storyteller, sharing the voices and experiences that shape our community. As Nashville continues to grow and evolve, so too must our approach to public media.

The FY 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan serves as a three-year roadmap, ensuring Nashville PBS remains a vital resource amid a rapidly changing media landscape.

Developed with insights from Nashville PBS staff, board members, and public-media strategists, the plan is informed by a comprehensive community survey, regional growth patterns, and national public-media trends. It reflects a commitment to engaging diverse audiences across multiple platforms and programming formats, reinforcing our dedication to serving Middle Tennessee with meaningful and relevant content.



**VIEW PLAN**



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# NASHVILLE PBS ORIGINALS

## CLEAN SLATE

– Becky Magura

### MARCH GUEST **PATRICIA DE STACY HARRISON**

March 21 – 8pm

The Honorable Patricia de Stacy Harrison is the longest-serving president and CEO of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), overseeing federal funding for more than 1,500 public media stations.

Since 2005, she has expanded support for education, journalism, and digital innovation, launching initiatives like American Graduate, which has helped raise national high school graduation rates. Under her leadership, CPB has strengthened local journalism collaborations and diversity in media, earning numerous honors, including the Promise of America Award and the Global Communications Award.

A champion for women in leadership, she has authored books and spearheaded initiatives like Women and Girls Lead. Previously, she served as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, earning the U.S. Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award. A recipient of multiple honors, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, she holds degrees from American University and serves on several prestigious boards, contributing to public service, media, and cultural diplomacy.



### APRIL GUEST **MAC PIRKLE**

April 18 – 8pm

Mac, a 45-year veteran of theatre, film, and video, founded three theatres, including Tennessee Repertory Theatre (The Rep), the state's largest regional theatre company, where he produced and directed over 65 productions. After 25 years in theatre, he transitioned to film and video in 2001, co-founding Earnhardt Pirkle, Inc., which served nonprofit and corporate clients. An award-winning creator, Mac has received an ACE Cable Award, multiple Telly Awards, a Parthenon Award, and a Gold Pen Award. He now leads Creative Communications, LLC, a media production company, and serves as President of Southern Stage Productions, Inc., which staged *The Nutty Professor* musical's world premiere in Nashville in 2012.

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# NASHVILLE PBS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## 100 KINGS

Nashville PBS host Jerome Moore sat down with the incredible 100 Kings of the 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee for a powerful and uplifting conversation. These young leaders brought energy, wisdom, and big dreams to the stage, sharing their journeys of resilience, academic excellence, and future ambitions. It was a night filled with inspiration, hope, and a glimpse into the bright future these young men are building.

Photo Credit Marvin Rutherford Jr





# NASHVILLE PBS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



## YOPRO EVENT at GOODTIMES and more fun at NASHVILLE PBS

A huge thank you to GoodTimes for hosting our Nashville PBS YoPro mixer! We're grateful for the space, the vibes, and the support in bringing together Nashville's young professionals for a great night of connection and community.

Photo Credit Marvin Rutherford Jr





# NASHVILLE PBS ORIGINALS



Thank you for helping us meet our goal to keep TENNESSEE CROSSROADS traveling. Because of your support, we'll continue to highlight local, Tennessee treasures throughout March.



L-R: Hosts Laura Faber, Miranda Cohen and Vicki Yates



A Cumberland Homestead Home

Cumberland Homesteads, near Crossville, was one of the first and most ambitious New Deal projects undertaken during The Great Depression.

Established by the Division of Subsistence Homesteads in 1934, the community was envisioned by federal planners as a model of cooperative living for the region's distressed farmers, coal miners, and factory workers.

The goal was to create a self-sufficient community where residents would have the chance to own their own farms and homes. The federal government purchased approximately 27,000 acres of land to be divided into small farms for resettled



Cumberland Homestead Coop Market

families, as well as communal areas for public buildings, parks, and industrial facilities.

While the project failed to achieve many of its goals the homesteads community survived, with most of the original 251 homes still in use today.

This next episode in the award-winning CITIZENSHIP PROJECT series will explore how New Deal-era objectives and methods, developed for Cumberland Homesteads had an impact on civil rights by combating poverty and inspiring the fight for social justice.





# NASHVILLE PBS MAGAZINE FAQs



## What is the Nashville PBS Magazine?

The Nashville PBS Magazine is a bimonthly publication showcasing our original productions, digital watch options, community events, exclusive interviews, and membership opportunities.

## Why is this magazine important?

It's more than just a publication—it's a strategic marketing tool that helps us:

- Highlight our diverse programming and digital platforms.
- Feature stories and voices from the community.
- Provide schedules and insights on favorite PBS shows.
- Boost membership with exclusive content.
- Promote events that bring Middle Tennessee together.

## Will I see local stories and community features?

Yes! The magazine reflects our viewers, telling the stories of people and places across Middle Tennessee.

## How is the magazine funded?

We are committed to fiscal responsibility, with production costs offset by sponsorships from community partners and media trades.

## Who prints the magazine?

We're proud to partner with R.H. Boyd, a historic Nashville-based publishing company with over a century of excellence.

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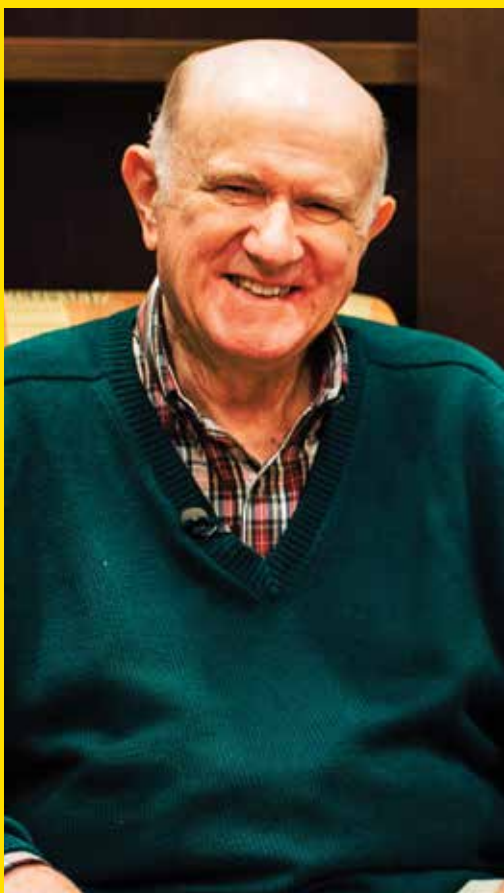
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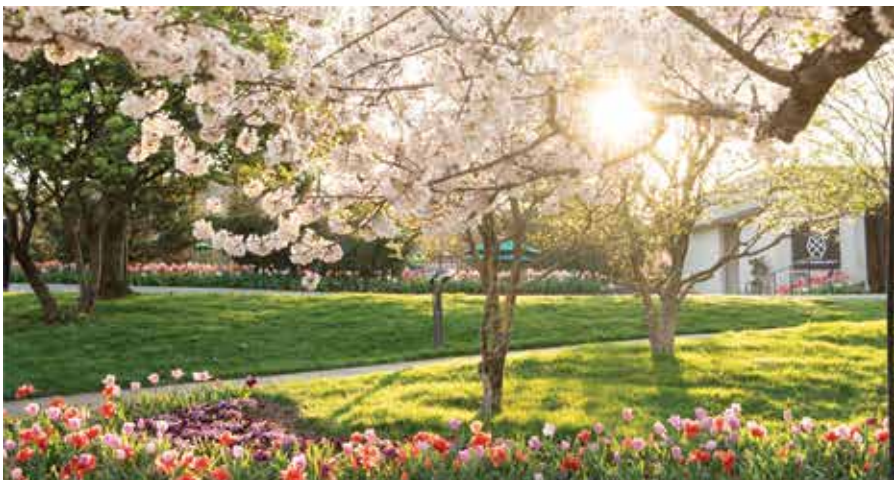


For more than 30 years, Ray has been a dedicated volunteer, giving his time and energy to Nashville PBS and numerous nonprofits across our community. His unwavering commitment to service has left a lasting impact, from supporting public television to championing causes that bring people together.

Ray's passion for connection was also reflected in AGING MATTERS: COMPANIONSHIP & INTIMACY, where he shared his story on the importance of relationships as we age.

We're grateful for Ray's continued support and inspired by his dedication to making a difference. Thank you, Ray, for being an essential part of the Nashville PBS family!

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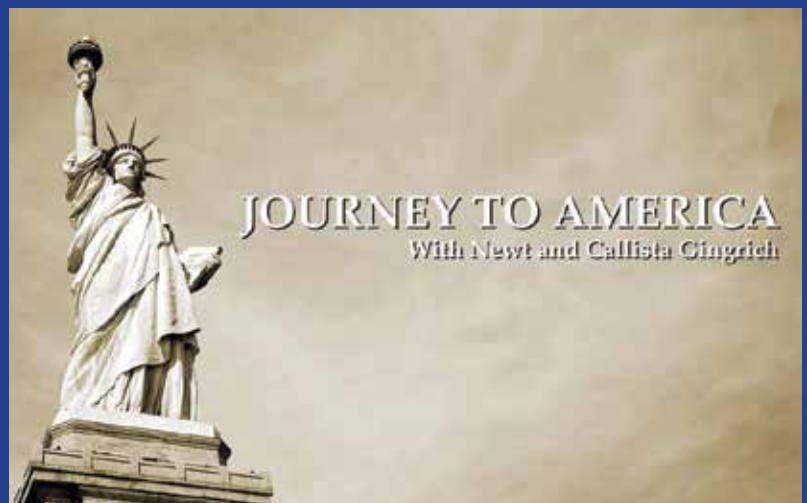
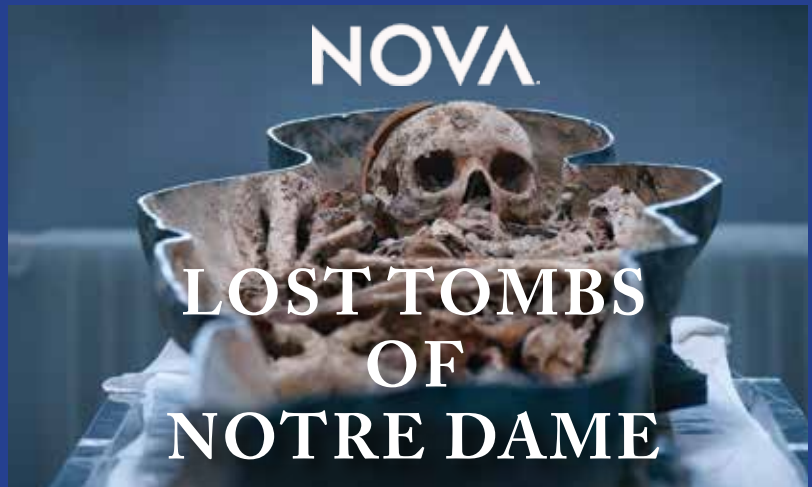
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# PBS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Wolf Hall: The Mirror and The Light on Masterpiece

Sundays starting March 23 at 8pm

Eagerly awaited and years in the making, the Masterpiece series traces the final four years of Cromwell's life, completing his journey from self-made man to the most feared, influential figure of his time. Cromwell is as complex as he is unforgettable: a politician and a fixer, a diplomat and a father, a man who both defied and defined his age

### March 23, Episode 1: Wreckage

In the wake of Anne's execution, the King weds Jane Seymour. Marital bliss does nothing to quell Henry's rage at his daughter.

### March 30, Episode 2: Obedience

A secret marriage brings scandal to court, giving Cromwell the opportunity to bring his adversary Norfolk down for good.

### April 6, Episode 3: Defiance

Rebels in the North demand Cromwell's head and a return to the old Catholic ways.

### April 13, Episode 4: Jenneke

The birth of a prince comes at a terrible price and Cromwell must help the King remarry. With European politics in disarray, Cromwell sees a chance to form a new alliance.

### April 20, Episode 5: Mirror

Cromwell brings Anne of Cleves to England to be Henry's new wife. With France and the Holy Roman Emperor together threatening to invade England, the marriage will cement an alliance to help defend England from attack.

### April 27, Episode 6: Hated, Humbled, Mortified

Fortune's wheel turns as Cromwell finally finds himself in Henry's crosshairs. Only a master-stroke of political maneuvering can save him from the scaffold.



## Marie Antoinette, Season 2

Sundays starting March 23 at 9pm

Season 2 sees Antoinette and Louis facing unprecedented challenges at the height of their power. As financial crises loom across the nation and political rivalries intensify, the royal couple must navigate an increasingly hostile court and a changing France. From Versailles to the Palais Royal, the seeds of a revolution began to take root, threatening the very foundations of France's long-standing monarchy.

### March 23, Episode 1: The Worst Winter

Marie and Louis embrace modern rule, but enemies lurk everywhere.

### March 30, Episode 2: A Poison Pen

Marie's affair with Fersen reignites – could it be part of a carefully orchestrated plot?

### April 6, Episode 3: Treacherous Legacy

The people of Paris openly protest against Marie as she protects her unborn child.

### April 13, Episode 4: The Pursuit of Happiness

Marie overhauls her image, and the King and Queen find happiness when they experience a taste of "ordinary" life.

### April 20, Episode 5: Enemies Assemble

Marie is implicated in the diamond necklace theft, and is determined to prove her innocence.

### April 27, Episode 6: Hated, Humbled, Mortified

As the public trial begins, events quickly spiral out of Marie and Louis's control.

### May 4, Episode 7: Madame Deficit

Marie deals with personal grief. Louis is pushed toward a nervous breakdown.

### May 11, Episode 8: The End of the Beginning

Amid the revolution's advance, Marie struggles to support Louis's rule. When he succumbs to depression, she steps up to rule in his place.



## Call The Midwife, Season 14

Sundays starting March 30 at 7pm

The multi-award-winning drama enters a new decade, the 1970s, which brings with it new challenges for Nonnatus House – and to British society. Season 14 brings us more truthful and tender stories, as always rich in compassion and heroism. The 1970s start as they mean to go on, with Nonnatus House plunged into disarray when activists staging a bid for independence blockade access to the Isle of Dogs. Amid the poverty and uncertainty of life in a declining Docklands, the midwives must also face cases of manic depression, gonorrhea, spina bifida, abortion – and an apparently immaculate conception.

### March 30, Episode 1

An apparent immaculate conception causes consternation at Nonnatus House.

### April 6, Episode 2

Trixie cares for a single mother recently discharged from a psychiatric hospital.

### April 13, Episode 3

Rosalind delivers a baby with a suspicious spinal lesion. A sudden gas explosion shocks all.

### April 20, Episode 4

The sisters welcome a new postulant, Sister Catherine, to Nonnatus House.

### April 27, Episode 5

The Nonnatus team oversee the care of a man living inside an iron lung.

### May 4, Episode 6

A dustbin strike creates a refuse site outside Nonnatus House. Joyce handles a rude patient.



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## American Masters: Liza Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story

Tues, April 1 at 10pm

"Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story" were the words Liza Minnelli used in her iconic introduction for the song *Ring The Bells* at her 1972 New York concert.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, the legendary Judy Garland, Minnelli used her boundless raw talent to overcome hardship and build her own legacy, with support from mentors like Kay Thompson, Fred Ebb, Charles Aznavour, Halston and Bob Fosse.

The story features participation from many friends who know her well – Michael Feinstein, Mia Farrow, Ben Vereen, Joel Grey, and the late Chita Rivera, along with the star herself.

Born with a spotlight on her life, Liza's story has never been told absolutely or truly. From the speculation that her beloved godmother Kay Thompson's "Eloise" series was about her to the gossip rags that hounded her for decades, many were searching for insight into the talented and charismatic performer, but few got it right. This equal parts eye-opening, thoughtful and hilarious documentary is here to correct that, with Liza getting to tell her story in her own words.

Rich with archival gems and Liza Minnelli's own point of view, Bruce David Klein's luminous documentary celebrates a young entertainer full of boundless raw talent and the deep, creative relationships with her mentors and influences.



## Great Performances: Now Hear This

Fridays, April 11 to April 25 at 8:30pm

Travel with host, Mexico City Philharmonic chief conductor Scott Yoo, as he reveals the creative process behind a diverse range of classical music in both historic and modern-day periods.

### April 11, Chopin's Polish Heart

Chopin was born in Poland and lived there until age 20, when war broke out. Seeking safety and inspiration, he found a new home in Paris... though he longed for his old one. Scott and Polish-Canadian pianist Jan Lisiecki explore the folk music of Poland and the Romantic-era artists and musicians of Paris, Chopin's diverging inspirations.

### April 18, Boccherini: Night Music

The Spanish court brought Boccherini, Europe's greatest cellist, from Italy to Spain. There he created new musical forms and fell in love with his adopted hometown -- until he was exiled to the Sierra. He promptly wrote a love letter to his city, *Night Music of the Streets of Madrid*, which became his most popular composition. Scott and four great young players take an all night walking tour of Madrid's current night music, to better understand Boccherini's inspiration.

### April 25, Rachmaninoff Reborn

Rachmaninoff was a Russian aristocrat who lost everything in the Bolshevik revolution: his home, his family fortune, his musical inspiration. Adrift in a new landscape, speaking little English, he longed for a homeland that had disappeared. So at 44, to support his family, he changed careers and charted a new path. He embraced modern technology, toured relentlessly, and reinvented himself as a modern American artist.



## Changing Planet: Coral Special

Wed, April 23 at 10pm

Renowned conservationist Dr. M. Sanjayan travels to the Maldives and the Florida Keys for an in-depth look at coral reefs — a habitat under urgent threat from climate change — and the innovative techniques that could save them.

Globally, coral reefs are at a crisis point; warming seas have caused corals to bleach and die at an alarming rate. Five hundred million people worldwide rely on reefs for food and to protect coastlines from storms and rising sea levels. But without action, scientists predict that nearly all reefs could die off in the next few decades.

Sanjayan visits Laamu Atoll in the Maldives to take part in a first-time collaboration that could be the key to restoring reefs. Professor Peter Harrison from Southern Cross University in Australia has devised a fertility treatment to help corals reproduce more successfully: "coral IVF." Peter is now working with a scientist who hopes to enhance this process further.

At the University of Miami, Professor Andrew Baker is creating a hybrid reef — a concrete structure seeded with coral larvae that will grow into a vibrant coral layer. These ready-made reefs could soon provide a home for wildlife and protect coastlines everywhere from extreme weather.

"The problems that coral reefs face can seem insurmountable, but around the globe, the scientific community is working together and working fast to come up with novel and surprising techniques to give coral a lifeline," said Sanjayan. "These projects give me hope."



# MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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## Tony Bennett | Viva Duets

**March 2 at 7pm; March 4 at 7pm; March 5 at 12am; March 7 at 3pm**

Featuring many top names in the Latin recording industry, *Viva Duets* finds Bennett performing his greatest hits with a roster of artists including Marc Anthony, Christina Aguilera, Ricardo Arjona, Chayanne, Franco De Vita, Gloria Estefan, Vicente Fernández, Juan Luis Guerra, Dani Martín, Romeo Santos, Thalía and Vicentico.

## Recorded Live at the Analog | Molly Tuttle & Ketch Secor

**March 6 at 7:30pm**

Tuttle's music is rooted in bluegrass, but she also explores other genres like folk, country, and pop. Secor is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist commanding every stage like a charismatic evangelist. The analog is an intimate venue that transforms each event into an exclusive experience, as though the audience has been invited into an artist's living room.

Recorded in December of 2024.



## Kris Kristofferson: Life & Songs

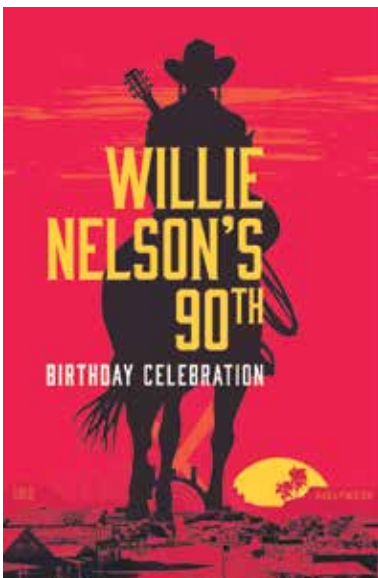
**March 9 at 6:30pm**

Celebrate the life and songs of Kris Kristofferson from a 2016 concert at the Bridgestown Arena, featuring Dierks Bentley, Rosanne Cash, Eric Church, Emmylou Harris, Jamey Johnson, Alison Krauss, Lady A, Martina McBride, Reba McEntire, Willie Nelson, Jennifer Nettles, Darius Rucker and Hank Williams Jr.

## Best of the '60s (My Music Presents)

**March 8 at 8pm; March 10 at 9pm; March 14 at 11:30pm; March 15 3:30pm. March 18 at 7pm**

The decade of peace, love and happiness is celebrated in this My Music compilation. Legends from Pop, Folk, Rock, The British Beat, Motown, Soul and Great Rock and Roll all perform their biggest 1960s hits, classics and more live on the MY MUSIC stage.



## Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration

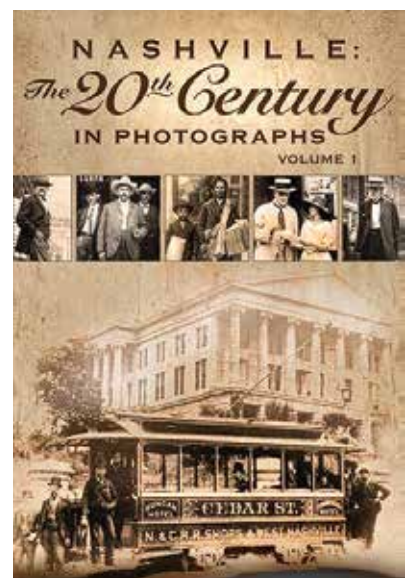
**March 2 at 9pm; March 3 at 9pm; March 6 at 10:30pm; March 7 at 4pm; March 9th at 12am**

Willie Nelson went big for his 90th birthday with a major celebration special. The two-hour special will include exclusive behind-the-scenes footage, interviews with those close with Nelson and performances from a star-studded lineup up that includes Beck, Gary Clark Jr., Sheryl Crow, Snoop Dogg, Norah Jones, Miranda Lambert and Dave Matthews.

## Nashville: The 20th Century in Photographs

**March 11 at 8:30pm; March 17 at 10pm**

The series chronicles the city's rise from a port city on the Cumberland River to an international hotspot by examining the growth, the changing skyline and the people that made our city what it is today. It pulls from the vast photographic resources available in the city to create a compelling story filled with rich images.







# CREATE SHOW MARATHONS



Antenna Ch. 8.4; Charter Ch. 190, 192, 193; Comcast-Xfinity Ch. 256, 1161

The Create Marathons run Friday 8 – 1pm, Saturday 7am – 12pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm, and weeknights 8 – 9pm & 1am – 2am



## THE WARMTH OF MEXICO

March 7 - 13

Bask in the sun, the flavors, and the hospitality across Mexico with Pati Jinich as she showcases the warmth and cultural traditions of the nation.



## THE EMERALD ISLE

March 14 – 20

Settle in as Create hosts take you on a tour of Ireland, highlighting the stories, traditions, and gorgeous landscapes throughout the island.



## MEDITERRANEAN DELIGHTS

March 21 – 27

Enjoy a feast fit for a celebration on Mount Olympus with delicious Greek dishes from Cook's Country, Diane Kochilas, Maria Loi, and Milk Street.



March 28 – April 3

## DREAM OF ITALY

WITH KATHY MCCABE

Join Kathy McCabe for an adventure throughout Italy, where she meets fascinating people, enjoys the beautiful art and scenery, and the culinary delights of the Bel Paese.



Antenna Ch. 8.2; Charter Ch. 176; Comcast-Xfinity Ch. 241



## WEATHERED

INSIDE THE LA FIRESTORM

HOSTED BY MAIYA MAY

## INSIDE THE L.A. FIRESTORM

On the Nashville PBS WORLD Channel

March 25 at 7pm; Encores March 26 at 12am & 8am

The destruction from the 2025 L.A. fires was not inevitable, so why were they so devastating? WEATHERED's host, Maiya May, speaks to fire chiefs, survivors, community responders, and climate scientists to understand the events that led to perhaps the costliest fire in U.S. history.

# Nashville PBS

## MEDIA LITERACY FOR FAMILIES

In a world overflowing with digital content, Learning to Read is back for its 2025 season, now with a crucial focus on media literacy. This Nashville PBS series is designed to help parents and children navigate today's online landscape with confidence and critical thinking. From protecting your child's privacy to spotting sneaky ads and debunking conspiracy theories, each episode tackles essential topics for modern families. Learn how to choose kindness, recognize media bias, and safeguard against cyber threats — all while fostering smarter digital habits at home.



Catch the new season streaming on [wnpt.org/medialiteracy](http://wnpt.org/medialiteracy) or the PBS App. Because in today's digital age, learning to read means more than just books — it's about reading the world around us.



## YOU, ME & COMMUNITY

**Watch Now on PBS KIDS!**

Download the PBS KIDS app or watch however you want.

**Over the Air – 8.3; Comcast – 242; Charter – 189 or 192; Google Fiber – 87**

### March/April PBS KIDS CHANNEL WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

6:00am	Pinkalicious & Peterrific
6:30am	Mecha Builders
7:00am	Sesame Street
7:30am	Sesame Street
8:00am	Work It Out Wombats!
8:30am	Work it Out Wombats!
9:00am	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
9:30am	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
10:00am	Carl the Collector
10:30am	Curious George
11:00am	Donkey Hodie
11:30am	Donkey Hodie
12:00pm	Elinor Wonders Why
12:30pm	Rosie's Rules
1:00pm	Rosie's Rules
1:30pm	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum
2:00pm	Alma's Way
2:30pm	Alma's Way
3:00pm	Lyla in the Loop
3:30pm	Nature Cat
4:00pm	Odd Squad
4:30pm	Skillsville
5:00pm	Wild Kratts
5:30pm	Wild Kratts
6:00pm	Lyla in the Loop
6:30pm	Nature Cat
7:00pm	Molly of Denali
7:30pm	Hero Elementary
8:00pm	Cyberchase
8:30pm	Let's Go Luna!
9:00pm	Rosie's Rules
9:30pm	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum
10:00pm	Alma's Way





Since 2021, Nashville PBS has conducted an annual community survey to ensure our local content and engagement reflect the priorities of those we serve.

We hear you—this year, respondents highlighted **education**, **public safety**, and **science/technology** as key areas of interest.

Your feedback not only shapes our programming but also helps us demonstrate the value of our work and secure support to sustain it.

We're committed to making a meaningful impact, and the survey responses show we're making progress together.



## DAYTIME SCHEDULE



**Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions**  
Saturdays at 1:30pm

### Weekday Schedule

5:00 Classical Stretch	12:00 Donkey Hodie
5:30 Yoga in Practice	12:30 Pinkalicious & Peterrific
6:00 Wild Kratts	1:00 Elinor Wonders Why
6:30 Alma's Way	1:30 Work It Out Wombats!
7:00 Lyla in the Loop	2:00 Odd Squad
7:30 Carl The Collector	2:30 Arthur
8:00 Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	3:00 Cooking Shows
8:30 Molly of Denali	3:30 Travel Shows
9:00 At-Home Learning	4:00 NPT Favorites
11:00 Sesame Street	5:00 NPT Favorites
11:30 Rosie's Rules	6:00 PBS NewsHour

### Saturdays

5:00 Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood	12:00 America's Test Kitchen
5:30 Arthur	12:30 Cook's Country
6:00 Wild Kratts	1:00 Milk Street's My Family Recipe
6:30 Alma's Way	1:30 Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions
7:00 Lyla in the Loop	2:00 Travels with Darley
7:30 Carl The Collector	2:30 Quilting Arts
8:00 Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	3:00 Best of Joy of Painting
8:30 Rosie's Rules	3:30 American Woodshop
9:00 Best of Sewing with Nancy	4:00 Woodsmith Shop
9:30 Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting	4:30 This Old House
10:00 Garden Smart	5:00 Ask This Old House
10:30 Pati's Mexican Table	5:30 Volunteer Woodworker
11:00 Lidia's Kitchen	6:00 PBS News Weekend
11:30 Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television	6:30 Caverns Sessions

### Sundays

5:00 Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood	10:30 Nature
5:30 Arthur	11:30 Washington Week
6:00 Wild Kratts	12:00 To the Contrary
6:30 Alma's Way	12:30 Firing Line
7:00 Lyla in the Loop	1:00 Masterpiece/NPT Favorites
7:30 Carl The Collector	3:00 Samantha Brown's Places to Love
8:00 Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	3:30 Rick Steves' Europe
8:30 Rosie's Rules	4:30 Ireland with Michael
9:00 Wild Side	5:00 Antiques Roadshow
9:30 Volunteer Gardener	6:00 PBS NewsHour Weekend
10:00 Tennessee Crossroads	6:30 NPT Originals

\*Our weekend schedule may occasionally include special programs as part of our Membership Campaign; please check our online schedule at [wnpt.org/schedule](https://wnpt.org/schedule) for the latest information, or scan the barcode above.

# MARCH Primetime

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DATES	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm
1 SAT	*The Spinners in Concert* (cont.)		*Earth, Wind and Fire: iHeart Radio Live*		
2 SUN	*All Creatures Great and Small Season 5: All God's Creatures - Finale* (cont.)		*All Creatures Great and Small: The Wisdom of the Dales*		
3 MON	*Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli 30th - The Celebration*				*Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration*
4 TUE	*Tony Bennett: Viva Duets*		President Donald Trump Address to Congress, A PBS News Special		
5 WED	*Great Scenic Railway Journeys 30th Anniversary Special*				*Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD*
6 THU	Tennessee Crossroads	*Recorded Live at Analog: Molly Tuttle & Ketch Secor*			*Tommy Emmanuel, CGP: Accomplish Live!*
7 FRI	*Washington Week with the Atlantic*	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	*Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth with Bill Moyers*		
8 SAT	*This Land is Your Land (My Music Presents)* (cont.)		*Best of the 60's (My Music Presents)*		
9 SUN	*Kris Kristofferson: The Life & Songs* (cont.)		*Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration*		
10 MON	*Hauser - Classic Gala Concert Live at the Royal Albert Hall*				*Best of the 60's*
11 TUE	*Women of World War II: The Untold Stories*			*Nashville: The 20th Century in Photographs Vol. 2*	
12 WED	*Nature: Attenborough's Life Journey*			*The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses*	
13 THU	*Tennessee Crossroads*	*Volunteer Gardener: Home Grown*			*Tractor Wars*
14 FRI	*Washington Week with the Atlantic*	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	*Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth with Bill Moyers*		
15 SAT	*Hauser - Classic Gala Concert Live at the Royal Albert Hall* (cont.)			*Deconstructing The Beatles*	
16 SUN	*50 Years with Peter, Paul and Mary*				*Best of the 60's*
17 MON	Antiques Roadshow: Living History Farms, Hour 3		*Nashville: The 20th Century In Photographs Vol. 2*		The Calling: A Medical School Journey
18 TUE	*Best of the 60's (My Music Presents)*				
19 WED	*Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD*				*Young Forever with Mark Hyman, MD*
20 THU	*Tennessee Crossroads*	Volunteer Gardener	Tennessee Crossroads	*John Denver's Rocky Mountain High*	
21 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Clean Slate with Becky Magura	Great Performances at the Met: Grounded	
22 SAT	*Kris Kristofferson: The Life & Songs* (cont.)		*Recorded Live at Analog: Molly Tuttle & Ketch Secor*		
23 SUN	Lucy Worsley Investigates Season 2: Bloody Mary		Wolf Hall   The Mirror and the Light: Wreckage - Premiere		Marie Antoinette Season 2 - Premiere
24 MON	Antiques Roadshow: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Hour 1		Antiques Roadshow: Bismarck, Hour 3		Independent Lens: Home Court
25 TUE	Finding Your Roots Season 10: The Brick Wall Falls		American Experience   Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act		FRONTLINE
26 WED	Nature   Grizzly 399: Queen of the Tetons		NOVA: Hunt for the Oldest DNA		The Future of Nature: Oceans
27 THU	Tennessee Crossroads	Volunteer Gardener	Tennessee Crossroads	Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip	
28 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	A Slice of the Community	Jacqueline du Pre: Genius and Tragedy	
29 SAT	Lawrence Welk Show: Season Premiere (Arthur Duncan)		Keeping Up Appearances: The Toy Store	Doc Martin Season 9: Wild West Country	
30 SUN	Call the Midwife Season 14 - Premiere		Wolf Hall   The Mirror and the Light: Obedience		Marie Antoinette Season 2: A Poison Pen
31 MON	Antiques Roadshow: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Hour 2		Antiques Roadshow: Birmingham, Hour 1		The Cost of Caring
	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm



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DATES	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
1 SAT	*60s and 70s Soul Celebration (My Music Presents)*				
2 SUN	*Moments to Remember (My Music Presents)*				
3 MON	*Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration* (cont.)			*The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum*	
4 TUE	President Donald Trump Address (cont.)	*Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli 30th - The Celebration*			
5 WED	*Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD* (cont.)			*Rick Steves Why We Travel*	
6 THU	*Tommy Emmanuel, CGP: Accomplice Live!* (cont.)		*Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration*		
7 FRI	*Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth with Bill Moyers* (cont.)				*60s and 70s Soul Celebration*
8 SAT	*Best of the 60's (My Music Presents)* (cont.)		*Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble Live at the El Mocambo*		
9 SUN	*Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday* (cont.)	*Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD*			
10 MON	*Best of the 60's (My Music Presents)* (cont.)				*Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth*
11 TUE	*Nashville* (cont.)	*Young Forever with Mark Hyman, MD*			*Great Scenic Railway Journeys*
12 WED	*The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses* (cont.)		*Just One Thing with Steven Gundry, MD*		
13 THU	*Tractor Wars* (cont.)		*Ken Burns: The Civil War*		
14 FRI	*Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth with Bill Moyers* (cont.)				*Best of the 60's*
15 SAT	*Deconstructing The Beatles* (cont.)	*Concert for George**			
16 SUN	*Best of the 60's (My Music Presents)* (cont.)				*Hauser - Classic Gala Concert Live*
17 MON	The Calling: A Medical School Journey (cont.)		*Just One Thing with Steven Gundry, MD*		
18 TUE	*Great Scenic Railway Journeys 30th Anniversary Special*				*Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth*
19 WED	*Young Forever with Mark Hyman, MD* (cont.)			*Ken Burns: One Nation, Many Stories*	
20 THU	*John Denver's Rocky Mountain High* (cont.)	*Concert for George*			
21 FRI	Great Performances at the Met: Grounded (cont.)			*60s and 70s Soul Celebration (My Music Presents)*	
22 SAT	*Tommy Emmanuel, CGP: Accomplice Live!*			*Best of the 60's (My Music Presents)*	
23 SUN	Marie Antoinette Season 2 (cont.)	The Paris Murders Season 2: Facing the Camera		Professor T (UK): Anatomy of a Memory	
24 MON	Independent Lens: Home Court (cont.)		Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer	BBC News	Retro Tennessee Crossroads
25 TUE	FRONTLINE: The Rise and Fall of Terrorgram (cont.)		Weathered: Inside The LA Firestorm		BBC News
26 WED	The Future of Nature (cont.)	Dynamic Planet: Ice		BBC News	Volunteer Gardener
27 THU	Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip (cont.)		Voyage of Adventure: Retracing Donelson's Journey		BBC News
28 FRI	Jacqueline du Pre (cont.)	The Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra Plays Beethoven's 9th Symphony			BBC News
29 SAT	The Songwriters	Ella Fitzgerald Live In Montreux 1969		Austin City Limits: Brittany Howard	
30 SUN	Marie Antoinette Season 2 (cont.)	The Paris Murders Season 2: On the List		Professor T (UK): A Fish Called Walter	
31 MON	The Cost of Caring (cont.)	Going Your Way		BBC News	Volunteer Gardener: Maximizing Plant Potential
	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm

# APRIL Primetime

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DATES	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm
<b>1 TUE</b>	Finding Your Roots Season 11: Moving on Up		American Masters   Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story		
<b>2 WED</b>	Nature   Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise - Sanctuary		NOVA: When Whales Could Walk		The Future of Nature: Grasslands
<b>3 THU</b>	Tennessee Crossroads	Volunteer Gardener	Tennessee Crossroads	The Vietnam War: Deja Vu (1858-1961)	
<b>4 FRI</b>	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	To Be Announced	Austin City Limits Celebrates 50 Years	
<b>5 SAT</b>	Lawrence Welk Show: Songs of the Sun, Moon, and Stars (Joann Castle)		Keeping Up Appearances: The Three Piece Suite	Doc Martin Season 9: Equilibrium	
<b>6 SUN</b>	Call the Midwife Season 14 - Part II		Wolf Hall   The Mirror and the Light: Defiance		Marie Antoinette Season 2: Treacherous Legacy
<b>7 MON</b>	Antiques Roadshow: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Hour 3		Antiques Roadshow: Birmingham, Hour 2		To Be Announced
<b>8 TUE</b>	Finding Your Roots Season 11: Finding My Roots		<i>*Independent Lens: We Want the Funk*</i>		
<b>9 WED</b>	Nature   Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise - Purgatory		NOVA: Revolutionary War Weapons		The Future of Nature: Forests
<b>10 THU</b>	Tennessee Crossroads	Volunteer Gardener	Tennessee Crossroads	The Vietnam War: The River Styx	
<b>11 FRI</b>	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	To Be Announced	Great Performances   Now Hear This: Chopin's Polish Heart	
<b>12 SAT</b>	Lawrence Welk Show: Springtime in the Rockies (Kathy, Janet, and Mimi Lennon)		Keeping Up Appearances: A Picnic for Daddy	Doc Martin Season 9: Single White Bevy	
<b>13 SUN</b>	Call the Midwife Season 14 - Part III		Wolf Hall   The Mirror and the Light: Jenneke		Marie Antoinette Season 2: The Pursuit of Happiness
<b>14 MON</b>	Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 1		Antiques Roadshow: Birmingham, Hour 3		The Corridors of Power
<b>15 TUE</b>	Finding Your Roots Season 9: Anchormen		Finding Your Roots: Chosen		American Masters
<b>16 WED</b>	Nature   Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise - Salvation		NOVA: Secrets of the Forest		The Future of Nature: Humans
<b>17 THU</b>	Tennessee Crossroads	Volunteer Gardener	Tennessee Crossroads	The Vietnam War: Resolve	
<b>18 FRI</b>	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	To Be Announced	Great Performances   Now Hear This: Boccherini: Night Music	
<b>19 SAT</b>	Lawrence Welk Show: Easter (Tom Netherton)		Keeping Up Appearances: Early Retirement	Doc Martin Season 9: Licence to Practice	
<b>20 SUN</b>	Call the Midwife Season 14 - Part IV		Wolf Hall   The Mirror and the Light: Mirror		Marie Antoinette Season 2: Enemies Assemble
<b>21 MON</b>	Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 2		Antiques Roadshow: Santa Clara, Hour 1		Water for Life
<b>22 TUE</b>	Finding Your Roots Season 9: Out of the Past		Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years on		FRONTLINE
<b>23 WED</b>	Nature   Penguins: Meet the Family		NOVA: Arctic Sinkholes		Changing Planet: River Restoration
<b>24 THU</b>	Tennessee Crossroads	Volunteer Gardener	The Citizenship Project	The Vietnam War: This is What We Do	
<b>25 FRI</b>	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	To Be Announced	Great Performances   Now Hear This: Rachmaninoff Reborn	
<b>26 SAT</b>	Lawrence Welk Show: Musical History Makers ( Clay and Sally Hart)		Keeping Up Appearances: Iron Age Remains	Doc Martin Season 10: I Will Survive	
<b>27 SUN</b>	Call the Midwife Season 14 - Part V		Wolf Hall   The Mirror and the Light: Light - Finale		Marie Antoinette Season 2: Hated, Humbled, Mortified
<b>28 MON</b>	Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 3		Antiques Roadshow: Santa Clara, Hour 2		The Citizenship Project
<b>29 TUE</b>	Finding Your Roots Season 10: Forever Young		Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana - Part I		Independent Lens
<b>30 WED</b>	Nature: Niagara Falls		NOVA   Critical Condition: Health in Black America		
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>9:00pm</b>



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1 TUE	American Masters (cont.)	Broadway's Brightest Lights		BBC News	Tennessee Crossroads
2 WED	The Future of Nature (cont.)	Dynamic Planet: Fire		BBC News	Volunteer Gardener
3 THU	The Vietnam War (cont.)	The Vietnam War: Riding the Tiger			BBC News
4 FRI	Austin City Limits Celebrates 50 Years (cont.)		Molly Tuttle and Golden Highway Live in Nashville		BBC News
5 SAT	The Songwriters	Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame: Inaugural Induction Ceremony		Austin City Limits: Wynonna	
6 SUN	Marie Antoinette Season 2 (cont.)	The Paris Murders Season 2: Storms, Part I		Professor T (UK): Tiger Tiger	
7 MON	To Be Announced (cont.)	POV: Break the Game		BBC News	To Be Announced
8 TUE	<i>*Independent Lens* (cont.)</i>	<i>*Earth, Wind and Fire: iHeart Radio Live*</i>			BBC News
9 WED	The Future of Nature (cont.)	Dynamic Planet: Water		BBC News	Volunteer Gardener
10 THU	The Vietnam War: The River Styx (cont.)		POV Shorts: Recorded Memory	BBC News	Tennessee Wild Side
11 FRI	Great Performances: The Magic of Nureyev		PBS Arts Talk	BBC News	To Be Announced
12 SAT	The Songwriters	Country's Legendary Duets		Austin City Limits: Juanes	
13 SUN	Marie Antoinette Season 2 (cont.)	The Paris Murders Season 2: Storms, Part II		Professor T (UK): Mother Love	
14 MON	The Corridors of Power (cont.)			BBC News	To Be Announced
15 TUE	American Masters   Art Spiegelman: Disaster is My Muse (cont.)			BBC News	Tennessee Crossroads
16 WED	The Future of Nature (cont.)	Dynamic Planet: Earth		BBC News	Volunteer Gardener
17 THU	The Vietnam War: Resolve (cont.)		10 Monuments That Changed America		BBC News
18 FRI	<i>*John Williams: The Berlin Concert*</i>			BBC News	To Be Announced
19 SAT	The Songwriters	Creedence Clearwater Revival at the Royal Albert Hall		Austin City Limits: Brandi Carlile	
20 SUN	Marie Antoinette Season 2 (cont.)	The Paris Murders Season 2: Predators		Professor T (UK): Sophie Knows	
21 MON	Water for Life (cont.)		To Be Announced	BBC News	To Be Announced
22 TUE	FRONTLINE (cont.)	To Be Announced		BBC News	Tennessee Crossroads
23 WED	Changing Planet (cont.)	Changing Planet: Coral Special		BBC News	Volunteer Gardener
24 THU	The Vietnam War (cont.)	P.O.W.: Passing on Wisdom			BBC News
25 FRI	International Jazz Day from Morocco		Next at the Kennedy Center: Ben Folds Presents Declassified		BBC News
26 SAT	The Songwriters	Santana Live at the US Festival		Austin City Limits: Bonnie Raitt	
27 SUN	Marie Antoinette Season 2 (cont.)	The Paris Murders Season 2: Between Two		Professor T (UK): The Dutiful Child	
28 MON	<i>*Statue of Liberty*</i>			BBC News	To Be Announced
29 TUE	Independent Lens   Free for All: The Public Library (cont.)		The 89th Annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards	BBC News	Tennessee Crossroads
30 WED	NOVA (cont.)	Turning Point		BBC News	Volunteer Gardener
	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm

# STORIES THAT DEFINE US

## SPOTLIGHT – DAVID CHAK

by Carolyn Adkerson

*David Chak completed his Professional Affiliation with Nashville PBS through the Humphrey Fellowship Program at Vanderbilt University, where he studied STEM and media literacy education in the U.S. and explored the role of charter schools in driving educational innovation for underserved populations.*

*Building on Arus Academy's impact on over 120,000 students and 70,000 teachers, he sought to apply his fellowship experience to expand the organization's reach.*

*Originally from Malaysia, Mr. Chak is the Curriculum Director and co-founder of Arus Academy, a social enterprise dedicated to high-impact educational interventions that create systemic change. Previously, he taught in one of Malaysia's lowest-performing schools through the Teach for Malaysia program and has contributed as a columnist for Malaysia's largest Mandarin-language publication and as a textbook writer.*

**Carolyn Adkerson (CA):** David, it's great to have you here. Let's start by learning a bit more about you. Can you tell me about your background and your connection to Nashville PBS?

**David Chak (DC):** Thanks, Carolyn. I'm originally from Malaysia, where I co-founded a social enterprise called Arus. We focused on education programs and media literacy, which feels a bit similar to the work of Nashville PBS. When I came to the U.S. last year through a Fulbright program, I was excited to explore how education programs operate here. That's how I connected with Nashville PBS.

I initially volunteered for "Be My Neighbor Day" at Centennial Park, which is where I met Sam and Shawn. Our conversations about media literacy sparked a collaboration, and by February, I officially joined Nashville PBS. It's been a full-circle experience for me. Growing up, I learned English by watching PBS programs like BARNEY and SESAME STREET. Now, I get to contribute to PBS content, creating resources that help others learn.

**CA:** That's an incredible journey. Could you share more about your work here at Nashville PBS?

**DC:** Absolutely. My main focus has been on media literacy. I've developed five lesson plans totaling over 100 pages to help teachers educate students about media bias, representation, and how to navigate misinformation. For instance, one activity involves students acting as journalists to understand how news is shaped and targeted.

I've also produced 15 media literacy videos that will air on Nashville PBS. These videos are designed to be engaging and educational, covering topics like avoiding online scams and promoting kindness on social media. We've piloted these resources in classrooms across Davidson County and trained teachers to use them effectively.

**CA:** Media literacy is so vital, especially today. Why is it such an important focus for you?



**DC:** Misinformation can have real consequences, from polarizing societies to endangering lives. During COVID, for instance, we saw how misinformation led people to harmful decisions. Media literacy empowers individuals to discern what's real and what's not. It's not just about critical thinking—it's also about being a good digital citizen.

**CA:** That's incredibly impactful. What's next for you as you complete your time here?

**DC:** I'm returning to Malaysia soon, where I'll apply the skills I've gained here to new projects, including education documentaries and programs funded by a \$200,000 grant. I'll also share the videos and lesson plans we developed at Nashville PBS with my team back home. As for Nashville PBS, I'm thrilled to see these resources expand through PBS Learning Media, benefiting more educators and students.

**CA:** What has stood out to you about your experience with Nashville PBS and the broader Nashville community?

**DC:** Everyone here has been so welcoming and collaborative. Working with the Nashville PBS production team, especially Shawn, has been a great learning experience. I'll miss the vibrant arts scene in Nashville, the beautiful nature, and, surprisingly, the ease of getting around compared to home.

**CA:** We'll certainly miss you too, David. Thank you for your contributions to Nashville PBS and for sharing your story.

**DC:** Thank you, Carolyn. It's been an honor to be part of this work and to give back in a meaningful way.



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