

# WETA



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MAGAZINE FOR MEMBERS



## Wildlife and Wonder on *Nature*

Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

# WETA Focus



**W**ETA is a place of ideas — a vibrant classroom for members of our local community as well as audiences nationwide who experience our productions beyond Greater Washington. To inform and to educate are the very core of our public service mission, which is centered on making lifelong learning available and accessible to all. From children’s programming that enhances learning and social skills, to science and nature offerings that explore our world; from biographies and history documentaries that spotlight the people and stories of our nation, to examinations of arts and culture; the content we present provides a window on the world and constitutes a vital educational resource for the public.

This month, we feature a wealth of wide-ranging television programming, curated for our local audience. April presentations remember the Holocaust; assess Revolutionary War weaponry (*NOVA*); follow animals in Africa (*Nature*); chronicle the story of America’s public libraries and celebrate funk music (*Independent Lens*); examine American foreign policy (*The Corridors of Power*); scrutinize healthcare (*Critical Condition*); and explore our local community (*Signature Dish* and more), to name but a few topics.

Often, educational assets complement our offerings. For major series and films, and children’s programs, educators and caregivers can find a rich array of resources — including lesson plans or additional video content to promote learning — through the hub PBS Learning Media and through program websites.

Our beloved radio service WETA Classical also affords opportunities for educational inquiry. Just as we celebrate the power and majesty of classical music in our curated daily broadcasts, we also illuminate the art form via the podcast *Classical Breakdown* and the resource site *Take Note!*, both of which deepen knowledge of, and appreciation for, the music.

I encourage you to sample our engaging programming. We are very proud to serve you, our community, and Americans everywhere with outstanding content.

Thank you for your ongoing support of WETA.

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President and Chief Executive Officer, WETA



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## A Sacred Piece of Home

**5:30 p.m. Saturdays on WETA PBS**  
**April 20/27, 2 p.m. on WETA Metro**

**T**he four-part docuseries *A Sacred Piece of Home* highlights distinctive sacred architecture in styles from all over the world that have found a home in the Washington, D.C. area. Hosted by Dr. Ori Z. Soltes, a historian and educator who teaches at Georgetown University, the programs spotlight iconic places of worship and the communities that

envisioned, commissioned and constructed them over the last 250 years. The programs were produced by Soltes and Amita Sarin, a local writer, researcher and educator who taught the course “Sacred Architecture East and West: Churches, Temples, Stupas and Mosques” at the University of Maryland.

## WETA – ON THE AIR & ONLINE

### WETA PBS

26.1 via antenna  
Comcast 26, 219, 800, 1026  
Cox 26, 1003, 1026  
DirecTV 26, 26-1, Stream  
Dish 8076 Fios 26, 526  
RCN 26, 613  
[YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs)

### WETA UK

26.2 via antenna  
Comcast 265, 1146  
Cox 800  
Fios 474  
RCN 39, 602

### WETA Metro

26.5 via antenna  
[weta.org/livestream](https://www.weta.org/livestream)  
PBS app Cox 802  
YouTube TV  
Hulu + Live TV  
Comcast 270, 1148  
Fios 470 RCN 599

### WETA World

26.4 via antenna  
Fios 475  
RCN 37  
Stream at [weta.org](https://www.weta.org)

## WETA's Signature Dish Showcases Local Cuisine

**Mondays, April 14, 21 & 28, 9 p.m. WETA PBS,  
8 p.m. WETA Metro; tune in or stream**

**S**ignature Dish, the Emmy Award-winning WETA restaurant series that showcases cuisine and local establishments throughout the D.C. area, premieres three new Season 3 episodes this month. In **Signature Drinks** (April 14), host Seth Tillman visits Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA; the Tenth Ward Distilling Company in Frederick, MD; and Streetcar 82 Brewing Co. in Hyattsville, MD. In **Indian Adventure** (April 21), Seth samples *striped bass paturi* at Daru on the H Street Corridor; stops in Chinatown for *Nirvana 37* at Karizma Modern Indian; and enjoys *rum chicken keema* at Indigo in NoMA. Then, **Plant-Based Plates** (April 28) goes to Dupont Circle's DC Vegan for the *jackfruit Philly cheesesteak*; Chay in Falls Church, VA for a vegan take on Vietnamese *bun bo hue*; and Feru in Alexandria, VA for savory *mushroom kitfo* and bold Ethiopian coffee.

Signature Dish presents more programs in May. Stream episodes at [weta.org/signaturedish](http://weta.org/signaturedish). For more on dishes and restaurants featured, visit [restaurants.wetaguides.org](http://restaurants.wetaguides.org). Follow the series via @signaturedishdc on Instagram.



Seth with Feru chef/owner Firehiwot Bireka and her mother and chef Abayneshe Mare

## Local Theater on WETA Arts

**Monday, April 14, 9:30 p.m. WETA PBS;  
8:30 p.m. WETA Metro; tune in or stream**

**I**n April on the Emmy Award-winning local arts and culture series *WETA Arts*, enjoy a front row seat to the local theater scene. First stop: Rorschach Theatre, which since 1999 has converted unusual spaces into temporary performance venues. Recently, they have transformed a former men's clothing store to launch an immersive production of Doug Robinson's "The Figs," a play about storytelling. Also in the April episode, host Felicia Curry takes viewers through a day in her life as a working actor as she prepares to perform with renowned baritone Aaron Reeder in his cabaret tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr. — produced by Alexandria, Virginia's MetroStage. From rehearsal to showtime, Curry reflects on D.C.'s theater scene and the talent it nurtures. *WETA Arts* repeats April 28.



Charlotte Kim and Abel Haddish in Rorschach Theatre's "The Figs"

## Antiques Roadshow in Maryland

**April 14, 21 & 28, 8 p.m. WETA PBS,  
9 p.m. WETA Metro; tune in or stream**

**A**ntiques Roadshow's 29th season visits the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore in three April programs, in which, true to form, the show discovers extraordinary treasures with intriguing stories — and surprising valuations. Among the finds is a modest Waltham Watch Company gold trench watch, circa 1918, stored in a shoebox and all but forgotten, and revealed to have been gifted to General George S. Patton by his wife early in his military career. Other rarities include 1865 lunar photographs; oil paintings by Virginia-born artist Lynne Drexler; uncut Topps card sheets; a 1949 Charles Loloma pot; and more. The top Maryland appraisal is an eye-popping \$570,000.



1988 DICKWEST SCULPTURE; PHOTO: LISAABITDOL FOR GRB

**For program and membership inquiries, visit [weta.org](http://weta.org) or call 703-998-2724.**

### WETA PBS Kids

26.3 via antenna  
Comcast 266, 1147  
Cox 801  
Fios 472  
RCN 38

### WETA Online

[weta.org](http://weta.org)  
[weta.org/passport](http://weta.org/passport)  
[weta.org/pbsapp](http://weta.org/pbsapp)  
[weta.org/learningmedia](http://weta.org/learningmedia)

### WETA Classical

WETA 90.9 FM Washington, D.C.  
WGMS 89.1 FM Hagerstown  
[wetaclassical.org](http://wetaclassical.org)  
[vivalavoce.org](http://vivalavoce.org)  
WETA Classical App



George Clinton of Parliament-Funkadelic

## Independent Lens: We Want the Funk

Tuesday, April 8 at 9 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream

**I**ndependent Lens presents *We Want the Funk*, a soulful new film about funk music. The new documentary from Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Stanley Nelson and co-director and producer Nicole

London traces the music's African and gospel roots, from James Brown to the group Parliament-Funkadelic and beyond. Chronicling the story of funk, the film explores the music's rhythms and grooves and delves into the genre's influence on contemporary music, fashion, and freedom of expression — while examining the relationship between funk and the political and racial dynamics of 1970s America. Sharing their recollections, experiences and perspectives are George Clinton; Robert 'Kool' Bell; Nona Hendryx; David Byrne; Prince Paul (De La Soul producer); Questlove; and others. Archival interviews include James Brown, Elton John and David Bowie.



*Now Hear This* features a new season of four episodes:

- **Chopin's Polish Heart** (April 11): Explore Chopin's musical evolution from Poland to Paris.
- **Boccherini: Night Music** (April 18): Explore Boccherini's deep love for Madrid through a musical tour.
- **Rachmaninoff Reborn** (April 25): Discover the composer's reinvention as an American artist after leaving Russia.
- **Barrios: Chopin of the Guitar** (May 2): Discover Agustin Barrios' rise from rural Paraguay to global renown.

## Great Performances: Now Hear This, Series 6

Fridays at 9 p.m. starting April 11  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream

**G**reat Performances miniseries *Now Hear This*, now in its sixth season, features Scott Yoo, accomplished violinist and conductor of the Mexico City Philharmonic, on a voyage of music discovery, exploring stories of virtuosos, composers and their inspirations, unique collaborations, and more. On Fridays starting April 11,

## American Masters: Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story

Tuesday, April 1 at 9 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream

**B**iography series *American Masters* presents an intimate look at the life and career of stage and screen star Liza Minnelli, best known for her Oscar-winning performance in *Cabaret*. The daughter of the legendary Judy Garland and director Vincente Minnelli, the actress, singer and dancer used her boundless talent to overcome hardship and build her own legacy as an iconic performer and celebrated "EGOT" winner, having received an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and four Tony Awards. Featuring performance clips and new interviews with Minnelli, the program explores how she navigated professional and personal challenges with the help of trusted mentors. Interviewees include Michael Feinstein, Ben Vereen, George Hamilton, Mia Farrow, Chita Rivera and Joel Grey.



## Nature: Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise

Miniseries airs Wednesdays,  
April 2, 9 & 16 at 8 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream

The dazzling natural history series *Nature* presents a new miniseries that chronicles how extreme weather affects several animal families in western Tanzania's 3,000-square-mile Katavi National Park in the heart of Africa's Great Rift Valley. There, *Nature's* filmmakers capture a once-in-a-lifetime event: a severe drought followed by heavy rains that test the survival skills of all those who call Katavi home. In the park, lions, hippos and crocodiles live more or less in balance, until an unusual climatic cycle transforms the natural dry season into the toughest drought in almost a century. Desperation pushes all these animals to the edge of their endurance. Lion cubs face mortal danger from a rogue male lion. Hippos fight for territory rights in a dwindling river. Even crocodiles, usually capable of surviving prolonged periods without food or fresh water, fall victim to the intense conditions. And when the drought finally breaks, Katavi veers from one extreme to another. Episodes are *Sanctuary* (April 2); *Purgatory* (April 9); and *Salvation* (April 16). Additional films on *Nature* this month are *Penguins: Meet the Family* (April 23, 8 p.m.) and *Niagara Falls* (April 30, 8 p.m.).



## The Future of Nature

April 2, 9 & 16 at 10 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream

A new series takes a rare look at the vital role of carbon on Earth, and the power of nature in helping to restore and stabilize the world's ecosystems. Uma Thurman narrates the four-part production, which features climatologists, ecologists, economists and others, uncovering the role that animals, plants and people have on carbon and spotlighting how nature is helping to rebalance Earth's delicate systems and heal itself. In this month's episodes, *Grasslands* (April 2) explores how carbon drawdown is boosted by life and spotlights grasslands where the largest number of animals exist. *Forests* (April 9), examines how forestlands are the most effective carbon pumps on Earth, and carbon drawdown increases when forests are functioning well and rich in species. *Humans* (April 16) explores how humans are the ultimate ecosystem engineers and how people are integrating modern life with nature. *Oceans* (stream via the PBS App), examines how carbon is drawn down into the oceans and explores how ocean life is fundamental to removing carbon from the atmosphere.



### Also on WETA PBS & WETA Metro this month:

*NOVA: Secrets of the Forest*, Wednesday, April 16 at 9 p.m. • Follow scientists in a quest to understand how complex forest ecosystems around the world can help cool our planet.

*Changing Planet: River Restoration*, Wednesday, April 23 at 10 p.m. • Follow the largest river restoration project ever attempted — on Northern California's Klamath. Conservation scientist Dr. M. Sanjayan hosts.



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## Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On

**Tuesday, April 22 at 9 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream**

In the year marking the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the last concentration camps, renowned historian Sir Simon Schama

asks whether we have really learned the lessons of history. Despite global education about the Holocaust, never has there been as much ignorance about its true enormity. In the most personal film of his career, Schama visits mass killing sites in Lithuania, the home of his mother's family; he travels to the Netherlands to answer the question of why fewer Jews survived there than in any other Western occupied country; and he visits Auschwitz-Birkenau for the first time. Within all this terror, at every step Schama — who has spent a lifetime documenting Jewish history — spotlights remarkable acts of resistance: the compulsion of ordinary Jews to document the atrocities that were happening to them in the hope that they could never be denied. The film, which features an extraordinary interview with a 98-year-old survivor, asks profound questions about what the Holocaust means now.



COURTESY SHARP FAMILY ARCHIVES

## Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War

**Saturday, April 26 at 9:30 p.m.  
on WETA PBS; April 24 at  
8 p.m. on WETA Metro;  
stream with WETA Passport**

WETA reprises a 2016 documentary co-directed by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky that tells the story of a little-known but important mission by an American Unitarian minister and his wife to rescue refugees and political dissidents in Europe before and after the start of World War II. *Defying the Nazis: The*

*Sharps' War*, created in association with WETA, spotlights Wellesley, Massachusetts couple Waitstill and Martha Sharp and their bold commitment to life-threatening missions in Europe, where they helped to save hundreds of imperiled people, including Jewish scientists, journalists, doctors, powerful anti-Nazi activists, and children.

The Sharps faced harrowing encounters with Nazi police, narrowly escaped arrest and watched as the Third Reich invaded Eastern Europe. In recognition of their heroic work, the pair were ultimately honored at Yad Vashem in Israel and declared "Righteous Among the Nations." Among the thousands so honored, there are only five Americans, including the Sharps. Their story is told through the letters and journals of the couple, with Tom Hanks as the voice of Waitstill and Marina Goldman as the voice of Martha. The program features interviews with the now-adult children whom the Sharps saved, as well as historians, authors and Holocaust scholars.

*Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War* is a co-production of No Limits Media, Inc., and Florentine Films, in association with WETA. Funding for the film was provided by members of The Better Angels Society, including Jan and Rick Cohen and Jonathan and Jeannie Lavine; The Starr Foundation; The Threshold Foundation; and donations from individuals.

**Also this month:** Airing the week before Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 24) is *American Masters: Art Spiegelman: Disaster Is My Muse*, Tuesday, April 15 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS and WETA Metro. The film explores the work of the cartoonist and the impact of his Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel *Maus*, about his parents' survival of the Holocaust.

## NOVA: Critical Condition: Health in Black America

**Wednesday, April 30 at 9 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream**

**B**lack Americans are nearly twice as likely to have high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease than white Americans, and their life expectancy is about five years shorter. Why? In the special feature-length documentary *Critical Condition: Health in Black America* on science series *NOVA*, Oscar-nominated filmmaker Stanley Nelson investigates the dramatic health disparities in the United States, even as scientists confirm that there are no meaningful genetic differences between races. From the deep history of pseudoscientific beliefs about race that still influence modern medicine, to the latest research on how experiencing discrimination can lead to health damage, the program examines the factors behind the health crisis facing Black Americans.



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## The Corridors of Power

**Monday, April 14 at 10 p.m.  
on WETA PBS; April 17 at  
8 p.m. on WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream**

**A** powerful new documentary directed by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Dror Moreh explores how American leaders have made foreign policy decisions when faced with reports of genocide, war crimes and mass atrocities — in the Balkans, the Middle East and Africa — after the fall of the Soviet Union, when America stood as the only global superpower. Interviews with political leaders offer insight into the workings of the White House to understand what happened — and why. Major figures from multiple presidential administrations, including Madeline Albright, Henry Kissinger, Colin Powell, Hillary Clinton, James Baker, Paul Wolfowitz and Antony Blinken, provide candid testimony about the anguishing choices they faced as to whether or not the United States should intervene.



Madeline Albright meeting with Colin Powell

THE WILLIAM J. CLINTON ARCHIVE

## Independent Lens: Free for All: The Public Library

**Tuesday, April 29 at 10 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
tune in or stream**

**A** new *Independent Lens* documentary tells the story of how a simple yet powerful idea helped shape America — and spotlights the people who made it happen. A beloved American institution, the public library was founded on a simple principle: build a place where anyone can enter, free of charge, and encounter a universe of ideas. *Free For All: The Public Library* chronicles the evolution of the American public library from the 19th-century “Free Library Movement” to the present, when many libraries are caught in the crosshairs of culture wars and struggle to survive amid budget cuts and closures. The production visits landmark sites in library history and uncovers the stories of the colorful personalities who shaped libraries and the communities they serve.



BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BY LUCE FAULKNER

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COURTESY PBS/WALTER PRESENTS

## Davos, 1917 (German, English-subtitled)

In this Walter Presents international drama, amid the chaos of World War I, a young woman nurse in neutral Switzerland undertakes espionage to find her daughter, taken from her — while secret agents lurk. Binge-watch 6 episodes now with WETA Passport.



AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION/ACORN TV

## Whitstable Pearl, Series 1

A British crime drama follows single mother and restaurateur Pearl (Kerry Godliman) as she operates as a private sleuth in her coastal town — but finds herself in conflict with a new police detective. Binge 6 episodes with WETA Passport starting April 1.



COURTESY PBS/WALTER PRESENTS

## A Dangerous Friendship (French, English-subtitled)

In the court of 17th-century France, two women form a bond that will change history. One is a bold duchess, the other is a lonely queen. Their friendship becomes a threat, risking scandal and betrayal. Binge-watch 4 episodes with WETA Passport starting April 18.



PHIL GODWIN/ST. CAV. DIV. PAT. ROL., MARCH 1968

## The Vietnam War (A WETA co-production)

Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's epic 2017 documentary, produced in collaboration with WETA, tells the story of the Vietnam War, exploring the chaotic epoch it encompassed and featuring eyewitness testimonies. Binge-watch 10 episodes now with WETA Passport.



COURTESY PBS/WALTER PRESENTS

## The Mountain Detective, Series 3

A French Walter Presents drama (English-subtitled) follows a former policeman after he leaves Marseilles in search of a new life and ends up probing crimes in the mountains of the Alps. Binge-watch 7 new Series 3 episodes with WETA Passport as of April 25.



COURTESY/AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION

## Coronation Girls

In the summer of 1953, a philanthropist sponsored 50 girls from rural Canada on a life-changing London trip for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. This film tells their story, following some of the women as they return to England once again. Stream now with WETA Passport.



Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) for the most up-to-date schedule information.

Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
<b>1 Tue</b>	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 11: <i>Moving On Up</i>		American Masters: Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story			
<b>2 Wed</b>	Nature: Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise (Ep 1. <i>Sanctuary</i> )		NOVA: When Whales Could Walk		The Future of Nature (Ep 2 of 4. <i>Grasslands</i> )	
<b>3 Thur</b>	Queens of Mystery (Ep 1. <i>Murder in the Dark, Pt. 1</i> )		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 (Ep 1. <i>The Black Widower</i> )			Twenty Twelve, Series 1 (Pt 1 of 6)
<b>4 Fri</b>	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Austin City Limits Celebrates 50 Years			
<b>5 Sat</b>	The Vietnam War (Pt 2 of 10. <i>Riding the Tiger, 1961-1963</i> )			Ken Burns: <i>The Civil War</i>		
<b>6 Sun</b>	Call the Midwife, Series 14 (Pt 2 of 8)		Wolf Hall: <i>The Mirror and the Light</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 6. <i>Defiance</i> )		Marie Antoinette, Series 2 (Pt 3 of 8. <i>Treacherous Legacy</i> )	
<b>7 Mon</b>	Antiques Roadshow: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Hour 3		Signature Dish, Season 3: Incredible Italian	Get Out of Town, Season 2: Baltimore, MD	POV: He's My Brother	
<b>8 Tue</b>	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 11: <i>Finding My Roots</i>		Independent Lens: We Want the Funk			Next at the Kennedy Center: The Roots Residency (to 11:30pm)
<b>9 Wed</b>	Nature: Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise (Ep 2. <i>Purgatory</i> )		NOVA: Revolutionary War Weapons		The Future of Nature (Ep 3 of 4. <i>Forests</i> )	
<b>10 Thur</b>	Queens of Mystery (Ep 2. <i>Murder in the Dark, Pt. 2</i> )		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 (Ep 2. <i>Over Her Dead Body</i> )			Twenty Twelve, Series 1 (Pt 2 of 6)
<b>11 Fri</b>	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Great Performances: Now Hear This: Chopin's Polish Heart		Great Performances: The Magic of Nureyev	
<b>12 Sat</b>	The Vietnam War (Pt 3 of 10. <i>The River Styx, January 1964-December 1965</i> )				The Philadelphia Eleven (to 11:30pm)	
<b>13 Sun</b>	Call the Midwife, Series 14 (Pt 3 of 8)		Wolf Hall: <i>The Mirror and the Light</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 4 of 6. <i>Jenneke</i> )		Marie Antoinette, Series 2 (Pt 4 of 8. <i>The Pursuit of Happiness</i> )	
<b>14 Mon</b>	Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 1		Signature Dish, Season 3: Signature Drinks	WETA Arts	The Corridors of Power (to 12m)	
<b>15 Tue</b>	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 encore: <i>Anchormen</i>		Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 encore: <i>Chosen</i>		American Masters: Art Spiegelman: Disaster Is My Muse (to 12m)	
<b>16 Wed</b>	Nature: Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise (Ep 3. <i>Salvation</i> )		NOVA: Secrets of the Forest		The Future of Nature (Ep 4 of 4. <i>Humans</i> )	
<b>17 Thur</b>	Queens of Mystery (Ep 3. <i>Death by Vinyl, Pt. 1</i> )		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 (Ep 3. <i>The Killing Machine</i> )			Twenty Twelve, Series 1 (Pt 3 of 6)
<b>18 Fri</b>	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Great Performances: Now Hear This: Boccherini: Night Music		Great Performances: The Magic of Spirituals	
<b>19 Sat</b>	The Vietnam War (Pt 4 of 10. <i>Resolve; January 1966-June 1967</i> )				The Earthshot Report	
<b>20 Sun</b>	Call the Midwife, Series 14 (Pt 4 of 8)		Wolf Hall: <i>The Mirror and the Light</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 6. <i>Mirror</i> )		Marie Antoinette, Series 2 (Pt 5 of 8. <i>Enemies Assemble</i> )	
<b>21 Mon</b>	Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 2		Signature Dish, Season 3: Indian Adventure	Get Out of Town, Season 2: Lancaster, PA	Water for Life (to 11:30pm)	
<b>22 Tue</b>	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 encore: <i>Out of the Past</i>		Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On		Frontline: Alaska's Vanishing Native Villages	
<b>23 Wed</b>	Nature: Penguins: Meet the Family		NOVA: Arctic Sinkholes		Changing Planet, Series 4: <i>River Restoration</i>	
<b>24 Thur</b>	Queens of Mystery (Ep 4. <i>Death by Vinyl, Pt. 2</i> )		The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 3 (Ep 4. <i>A Merry Bloody Christmas</i> )			Twenty Twelve, Series 1 (Pt 4 of 6)
<b>25 Fri</b>	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Great Performances: Now Hear This: Rachmaninoff Reborn		International Jazz Day from Morocco	
<b>26 Sat</b>	The Vietnam War (Pt 5 of 10. <i>This Is What We Do; July 1967-December 1967</i> )			Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War		
<b>27 Sun</b>	Call the Midwife, Series 14 (Pt 5 of 8)		Wolf Hall: <i>The Mirror and the Light</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 6. <i>Light</i> )		Marie Antoinette, Series 2 (Pt 6 of 8. <i>Hated, Humbled, Mortified</i> )	
<b>28 Mon</b>	Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 3		Signature Dish, Season 3: Plant-Based Plates	WETA Arts	POV: The Taste of Mango (to 11:30pm)	
<b>29 Tue</b>	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 10 encore: <i>Forever Young</i>		Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana (Pt 1 of 3. <i>Alaska - Wild Harvest</i> )		Independent Lens: Free for All: The Public Library (to 11:30pm)	
<b>30 Wed</b>	Nature: Niagara Falls		NOVA: Critical Condition: Health in Black America			

**PBS News Hour** airs weeknights at 7 p.m.  
**PBS News Weekend** airs Sat./Sun. at 6 p.m.

**Amanpour and Company** airs late weeknights (check listings)

# TV Listings

WETA PBS in April



Listings are accurate as of press time. For latest schedules, visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) or call 703-998-2724.

WETA PBS is devoted to children's educational programming 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. For 24 hours of children's programming each day, tune in to the WETA PBS Kids channel. See page 15 for information.

## Program Key

**Blue type** – WETA productions, co-productions and presentations.

**R** – Repeat of recent programming.



MEGEE MEDIA

### FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. PRODUCED IN ASSOCIATION WITH WETA

**Tuesdays, April 1 & 8 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
Genealogy series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* wraps up Season 11 with episodes that feature Lonnie Bunch, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution (April 1), above with Gates, and tackle a mystery in Gates's own family history (April 8).

## 1 Tuesday

### WEEKDAYS IN APRIL:

**6AM NHK NEWSLINE**

**6:30AM BBC NEWS**

**7AM (Mondays:) PBS NEWS WEEKEND**

**7AM (Tuesdays-Saturdays:) PBS NEWS HOUR – R**

**7:30 (Mon:) WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**

**8AM-3PM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING**

**5PM AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** – Rpt of previous night

**6PM BBC NEWS: THE CONTEXT**

**6:30 BBC NEWS AMERICA**

**7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Each weeknight, the WETA production presents in-depth news reports and analysis of current events with a news summary, live studio interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett anchor. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Rpts next day, 7am**

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 11** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 9 of 10. Moving On Up.* Gates explores the long-lost roots of actor Sheryl Lee Ralph and historian Lonnie Bunch – two African Americans whose ancestors broke boundaries and forged families as they moved from slavery to freedom.

**9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: LIZA: A TRULY TERRIFIC ABSOLUTELY TRUE STORY** – Learn about the life of Liza Minnelli, the iconic actress best known for her Oscar-winning performance in *Cabaret*. Following in the footsteps of her famous mother, Judy Garland, Minnelli used her raw talent to overcome hardship and build her own legacy. **Repeats Wed 4/2, 3pm; Sat 4/5, 11pm; Sun 4/6, noon**

**11:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** – Examine the global issues, domestic news and trends impacting the world. Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with thought leaders and influencers, with other interviews from Walter Isaacson, Michel Martin and Hari Sreenivasan. **Repeats next weekday, 5pm**

## 2 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: KATAVI: AFRICA'S FALLEN PARADISE** – A remote wilderness, Katavi National Park spans 3,000 square miles of western Tanzania. There, lions, hippos and crocodiles live more or less in harmony, until an unusual climatic cycle tests the animals' survival skills. *Episode 1 of 3. Sanctuary.* In the Tanzania park, the rains have stopped much earlier than usual. Meet the animal families who must prepare to face the worst drought in almost 100 years. **Repeats Thur 4/3, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: WHEN WHALES COULD WALK** – A spectacular fossil graveyard in Egypt's Sahara Desert reveals a 43-million-year-old whale that had four legs and could walk. Follow scientists as they search for new clues to how mammals moved from land into the sea to become the largest animals on Earth. **Repeats Thur 4/3, 4pm**
- 10:00 THE FUTURE OF NATURE** – If we restore nature and let it thrive, can we turn the tide of climate change? Follow a growing number of inspiring people working to do just that; and learn about the impact of carbon on our planet and how nature helps mitigate its effects. *Episode 2 of 4. Grasslands.* Explore the planet's rich grasslands, dynamic, huge, and vital for our planet's future. The biggest number of animals are found there; see how animal life helps to draw down carbon.

## 3 Thursday

- 8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – A young detective investigates crimes with her three mystery-writing aunts in their home of Wildermarsh. The cast includes Julie Graham (*Shetland*, *The Bletchley Circle*), Sarah Woodward (*The Pale Horse*), Siobhan Redmond (*Unforgotten*) and Florence Hall. *Part 1 of 6: Murder in the Dark, Pt 1.* Detective Sgt. Mattie Stone uncovers several publishing-related suspects while trying to clear her Aunt Beth in a murder case. **Repeats Sun 4/6, 7pm, midnight**
- 9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** – Quirky Detective Senior Sergeant Mike Shepherd and his team investigate crimes in small-town New Zealand. *Episode 1 of 4. The Black Widower.* When the wife of a local



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**Thursdays at 8 p.m. starting April 3 on WETA PBS**  
The crime series *Queens of Mystery* returns to Thriller Thursdays, restarting from Episode 1 as it follows a young detective who solves cases in her hometown, aided by her mystery-writer aunts.



SCOTT NEWTON

**Friday, April 4 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Austin City Limits Celebrates 50 Years* features the brightest stars in the iconic music series' history coming together to celebrate the show. Above: Lyle Lovett (center) is among the performers.

tourist trap business owner is discovered dead, other local tourism operators are not sad about her demise. Her cause of death is revealed to be a venomous spider – the Katipo. But how could one spider administer ten times the lethal dose? **Repeats Fri 4/4, 3pm**

- 10:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 1** – A BBC comedic parody series follows the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Deliverance Commission (ODC) as its staff struggles to prepare for the great sporting event. Hugh Bonneville and Olivia Colman are among the cast. *Part 1 of 6. Countdown.* PR consultant Siobhan is preparing to unveil a public countdown clock to the Games, but her boss Ian is not impressed. Kay struggles to find a post-games use for the Taekwondo Arena; and Graham is planning a new traffic management system. **Repeats Fri 4/4, 4:30pm**

## 4 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – In WETA's weekly production, *The Atlantic* editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg moderates a roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major news stories from the nation's capital. Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 4/5, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 4/6, 11:30am; Mon 4/7, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – In this WETA presentation, David Rubenstein talks with more of America's top scholars and writers, illuminating how history is made. *Episode 2 of 10. Richard Haass.* Author of *The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens*. **Repeats Sun 4/6, 6:30pm**
- 9:00 AUSTIN CITY LIMITS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS** – Music luminaries, including some of the brightest stars in the music series' history, appear on the fabled stage in Austin, Texas to celebrate the show's fiftieth anniversary. The all-star line-up includes Leon Bridges, Billy Strings, Gary Clark Jr., Lyle Lovett, Shawn Colvin, Angela Aguilar, The Avett Brothers, Indigo Girls, Rufus Wainwright, The Mavericks and more. The broadcast also salutes ACL icons including Willie Nelson and Stevie Ray Vaughan. (2 hrs.)

## 5 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**
- 7AM PBS NEWS HOUR** – R
- 8AM BLOOMBERG WALL STREET WEEK** – David Westin spotlights the week's biggest stories and issues on Wall Street.
- 9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – (See 7 p.m.)
- 10:30 MOTORWEEK**
- 11AM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**
- 11:30 KEVIN BELTON'S NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATIONS**
- 12N THE DOOKY CHASE KITCHEN**
- 12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION**
- 1:00 LIFE OF LOI: MEDITERRANEAN SECRETS**
- 1:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN**

- 2:00 LUCKY CHOW**
- 2:30 SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS** – Through April 12
- 2:30 HOMEMADE LIVE!** – Starts April 19. Chef/host Joel Gameron and friends cook before a live studio audience.
- 3:00 FRESH GLASS** – Host Cassandra Schaeg presents stories from diverse innovator-entrepreneurs in the food and beverage fields nationwide.
- 3:30 TRAVELS WITH DARLEY**
- 4:00 COOK'S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**
- 4:30 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**
- 5:00 THIS OLD HOUSE**
- 5:30 A SACRED PIECE OF HOME** – A four-part documentary series showcases distinctive styles of sacred architecture that have found a home in the Washington area. See the inside front cover to learn more.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – Hear a summary of the day's international and national news. John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing this week are La Plata, Poolesville, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](http://YouTube.com/wetapbs).**
- 7:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE** – Author, historian and journalist Mark Updegrave interviews thought leaders. *Episode 2. Bill McRaven.* Admiral McRaven, a Navy Seal and leader of the U.S. Special Operations Command that oversaw the 2011 raid that led to the killing of Osama Bin Laden, offers advice on leadership from his book, *The Wisdom of the Bullfrog*. **Repeats 1am**
- 8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Filmmakers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the Vietnam War. The 10-part 2017 series, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA, features eyewitness testimonies, bringing the war and its chaotic epoch to life. *Part 2 of 10. Riding the Tiger (1961-1963).* President Kennedy and his advisors wrestle with how deeply to get involved in South Vietnam. As the increasingly autocratic Diem regime faces a growing communist insurgency and widespread Buddhist protests, a grave political crisis unfolds. **Repeats 1:30am; Sun 4/6, 2pm**
- 9:30 KEN BURNS: THE CIVIL WAR** – An overview of the acclaimed 1990 history documentary, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA, celebrates the landmark series. The special features video clips and interviews with filmmaker Ken Burns, writer Geoffrey Ward, documentarian Ric Burns, cinematographer Buddy Squires, and others. **Repeats Sun 4/6, 3:30pm**
- 11:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: LIZA** – R

## 6 Sunday

- 6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING** – See page 15.
- 9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**
- 9:30 THIS IS AMERICA AND THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHOLEY**
- 10:00 DW EUROMAXX – LIFESTYLE EUROPE**
- 10:30 MOTORWEEK**



COURTESY FLORENTINE FILMS

**Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS**  
 The overview special *Ken Burns: The Civil War* celebrates the filmmaker's landmark 1990 series, a co-production with WETA. The program features clips and interviews with Burns and others.



AMANDA LEE FOR WETA

## SIGNATURE DISH A WETA PRODUCTION

**Mondays in April; 9 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8 p.m. on WETA Metro**  
WETA restaurant series *Signature Dish* presents new episodes.  
Above: Host Seth Tillman in *Indian Adventure* (April 21) at Daru  
with chef Suresh Sundas (right) and co-owner Dante Datta.

- 11:00 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**  
**11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**  
**12N AMERICAN MASTERS: LIZA – R**  
**2:00 THE VIETNAM WAR – Part 2 of 10. *Riding the Tiger***  
(1961-1963). **R**  
**3:30 KEN BURNS: THE CIVIL WAR – R**  
**5:00 GOING YOUR WAY** – Explore end-of-life care, gain insights from experts, and hear powerful, courageous stories from people sharing their end-of-life planning. **R**  
**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – Hear a summary of the day's international and national news. John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**  
**6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5**  
– Episode 2 of 10. *Richard Haass. Author of *The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens**. **R**  
**7:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1 – Part 1 of 6: *Murder in the Dark, Pt 1***. See the Thursday, April 3, 8 p.m. listing. **R**  
**8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14 – Part 2 of 8**. Trixie cares for a single mother recently discharged from a psychiatric hospital. An outbreak of gonorrhea sees Shelagh and Miss Higgins using the Council's new tracing system to identify contacts for testing and treatment. **Repeats 1am**  
**9:00 WOLF HALL: THE MIRROR AND THE LIGHT ON MASTERPIECE** – Mark Rylance and Damian Lewis star. *Part 3 of 6. *Defiance**. Rebels in the North demand Cromwell's head and a return to the old Catholic ways. With King Henry VIII beginning to contemplate his chief adviser's failings, Cromwell withdraws from court and receives unexpected news from across the sea. **Repeats 2am**  
**10:00 MARIE ANTOINETTE, SERIES 2** – In a new season of the historical drama, Marie Antoinette and Louis face a financial crisis, and disastrous consequences loom as the revolt rumbles on. *Part 3 of 8. *Treacherous Legacy**. When Marie takes steps to protect herself and her unborn child, she unwittingly fuels public perception of her own extravagance while Paris citizens starve. For the first time, people openly protest against her. **Repeats 3am**  
**11:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS CHATFIELD FARMS, HOUR 2 – R**  
**12M QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1 – Part 1 of 6: *Murder in the Dark, Pt 1***. **R**  
**1AM CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14 – Part 2 of 8. R**

## 7 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**  
**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS CHATFIELD FARMS, HOUR 3** – *Roadshow* spotlights Colorado treasures including a World War II WASP archive; a fire helmet and fire parade hat; and a 1956-1968 Al Oerter Olympic collection. Guess the top \$400,000 find. **Repeats Tue 4/8, 3pm; Sun 4/13, 11pm**

- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3** – *Encore: *Incredible Italian**. In WETA's local restaurant program, host Seth Tillman samples three delicious Italian offerings from D.C. establishments: *mezzi rigatoni* from Red Hen; *coniglio* (rabbit stew) from Ama, and *lobster risotto* from Al Tiramisu. **Repeats Tue 4/8, 4pm**  
**9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN, SEASON 2** – *Encore: *Baltimore, MD**. The WETA local travel and adventure series features mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee enjoying the history, lodging and seafood of Baltimore. **Repeats Tue 4/8, 4:30pm**  
**10:00 POV: HE'S MY BROTHER** – In this independent film, explore a woman's efforts to assure dignified lives for herself and her brother, born with multiple disabilities, while she faces uncertainties about becoming his primary caregiver.

## 8 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 11** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Episode 10 of 10. *Finding My Roots**. Cutting-edge DNA detective work solves longstanding family mysteries for actor Laurence Fishburne and Gates himself – in a unique and emotional episode in which the spotlight is on Gates's own family history for the first time. **Repeats Wed 4/9, 3pm; Sun 4/13, noon**  
**9:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: WE WANT THE FUNK** – Filmmaker Stanley Nelson presents a syncopated voyage through the history of funk music, from early roots to 1970s urban funk and beyond, spanning African music, Soul, and jazz to funk's rise into the public consciousness. The film also explores the genre's influences on New Wave and Hip-Hop music. **Repeats Sat 4/12, 11:30pm; Sun 4/13, 4pm; Mon 4/14, 3:30pm**  
**10:30 NEXT AT THE KENNEDY CENTER: THE ROOTS RESIDENCY** – In this encore presentation, Hip-Hop legends The Roots give an electrifying performance during their residency at the Kennedy Center. Beyond the stage, the band endeavors to inspire others and explore the depths of their creative potential. (60 min.) **Repeats Wed 4/9, 4pm**

## 9 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: KATAVI: AFRICA'S FALLEN PARADISE** – *Episode 2 of 3. *Purgatory**. The severe drought is more intense than anything Katavi has witnessed. The natural order seems to have fallen apart as hippos fight to the death, a rogue lion wreaks devastation on a cub family, and fire and ash sweep the parched land. **Repeats Thur 4/10, 3pm**  
**9:00 NOVA: REVOLUTIONARY WAR WEAPONS** – How did a ragtag army defeat the most powerful army in the world to win American independence? Discover the key military technologies that helped propel the colonies to victory, from the Brown Bess musket to the world's first military submarine. **Repeats Thur 4/10, 4pm**  
**10:00 THE FUTURE OF NATURE** – *Episode 3 of 4. *Forests**. Forests are the most effective carbon pumps on Earth, but only when they're functioning well and rich in species. Meet people working to improve biodiversity, saving keystone species and using Indigenous wisdom to rebuild and restore forests.

## 10 Thursday

- 8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1 – Part 2 of 6: *Murder in the Dark, Pt 2***. Detective Sgt. Mattie Stone's list of murder suspects includes a publisher, literary agent and author. **Repeats Sun 4/13, 7pm, midnight**  
**9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 3 – Episode 2 of 4. *Over Her Dead Body***. Brokenwood is in mourning after a beloved local poet, Declan O'Grady, passes away from cancer. But the town is in for a surprise at the funeral when it is revealed that the corpse in the coffin is not Declan but a young woman identifiable only by a scarlet tattoo. **Repeats Fri 4/11, 3pm**  
**10:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 1 – Part 2 of 6. *Visitors from Rio***. The ODC takes a group of delegates to meet Olympic organizer Lord Sebastian Coe (playing himself) at the London Olympic Park. However, the traffic and a bus driver who doesn't know London conspire against them. **Repeats Fri 4/11, 4:30pm**



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**Wednesday, April 9 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
**NOVA: Revolutionary War Weapons** explores the principal military technology, including the Brown Bess musket, that helped propel the American colonies to victory in their fight for freedom.

## 11 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](http://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 4/12, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 4/13, 11:30am; Mon 4/14, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – Episode 3 of 10. Craig L. Symonds. Author of *Nimitz at War: Command Leadership from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay*. **Repeats Sun 4/13, 6:30pm**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: CHOPIN'S POLISH HEART** – In a new season of the series, follow Scott Yoo and pianist Jan Lisiecki as they explore Chopin's life, his Polish roots, and his journey to Paris, taking a close look at the iconic composer's musical evolution and his deep connection to his homeland while living in France. **Repeats Sun 4/13, 1pm**
- 10:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: THE MAGIC OF NUREYEV** – Experience Rudolf Nureyev's revolutionary 1964 production of *Swan Lake* with ballerina Margot Fonteyn through extensive excerpts – and via interviews with their fellow dancers Michael Birkmeyer, Gisela Cech and others as they analyze Nureyev's virtuosity.

## 12 Saturday

**6AM-6PM See the Saturday, April 5 listings.**

- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – Competing on the local student quiz show this week are Loudoun County, St. Anselm's and Westfield high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](http://YouTube.com/wetapbs).**
- 7:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE** – Episode 3. *Bob Woodward & Carl Bernstein (Part 1)*. The renowned *Washington Post* reporters reflect on their early careers and how they came to report on the Watergate scandal that ultimately led to President Nixon's resignation.
- 8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the war in a series co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA. *Part 3 of 10. The River Styx (January 1964-December 1965)*. With South Vietnam in chaos, Hanoi accelerates the insurgency, sending combat troops to the South. Fearing Saigon's collapse, President Johnson escalates, authorizing sustained bombing of the North and deploying U.S. ground troops in the South. **Repeats 1am; Sun 4/13, 2pm**
- 10:00 THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN** – A film chronicles how a group of women in the Episcopal Church shared a calling to become priests. After two legislative votes failed to make it possible for women to be ordained, the women organized their own ordination in defiance of church norms. Their efforts became a very public battle.
- 11:30 INDEPENDENT LENS: WE WANT THE FUNK** – R
- 1AM THE VIETNAM WAR** – *Part 3 of 10. The River Styx (January 1964-December 1965)*. (2 hrs.) R

## 13 Sunday

**6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, April 6 listings.**

- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R

- 12N FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 11** – Episode 10 of 10. *Finding My Roots*. R
- 1:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: CHOPIN'S POLISH HEART** – R
- 2:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – *Part 3 of 10. The River Styx (January 1964-December 1965)*. R
- 4:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: WE WANT THE FUNK** – R
- 5:30 PBS ARTS TALK** – Episode 1. Emmy Award-winning actor Henry Winkler talks with Grammy-winning musician Seal about the artist's musical inspiration, his personal upbringing, and the way he approaches songwriting.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – Episode 3 of 10. Craig L. Symonds. Author of *Nimitz at War: Command Leadership from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay*. R
- 7:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – *Part 2 of 6: Murder in the Dark, Pt 2*. See the Thursday, April 10, 8 p.m. listing. R
- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14** – *Part 3 of 8*. Rosalind delivers a baby with a suspicious spinal lesion and Dr. Turner suspects spina bifida. Meanwhile, during her district rounds, Joyce is about to visit a difficult patient when a gas explosion causes chaos and leaves many injured. **Repeats 1am**
- 9:00 WOLF HALL: THE MIRROR AND THE LIGHT ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 4 of 6. 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. **Repeats 2am**
- 10:00 MARIE ANTOINETTE, SERIES 2** – *Part 4 of 8. The Pursuit of Happiness*. Marie Antoinette overhauls her image, and the king and queen find happiness when they experience a taste of "ordinary" life. However, her efforts to present herself as a sensible mother and regal queen are doomed by an impending scandal. **Repeats 3am**
- 11:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS CHATFIELD FARMS, HOUR 3** – R
- 12M QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – *Part 2 of 6: Murder in the Dark, Pt 2*. R
- 1AM CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14** – *Part 3 of 8*. R

## 14 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: MARYLAND ZOO, HOUR 1** – See treasures from *Roadshow's* Baltimore stop, including 1865 Lewis M. Rutherford lunar photographs; a Patek Philippe & Tiffany platinum pocket watch, ca. 1910; and Lynne Drexler oil paintings. One is worth up to \$570,000. **Repeats Tue 4/15, 3pm; Sun 4/20, 11pm**
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3: SIGNATURE DRINKS** – WETA's Emmy Award-winning local restaurant series explores the region's selection of fine wines, spirits and beers, sampling the Estate Norton wine from award-winning vintners at Barrel Oak Winery, the distinctive Genever gin at Tenth Ward Distilling Company, and the



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**Friday, April 11 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
**Great Performances: The Magic of Nureyev** showcases famed dancer Rudolf Nureyev's virtuosity, spotlighting his revolutionary 1964 production of *Swan Lake* with ballerina Margot Fonteyn.



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**Tuesday, April 15 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*American Masters: Art Spiegelman: Disaster Is My Muse* explores the cartoonist's career and the impact of his Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel *Maus*, about his parents' survival of the Holocaust.

Fancy Nancy hazy IPA at Streetcar 82 Brewing Co. Seth Tillman hosts. **Repeats Tue 4/15, 4pm**

**9:30 WETA ARTS** – In April, WETA's local arts and culture series explores D.C.-area theatre. Spotlighted is Rorschach Theatre, which stages performances in unusual locations, including a former clothing store in downtown D.C. The program also follows host Felicia Curry for a day in the life of a working actor in the DMV. **Repeats Tue 4/15, 4:30pm; Mon 4/21, 3:30pm; Sat 4/26, 1am; Tue 4/29, 4:30pm**

**10:00 THE CORRIDORS OF POWER** – After the collapse of the Soviet Union, America became the world's sole superpower. But at what cost? Rare archives and in-depth testimony offer insights into policymaking by the White House's key decision-makers. (2 hrs.) **Repeats Wed 4/16, 3pm; Sat 4/19, 11pm; Sun 4/20, 4pm**

## 15 Tuesday

**8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 9 encore: Anchormen*. Gates introduces trailblazing journalists Jim Acosta and Van Jones to the ancestors who blazed a trail for them, meeting runaway slaves and immigrant settlers who took great risks so that their descendants might thrive. **Repeats Sun 4/20, noon**

**9:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – *Season 9 encore: Chosen*. Gates helps actors David Duchovny and Richard Kind trace their roots from Jewish communities in Eastern Europe to the United States – telling stories of triumph and tragedy that laid the groundwork for his guests' success.

**10:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: ART SPIEGELMAN: DISASTER IS MY MUSE** – Explore the work of cartoonist Art Spiegelman and the impact of his Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel *Maus*, about his parents' survival of the Holocaust. A staunch defender of free speech, Spiegelman has spoken out as book bans spread across the country. (2 hrs.)

## 16 Wednesday

**8:00 NATURE: KATAVI: AFRICA'S FALLEN PARADISE** – *Episode 3 of 3. Salvation*. After drought, the rains finally come. But can Katavi sustain the flooding? Finally, things begin to normalize, the buffalo herds return, and lion cubs witness their first hunt. **Repeats Thur 4/17, 3pm**

**9:00 NOVA: SECRETS OF THE FOREST** – Can forests help cool the planet? Follow scientists working in spectacular forest landscapes in Costa Rica, Brazil, Australia and beyond as they try to untangle complex networks of trees, fungi, and creatures large and small – all in a quest to tackle the twin threats of climate change and species extinction. **Repeats Thur 4/17, 4pm**

**10:00 THE FUTURE OF NATURE** – *Episode 4 of 4. Humans*. As the ultimate ecosystem engineers and keystone species, people can work with nature to make this world thrive. Visit the metropolises of China, the outskirts of Los Angeles, the bogs of Ireland and the favelas of Rio for a deeper look.

## 17 Thursday

**8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – *Part 3 of 6: Death by Vinyl, Pt 1*. Mattie is assigned the unglamorous job of searching for a lost dog, but the case is put on hold when a band member turns up murdered. **Repeats Sun 4/20, 7pm, midnight**

**9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** – *Episode 3 of 4. The Killing Machine*. The annual Riverstone Beach Hop is a colorful festival that brings classic car enthusiasts together from far and wide. But on the morning of the event, the chairman of the Classic Car Restoration Society is found dead with a lungful of gasoline. Does this have anything to do with the body just found in his garage? **Repeats Fri 4/18, 3pm**

**10:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 1** – *Part 3 of 6. Roman Remains*. After the discovery of Roman remains near the aquatics center, the building plans need to be modified at the last minute. Meanwhile, Siobhan wants the 2012 Games to have their own audio logo. **Repeats Fri 4/18, 4:30pm**

## 18 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 4/19, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 4/20, 11:30am; Mon 4/21, 7:30am**

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – *Episode 4 of 10. Siddhartha Mukherjee*. Author of *The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human*. **Repeats Sun 4/20, 6:30pm**

**9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: BOCCHERINI: NIGHT MUSIC** – Join Scott Yoo and musicians on a night tour of Madrid to uncover composer Luigi Boccherini's deep love for the city and learn how his *Night Music of the Streets of Madrid* was inspired by his time in Spain. **Repeats Sun 4/20, 1pm; Mon 4/21, 4pm**

**10:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: THE MAGIC OF SPIRITUALS** – Go behind the curtain at opera legends Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman's famed concert at Carnegie Hall on March 18, 1990. The program features performance clips and interviews.

## 19 Saturday

**6AM-6PM See the Saturday, April 5 listings.**

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R

**7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – Competing on the local student quiz show this week are Independence, Washington-Liberty and Wootton high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).**

**7:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE** – *Episode 4. Bob Woodward/Carl Bernstein (Part 2)*. Reporters Woodward and Bernstein explore how the political and media landscapes of today differ from the time of the Watergate scandal they investigated decades ago.



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**Wednesday, April 16 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*NOVA: Secrets of the Forest* examines how forests can help to cool the planet, following scientists working around the globe as they try to untangle the impact of complex networks of flora and fauna.

- 8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the war in a series co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA. *Part 4 of 10. Resolve (January 1966-June 1967)*. Defying American airpower, North Vietnamese troops and materiel stream down the Ho Chi Minh Trail, while Saigon struggles to pacify the countryside. As an antiwar movement builds at home, GIs discover that this war is nothing like their fathers' war. **Repeats 1am; Sun 4/20, 2pm**
- 10:00 THE EARTHSHOT REPORT** – Introduced by Britain's Prince William and hosted by Hannah Waddingham, this documentary explores the progress that humanity made in protecting and restoring the planet in 2024, sharing global good-news stories, solutions and trends.
- 11:00 THE CORRIDORS OF POWER – R**
- 1AM THE VIETNAM WAR** – *Part 4 of 10. Resolve (January 1966-June 1967)*. (2 hrs.) **R**

## 20 Sunday

**6AM-11:30AM** See the Sunday, April 6 listings.

- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**
- 12N FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – Season 9 encore: Anchormen. R**
- 1:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: BOCCHERINI: NIGHT MUSIC – R**
- 2:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – *Part 4 of 10. Resolve (January 1966-June 1967)*. **R**
- 4:00 THE CORRIDORS OF POWER – R**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 – Episode 4 of 10. Siddhartha Mukherjee. Author of *The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human*. **R****
- 7:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1 – Part 3 of 6: Death By Vinyl, Pt 1.** See the Thursday, April 17, 8 p.m. listing description. **R**
- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14 – Part 4 of 8.** New postulant Sister Catherine arrives at Nonnatus House. Disappointment strikes as responses for the measles vaccination clinic remain low. Dr. Turner suggests sterilization to a mother of seven if she no longer wants any more children. **Repeats 1am**
- 9:00 WOLF HALL: THE MIRROR AND THE LIGHT ON MASTERPIECE – Part 5 of 6.** *Mirror*. Cromwell brings Anne of Cleves to England to be King Henry's new wife. With France and the Holy Roman Emperor threatening to invade England, this new marriage would cement an alliance between the powerful reforming princes of Europe and defend England from attack. **Repeats 2am**
- 10:00 MARIE ANTOINETTE, SERIES 2 – Part 5 of 8. Enemies Assemble.** When Marie Antoinette is implicated in the diamond necklace theft, she is determined to prove her innocence and punish those responsible. Blinded by her desire to defend herself, she and Louis fail to see the dangers of a public trial. **Repeats 3am**
- 11:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: MARYLAND ZOO, HOUR 1 – R**
- 12M QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1 – Part 3 of 6: Death By Vinyl, Pt 1. R**
- 1AM CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14 – Part 4 of 8. R**

## 21 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: MARYLAND ZOO, HOUR 2 – Roadshow** finds rare treasures in Maryland, including 1973 Topps uncut card sheets; a ring collection, ca. 1970; and a 1967 Ram Kumar oil painting. Guess the top \$180,000 treasure. **Repeats Tue 4/22, 3pm; Sun 4/27, 11pm**
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3: INDIAN ADVENTURE** – WETA's Emmy Award-winning restaurant series explores delicious local Indian cuisine in the D.C. area, showcasing hidden neighborhood gems and Michelin-awarded menus, and feasting on everything from casual favorites to 37-ingredient culinary experiences. Restaurants visited are Daru, Karizma Modern Indian and Indigo. Seth Tillman hosts. **Repeats Tue 4/22, 4pm**
- 9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN, SEASON 2 – Encore: Lancaster, PA.** The WETA local travel and adventure series features mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee



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**Wednesday, April 23 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro NOVA: Arctic Sinkholes** features scientists investigating evidence that rapidly melting soil in the Arctic is releasing large amounts of methane. They explore implications for the world's climate.

immersing themselves in the farming and food of the traditional Amish and Pennsylvania Dutch communities. **Repeats Tue 4/22, 4:30pm**

- 10:00 WATER FOR LIFE** – Meet three Latin American community leaders who risked their lives to resist government and corporate plans to divert critical local water resources to mining and hydroelectric projects. Actor Diego Luna narrates. (90 min.)

## 22 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 9 encore: Out of the Past*. Gates uncovers the lost roots of actors Billy Crudup and Tamera Mowry-Housley, traveling back generations to recount significant events in history – from the American Revolution to the journey of the *Mayflower* – in a deeply personal way. **Repeats Wed 4/23, 3pm; Sat 4/26, midnight; Sun 4/27, noon****
- 9:00 SIMON SCHAMA: THE HOLOCAUST, 80 YEARS ON** – In the year marking the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the last concentration camps, renowned historian Sir Simon Schama confronts the history of the Holocaust as not just a Nazi obsession, but as a European-wide crime. Never has there been so much Holocaust education and yet never has there been as much ignorance about the Holocaust's true enormity. **Repeats Sat 4/26, 11pm; Sun 4/27, 5pm**
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: ALASKA'S VANISHING NATIVE VILLAGES – Frontline** spotlights Alaska Native villages fighting for survival against climate change, joining the Howard Center at ASU to explore why communities are relocating and struggling to preserve their traditions. Also: An investigation into Russian atrocities in Bucha, Ukraine.

## 23 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: PENGUINS: MEET THE FAMILY** – A celebration of one of Earth's most iconic and beloved birds features all 18 species of penguins, from New Zealand, Cape Town, the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica. **Repeats Thur 4/24, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: ARCTIC SINKHOLES** – Scientists investigate colossal explosions in Siberia and other evidence that rapidly melting soil in the Arctic is releasing vast amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. What are the implications for the world's climate future? **Repeats Thur 4/24, 4pm**
- 10:00 CHANGING PLANET, SEASON 4** – The series, a seven-year project examining issues facing the planet's most threatened ecosystems, continues. *River Restoration*. The largest river restoration project ever attempted is underway in Northern California, aiming to bring life back to the Klamath. Global conservation scientist Dr. M. Sanjayan witnesses huge dams being removed and joins the team that is reviving salmon populations. In Paris, the river Seine is being cleaned up after decades of pollution.

## 24 Thursday

- 8:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – Part 4 of 6: *Death by Vinyl, Pt 2*. Mattie investigates a new victim, the band's manager, who was stabbed in the back with a kitchen knife. **Repeats Sun 4/27, 7pm, midnight**
- 9:00 THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** – Episode 4. *A Merry Bloody Christmas*. With December approaching, Brokenwood is alive with Christmas spirit...until a man in a Santa Claus suit is discovered murdered: the local mayor. With local elections looming, attention turns to his four rivals in the community. **Repeats Fri 4/25, 3pm**
- 10:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 1** – Part 4 of 6. *Raising the Bar*. Former Olympic athlete Dave Wellbeck tours schools as brand ambassador for Raising the Bar, a campaign to get young people interested in the Games. But his lack of charisma has the opposite effect. **Repeats Fri 4/25, 4:30pm**

## 25 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 4/26, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 4/27, 11:30am; Mon 4/28, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – Episode 5 of 10. *Leslie M. Harris*. Author of *In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626-1863*. **Repeats Sun 4/27, 6:30pm**
- 9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: RACHMANINOFF REBORN** – Follow composer Sergei Rachmaninoff's journey from Russian aristocrat to American artist after the Bolshevik Revolution. Forced to rebuild at 44, he embraced modern technology, toured extensively and reinvented his career while longing for his lost homeland. **Repeats Sun 4/27, 1pm; Mon 4/28, 4pm**
- 10:00 INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY FROM MOROCCO** – Celebrate International Jazz Day with host Jeremy Irons in a concert featuring Herbie Hancock, Dee Dee Bridgewater and more. Enjoy powerful jazz, blues and Afrobeat collaborations, plus timeless classics.



ALAN JINICH/AMERICAN TABLE

**Tuesdays, April 29–May 13, 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
New miniseries *Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana* follows the chef – inspired by the Pan-American Highway – as she celebrates the cultures of the Americas on a journey from Alaska through Alberta.

## 26 Saturday

- 6AM–6PM See the Saturday, April 5 listings.**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – It's the playoffs! Competing on the local student quiz show this week are BASIS Independent, Sandy Spring Friends and Robinson high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://YouTube.com/wetapbs).**
- 7:30 LIVE FROM THE LBJ LIBRARY WITH MARK UPDEGROVE** – Episode 5. *Melody Barnes*. The Executive Director of the Karsh Institute for Democracy and former director of the White House Domestic Policy Council for Barack Obama offers her thoughts on civics education, faith in government, and more.
- 8:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the story of the war in a series co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA. *Part 5 of 10. This Is What We Do (July 1967–December 1967)*. Enemy body counts and American casualties mount as GIs chase an elusive foe and face deadly ambushes and artillery. As Hanoi lays plans for a massive surprise offensive, the Johnson Administration escalates the war while reassuring the public that victory is in sight. **Repeats 1:30am; Sun 4/27, 2pm**
- 9:30 DEFYING THE NAZIS: THE SHARPS' WAR** – In this WETA presentation, a 2016 film by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky, learn about an American couple's courageous mission in 1939 to help refugees escape Nazi-occupied Europe. Over the course of two years, the pair risked their lives so that hundreds could live in freedom. **Repeats Sun 4/27, 3:30pm**
- 11:00 SIMON SCHAMA: THE HOLOCAUST, 80 YEARS ON** – **R**
- 12M FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – **R**  
*Season 9 encore: Out of the Past.*
- 1AM WETA ARTS** – **R**
- 1:30AM THE VIETNAM WAR** – Part 5 of 10. *This Is What We Do (July 1967–December 1967)*. **R**

## 27 Sunday

- 6AM–11:30AM See the Sunday, April 6 listings.**
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 12N FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – **R**  
*Season 9 encore: Out of the Past.*
- 1:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NOW HEAR THIS: RACHMANINOFF REBORN** – **R**
- 2:00 THE VIETNAM WAR** – Part 5 of 10. *This Is What We Do (July 1967–December 1967)*. **R**
- 3:30 DEFYING THE NAZIS: THE SHARPS' WAR** – **R**
- 5:00 SIMON SCHAMA: THE HOLOCAUST, 80 YEARS ON** – **R**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – Episode 5 of 10. *Leslie M. Harris*. Author of *In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626–1863*. **R**
- 7:00 QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – Part 4 of 6: *Death by Vinyl, Pt 2*. See the Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m. listing. **R**
- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14** – Part 5 of 8. On her rounds, Sister Julienne visits a pregnant woman, living in an abandoned warehouse, who has visible bruises and refuses an examination. Meanwhile, the Nonnatus team cares for a man confined to an iron lung after being paralyzed by polio. **Repeats 1am**
- 9:00 WOLF HALL: THE MIRROR AND THE LIGHT ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 6 of 6. *Light*. Fortune's wheel turns as Cromwell finally finds himself in Henry's crosshairs. Charged with treason and feeling the axe's edge, only a masterstroke of political maneuvering can save him from the scaffold now. **Repeats 2am**

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- 10:00 MARIE ANTOINETTE, SERIES 2** – Part 6 of 8. *Hated, Humbled, Mortified*. When Rohan and Jeanne are brought to public trial, events spiral beyond the control of Marie Antoinette and Louis. In defending her reputation, Marie Antoinette unwittingly destroys it and delivers a fatal blow to Louis's political authority. **Repeats 3am**
- 11:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: MARYLAND ZOO, HOUR 2 – R**
- 12M QUEENS OF MYSTERY, SERIES 1** – Part 4 of 6: *Death By Vinyl, Pt 2. R*
- 1AM CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 14** – Part 5 of 8. **R**

## 28 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: MARYLAND ZOO, HOUR 3** – *Roadshow* searches for hidden treasures in Maryland, including George Patton's gold World War I trench watch; a 1949 Charles Loloma pot; and a 1944 Joseph Erlanger Nobel Prize & diploma. One is valued at \$150,000 to \$200,000. **Repeats Tue 4/29, 3pm**
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH, SEASON 3: PLANT-BASED PLATES** – WETA's Emmy Award-winning restaurant series explores local plant-based meals and menus, celebrating the diverse fare of vegan American comfort food, Vietnamese all-veggie spots and flavorful Ethiopian establishments. Featured are DC Vegan in Dupont Circle; Chay in Falls Church, VA; and Feru Restaurant & Bar in Alexandria, VA. Seth Tillman hosts. **Repeats Tue 4/29, 4pm**
- 9:30 WETAARTS** – See the Monday, April 14, 9:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:00 POV: THE TASTE OF MANGO** – A film offers a hypnotic personal meditation on family, memory, identity, violence and love. Spanning three generations of women, their narratives, by turns difficult and jubilant, bear witness to the complex, evolving nature of inheritance and the hurt and protection entangled within familial bonds. (90 min.)

## 29 Tuesday

- 8:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 10 encore: Forever Young*. Gates meets actors Valerie Bertinelli and Brendan Fraser. Each discovers the places their ancestors called home – providing insight into what made them who they are today. **Repeats Wed 4/30, 3pm**
- 9:00 PATI JINICH EXPLORES PANAMERICANA** – Join renowned D.C.-area chef Pati Jinich on a Pan-American journey exploring cultural connections as she travels from the top of Alaska through Alberta. *Part 1 of 3. Alaska – Wild Harvest*. Jinich travels from the northernmost place in the U.S. to the remote island community of Halibut Cove – discovering that subsistence living transcends all differences. **Repeats Wed 4/30, 4pm**
- 10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: FREE FOR ALL: THE PUBLIC LIBRARY** – A film explores how public libraries shaped the country and remain a sanctuary for Americans everywhere. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians working in an age of closures and book bans, meet those who uphold a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all. (90 min.)

## 30 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: NIAGARA FALLS** – Witness the stunning beauty of Niagara Falls and learn about the wide variety of wildlife – mammals, birds and reptiles – that call it home. Through the eyes of passionate scientists, uncover a complex world forged by stone and powered by water.
- 9:00 NOVA: CRITICAL CONDITION: HEALTH IN BLACK AMERICA** – Black Americans are nearly twice as likely to have high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease than White Americans, and their life expectancy is about five years shorter. Why? Oscar-nominated filmmaker Stanley Nelson investigates health disparities in the U.S. (2 hrs.)

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The WETA PBS Kids channel offers a safe haven for young viewers, presenting educational programming 24 hours each day, seven days a week.

### WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS KIDS

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

Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) for complete WETA PBS Kids listings.

### WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS, 8 AM – 3 PM

- Lyla in the Loop, 8am
- Carl the Collector, 8:30am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 9am
- Rosie's Rules, 9:30am
- Sesame Street, 10am
- Work It Out Wombats!, 10:30am
- Donkey Hodie, 11am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 11:30am
- Elinor Wonders Why, 12n
- Nature Cat, 12:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 1pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 1:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 2pm
- Alma's Way, 2:30pm

### SUNDAYS ON WETA PBS, 6 AM – 9 AM

- Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, 6am
- Arthur, 6:30am
- Wild Kratts, 7am
- Alma's Way, 7:30am
- Lyla in the Loop, 8am
- Carl the Collector, 8:30am

## British Television at Its Best

The WETA UK channel is devoted to the best in British television programming, presenting beloved classics and contemporary series around the clock, seven days a week. WETA UK offers a full schedule of fine entertainment programming – featuring drama, mystery and comedy – in addition to documentary series and news reports.

### APRIL P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

VISIT [WETA.ORG/SCHEDULE](http://WETA.ORG/SCHEDULE) FOR A PROGRAM LINEUP

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>12pm</b>	Annika, Series 1 on Masterpiece	Grantchester, Series 2 on Masterpiece runs 4/1-4/8; Series 3 runs 4/9-4/17; Series 4 runs 4/18-4/24; Series 5 starts 4/25					Professor T (UK), Series 3
12:30pm							
<b>1pm</b>	Ridley, Series 1	Call the Midwife, Series 10 runs 4/1-4/10, Series 11 runs 4/11-4/22; Series 12 starts 4/23					Madame Blanc Mysteries, Series 1
1:30pm							
<b>2pm</b>	The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 2 & 3	Good Karma Hospital, Series 2	• 2pm, DI Ray, Series 1	The Paris Murders, Series 2	The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 2 & 3	Ridley, Series 1	The Trouble with Maggie Cole
2:30pm			• 2pm, 4/15: Discovering Maggie Smith				
<b>3pm</b>		• 4/7: Coronation Girls (90 min.) • 4/14-4/21: <b>Us on Masterpiece</b>	• 2pm, starting 4/22: Whitstable Pearl	L'Opera		Professor T (UK), Series 3	Hotel Portofino, Series 1 & 2
3:30pm	Ms. Fisher's Modern Mysteries, Series 1 & 2	• 3pm starting 4/28: Marie Antoinette, Series 1 • 4pm starting 4/28: Atlantic Crossing on Masterpiece	• 3pm: Annika, Series 1 & 2 on Masterpiece	School of Champions	Doc Martin, Series 10	• Van der Valk, Series 4 • Starts 4/18: Vienna Blood, Series 1	Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on Masterpiece
<b>4pm</b>			• 4pm: Before We Die, Series 1 & 2				
4:30pm							
<b>5pm</b>	• 4/6: <b>Coronation Girls</b> (90 min.) • Starting 4/13: Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	• 5pm, 4/5: Secrets of the Dead: Princes in the Tower
5:30pm		BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	• 5pm: 4/12: Coronation Girls (90 min.) • 5pm starting 4/19: Vienna Blood, Series 1
<b>6pm</b>	Donal's Irish Adventures (starts 4/13)	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	• 6pm: Ireland with Michael (4/19+4/26) • 6:30pm: Rick Steves' Europe
6:30pm	Rick Steve's Europe	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	
<b>7pm</b>	• Rick Steves' Art of Europe • Whitstable Pearl (starts 4/27)	The Real Crown: Inside the House of Windsor, Series 1	Secrets of Royal Palaces; L. Worsley Investigates, 4/15+4/22; Eye of the Storm, 4/29	Secrets of the Dead; L. Worsley Investigates, 4/16+4/23; Kanneh Mason Family, 4/30	Rick Steves' Art of Europe; L. Worsley Investigates, 4/17+4/24	Rick Steves' Art of Europe; L. Worsley Investigates, 4/18+4/25	The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 4/26)
7:30pm							
<b>8pm</b>	The Real Crown: Inside the House of Windsor, Series 1	• DI Ray, Series 1 • 4/14: <b>Discovering Maggie Smith</b> • Starting 4/21: <b>Whitstable Pearl</b>	<b>Foreign Favourites</b> • 8pm: The Paris Murders, Series 2 • 9pm: L'Opera	• 8pm: The Brokenwood Mysteries, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 4/23) • 9:30pm: Twenty Twelve • 10pm: Doc Martin, Series 10	Ridley, Series 1	<b>Masterworks Showcase</b> • 8pm: <b>Endeavour, Series 8 on Masterpiece</b> • 8pm, 4/25: <b>The Mystery of Mr. E</b>	Professor T (UK), Series 3
8:30pm					Professor T (UK), Series 3		Twenty Twelve
<b>9pm</b>	Highclere: Behind the Scenes	Annika, Series 1 & 2 on Masterpiece	• 10pm: School of Champions				
9:30pm							
<b>10pm</b>	Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland	Before We Die, Series 1 & 2			• Van der Valk, Series 4 • Starts 4/17: Vienna Blood, Series 1	• 10pm: <b>Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on Masterpiece</b>	Doc Martin, Series 10
10:30pm							
<b>11pm</b>	Still Open All Hours (two episodes)	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	Ridley, Series 1
11:30pm		[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>

# WETA UK Highlights

## Whitstable Pearl

**Mondays at 8 p.m. starting April 21  
on WETA UK**

**T**he 2021 British crime drama *Whitstable Pearl* follows single mother Pearl Nolan — portrayed by Kerry Godliman (*After Life*) — as she pursues her lifelong dream of owning a private detective agency, which she starts up and runs from her small family restaurant in the coastal English town of Whitstable. Drawn by her caring nature, locals soon flock to her with all kinds of cases. But when a friend dies suspiciously, Pearl finds herself in conflict with a gruff new cop in town, DCI Mike McGuire, played by Howard Charles (*The Musketeers*). McGuire disapproves of Pearl's interference in police business, but in time, the two find a way to work together, coming to a professional understanding, and possibly more. Frances Barber (*Silk*) portrays Pearl's mother. Series 1 features six episodes.



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## Discovering Maggie Smith

**Monday, April 14 at 8 p.m. on WETA UK**

**A**biographical program spotlights the remarkable on-screen career of Dame Maggie Smith (1934-2024), one of Britain's most prolific actresses. Smith was a prominent figure in British culture for six decades. Her extraordinary film career took off with her role in *Nowhere to Go* (1958), for which she received the first of many BAFTA nominations (and wins). Two Academy Awards later, including Best Actress for *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (1969) and Best Supporting Actress for *California Suite* (1978), Smith had reached the pinnacle of success. Her iconic later roles included Dowager Countess of Grantham in the beloved *Masterpiece* series *Downton Abbey* and Professor Minerva McGonagall in the popular *Harry Potter* films.



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## The Mystery of Mr. E

**Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m. on WETA UK**

**A**quirky British murder mystery *musical* written and produced by bestselling crime fiction writer Sophie Hannah — whose works include new Hercule Poirot novels at the request of Agatha Christie's family and estate — *The Mystery of Mr. E* follows odd-jobbing twin brothers John and George Danes, "The Generalists," as they undertake a mysterious assignment. As the two prepare to set off for a new job at Idlewyld House — with no idea of what they have been hired to do there — a strange man knocks at their door. When asked who he is, he says only, "I am the murderer," and disappears. Arriving at Idlewyld, the Danes ask their host if he has invited them to solve a murder, but are assured that nothing of the sort has taken place. Then, a guest is found dead at the foot of the stairs...



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## American Masters: Moynihan

**Thursday, April 3 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro**

**W**ETA reprises an *American Masters* documentary spotlighting the life and legacy of former U.S. Senator (D-NY) and diplomat Daniel Patrick Moynihan (1927-2003). The influential intellectual and sociologist, policy specialist and ambassador had what is considered to be one of the broadest

public careers in U.S. political history. A colossus of ideas and a man of deeds, Moynihan served four terms in the Senate under four presidents — two Republicans and two Democrats. The film explores how, in an age of rigid ideologies, Moynihan embraced the contradictions and complexity of public policy without despairing of the role of government in the lives of its citizens.



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## My Money Mentors

**Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. starting April 5  
on WETA Metro**

**A**n eight-part reality-style docuseries, *My Money Mentors*, aims to make financial literacy enjoyable and empowering for young adults. In the programs, hosts financial advisor Jacqueline Schadeck and financial literacy coach Chris Corinthian help people navigate real-life monetary challenges

and equip them with actionable steps to make informed money choices and build a stronger financial future. Topics include maximizing employer benefits, budgeting for everyday living, sustaining and scaling a small business, discussing finances with a partner, estate planning, college financing, and much more.



THE TEST; COURTESY THE FILMMAKER

## Filmfest DC Selects

**Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m.  
on WETA Metro**

**W**ETA Metro presents *Filmfest DC Selects*, a curated lineup of films made by DMV-based filmmakers and presented by Filmfest DC, the longest-running annual film festival in Washington, D.C. In the first half-hour, watch *The Test*, an award-winning short doc about a Ghanaian maintenance worker in Virginia who is preparing for the U.S. citizenship exam; and *On the Mountain*,

a poetic drama about a young woman who finds herself compelled to make a profound choice in life. In the second half-hour, see the broadcast premiere of *Room to Breathe*, a poignant documentary that follows newlyweds as they confront pandemic parenting and virtual school in their search for household balance. WETA Metro is media sponsor for the local film festival, which takes place April 24-May 4. Learn more at [filmfestdc.org](https://filmfestdc.org).

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## Reel South, Series 10

**7 p.m. Thursdays starting April 10  
on WETA World**

**A**claimed PBS documentary series *Reel South*, which highlights compelling stories from throughout the American South, rolls out new Season 10 films Thursday nights on WETA World this month starting April 10. Among the offerings are two short films airing together on April 17: In *How to Sue the Klan*, five Black women from Chattanooga take on the Ku Klux Klan in a landmark 1982 civil case that brings justice and accountability to the notorious hate group. In *I'm Still Here*, survivors of Birmingham's civil rights-era bombings on "Dynamite Hill" reflect on their experiences, transforming the city's painful past into a symbol of hope and healing.



## Chasing the Tide

**Friday, April 25, 7-10 p.m.  
on WETA World**

**S**ix-part series *Chasing the Tide* joins a film team and conservationists Chrissy and Jay Kleberg as they walk Texas' 370 miles of barrier islands and peninsulas. Their 21-day hike explores one of the most biologically diverse coastlines in North America and efforts to balance economic growth and healthy wildlife populations — and spotlights clues to a more resilient future. Join the pair as they learn how the Gulf's rising sea level and temperatures impact coastal communities, eroding shoreline. Hear from scientists and community leaders about efforts to fortify the coast, including the largest public works project in U.S. history.



## POV: A Town Called Victoria

**9 p.m. Saturdays, April 5, 12 & 19  
on WETA World**

**A**three-part documentary spotlights the 2017 burning of a mosque in the town of Victoria, Texas — and the aftermath. After building lives in the town for more than 30 years, the municipality's Muslim community watched in horror as their spiritual and communal home was destroyed. To their surprise, hundreds of their fellow Victorians rallied in support of the community and raised substantial funds to rebuild the house of worship. The story of Victoria offered a parable of togetherness in dark times and a balm of comfort. But when the cameras turned away, the South Texas community had to face difficult questions about its political, racial and economic divides.





COURTESY THE ARTISTS

## The Academy's Chamber Ensemble

Ensemble in an October 2024 Chamber Music Maryland (formerly Candlelight Concert Society) performance. The Academy performs *Two Pieces for String Octet, Op. 11* by Dmitri Shostakovich, whose music was denounced and banned in the USSR; *Sextet for Strings* by Erwin Schulhoff, a composer who was blacklisted by the Nazi regime and died in a prison camp in 1942; and *Octet for Strings, Op. 20* by Felix Mendelssohn. Tune in to WETA Classical's concert showcase each Monday at 9 p.m. for live performances recorded around the national capital area.

## Front Row Washington: Academy of St Martin in the Fields

Monday, April 28 at 9 p.m.

This month, WETA Classical program *Front Row Washington* features the distinguished London-based Academy of St Martin in the Fields Chamber



MATHIAS BROTHER

## Conductor Karina Canellakis

*Concerto No. 23* with soloist Orion Weiss. Also featured on the program is the NSO debut of American conductor Karina Canellakis — who also succeeded her father as a conductor — in a November 2022 concert that featured Bartók's *Concerto for Orchestra*, a popular piece replete with the composer's beloved folk tunes. Tune in to *NSO Showcase* on April 2 or stream the program this month at [wetaclassical.org](http://wetaclassical.org).

## NSO Showcase: Mendelssohn, Mozart & Bartók

Wednesday, April 2 at 9 p.m.

Each month, WETA Classical's *NSO Showcase* features recordings of past performances by the National Symphony Orchestra; and the April 2 program highlights two young conductors who have inherited their parents' musical DNA. In a November 2023 concert, Ken-David Masur, son of renowned conductor Kurt Masur, leads the NSO in Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony as well as Mozart's *Piano*



ADOLF KOHNUT, 1892

## Gustav Mahler

following year. And on Sunday, **April 27** the program presents Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No. 2*, "Resurrection" conducted by Bruno Walter, Mahler's loyal friend and disciple.

## Music for Eastertide on Choral Showcase

Sundays at 9 p.m.

WETA Classical Sunday-night program *Choral Showcase* presents music for Passiontide and Eastertide this month, beginning **April 6** with Franz Joseph Haydn's first major choral work, the *Stabat Mater*, drawn from a 13th-century prayer-poem depicting Christ's crucifixion. On **April 13**, it's *Passion Week*, a cycle of prayers in the Orthodox chant style, composed in the early 1920s by Maximilian Steinberg. *Choral Showcase* celebrates **Easter Sunday, April 20** with a new recording of Handel's *Messiah* — the original from 1741 written for an Easter performance in Dublin the

# Classical for Washington

## Maurice Ravel 150: The Man and His Music

By Linda Carducci, On-Air Host

**C**elebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Maurice Ravel this year is a welcome opportunity to explore this innovative composer who incorporated modern sounds, Baroque and neoclassical idioms and even jazz within his own unique brand of color, clarity and intricacy.

Ravel was born on March 7, 1875 in a small village in the French Pyrenees, near the southwestern border of France and Spain. From his mother, a French Basque, and from childhood summers spent in the Basque mountains, he developed a lifelong attraction to Basque folklore and Spanish music, as evidenced in his *L'Heure Espagnol*, *Bolero*, *Alborada del gracioso*,

*Rhapsody Espagnol* and *Pavane pour une infante défunte*. From his father, a Swiss civil engineer, Ravel acquired an attention to intricacy and detail that became a hallmark of his music. Igor Stravinsky, an admirer, called Ravel “a perfect Swiss watchmaker.”

While studying piano and composition with the venerable Gabriel Fauré at the Paris Conservatory in the early 20th century, Ravel experimented with new and innovative concepts of harmony, sound and structure that he crafted in his own highly individualistic style. Like his elder contemporary Claude Debussy, Ravel disliked being referred to as “Impressionistic,” yet he so deftly expressed mood and atmosphere with color, luminescence and refinement. It’s no surprise that his music idol was Mozart, the Classical master of grace and elegance. As a pianist, Ravel explored the full extent of piano sonorities in several masterpieces: the neo-Baroque dance suite *Tombeau de Couperin*; sparkling, dancing waters of *Jeux d'eau*; supernatural images in the virtuosic *Gaspard de la Nuit*; and a collection of images and moods in his *Miroirs* suite.

Inspired by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Ravel became a master orchestrator. He arranged several of his piano works for orchestra and his compositions written specifically for orchestra remain highly regarded: the ballet *Daphnis e Chloé*; the famous *Bolero*; and his Spanish-rhythms-soundfest *Rhapsody Espagnol*. His *Piano Concerto in G* explored new avenues with tinges of jazz, influenced by George Gershwin, and his brilliant orchestration of Mussorgsky’s *Pictures at an Exhibition* is the most widely performed orchestral version of that great programmatic work. He also completed two song cycles, an opera and a charming body of chamber music that includes his acclaimed *String Quartet*.

During Ravel 150, WETA Classical will showcase the composer’s music and a *Classical Breakdown* podcast dedicated to his masterwork, *Gaspard de la Nuit*. See my comprehensive discussion of Ravel, posted now on WETA Classical’s blog *Classical Score* — at [classicalscore.org](http://classicalscore.org).



Composer Maurice Ravel

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Ravel, 1912-1913

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