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At the time I'm writing this, members of Congress and the President's new administration are still debating the future of public media. It is possible things have moved along and by the time you receive this there is more clarity about our federal funding prospects. Regardless of what happens, I want to assure you that Illinois Public Media remains committed to serving our audiences and fulfilling our important mission. We provide a public square for local communities to come together to engage in a robust exchange of ideas and trusted information.

After more than a century on air, IPM will endure as an independent, locally operated media organization that reflects the culture and values of our entire region. We will continue to provide in-depth news and analysis, feature coverage of local artists, broadcast inspiring music in many genres, dispense agricultural information for area farmers, grow our invaluable regional partnerships, and share diverse voices.

With all the uncertainty in the world right now, I remain incredibly grateful knowing we can continue to count on you and all the other Friends of WILL. Your dedication ensures we can remain an important community institution for years to come.

Moss Bresnahan, Executive Director X (formerly Twitter): @MossILMedia

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On or around April 8, Comcast's Bloomington-Normal



A rainforest on Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica, for 'NOVA: Secrets of the Forest.

#### **COVER STORY: EARTH MONTH**

# A look at climate change, species extinction

What would the restoration of Earth's forests mean in the fight against climate change? Follow researchers around the globe as they race to understand how nature processes and responds to carbon on the largest scales and how microorganisms, plants, animals, and humans combine to sustain healthy ecosystems. **NOVA** travels to spectacular forest landscapes in Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Madagascar, and other places as a global team of scientists gather data on how forests work and try to figure out how they can help tackle the twin threats of climate change and species extinction. **Secrets of the Forest** airs on **NOVA** at 8 pm Wednesday, April 16.

# River restoration on 'Changing Planet'

Klamath River returning to its former route.

Changing Planet returns in the fourth year of a seven-year project that examines the issues facing the planet's most threatened ecosystems. M. Sanjayan visits northern California where the largest river restoration project in United States history is aiming to bring life back to a sacred river. The latest installment of Changing Planet airs at 9 pm Wednesday, April 23.

Aerial shot of drained reservoir with the



# Exploring the importance of water

Two new documentaries explore our most vital resource, water, and how climate change has impacted it.

**Water For Life** (9 pm Monday, April 21) follows Indigenous activists in Latin America as they fight to save their water resources from mining and hydroelectric projects. The film asks how economic development can grow in harmony with environmental protections and also illuminates a growing recognition of Indigenous rights and a rising demand for corporate responsibility and environmental justice.



At right, Water: The Sacred Gift (10 pm Wednesday, April 23)

explores the complex relationship between water, the environment, and people, with a focus on the impact of climate change and the crucial role water plays in sustaining life. Set against the stunning landscapes of the Rocky Mountains, the film examines the delicate balance of watersheds while also highlighting the effects of climate change, pollution, and resource exploitation.

# Local environmental stories

Explore environmental stories closer to home through **State of Change**, Illinois Public Media's award-winning environmental series. Host Tinisha Spain looks at how Illinois is in a state of change. Go to will.illinois.edu/stateofchange.



# Career, life of local blues legend Candy Foster celebrated

A new film explores the life and musical career of local R&B legend Candy (Gerald) Foster — a musical journey that spans more than 60 years and is still going strong. Candy Foster: A Musical Witness premieres on WILL-TV at 7 pm Thursday, April 17.

Produced by Tim Hartin and Marten Stromberg, the film includes contributions

from the Prairie Fire team, including an interview by Sarah Edwards, graphics by Taylor Plantan, and technical assistance and engineering by DJ Roach.

"I think of this program as more of a tribute than a documentary," said Hartin, who retired from the University of Illinois. "The program features extended musical clips of Candy — sometimes featuring the same song performed in 2004 and 2024 on a split screen. We also have interviews with many of his longtime friends, musical collaborators, band members, and fans."

In the film, Foster speaks of his strongest influences, including his mother and an area musical celebrity known as "Count Demon," who Foster says served as his mentor. He credits his mother with planting the seeds of music in his young mind, and he says traditional opera, doo wop, and blues heavily influenced his music.

The Danville native was known locally for his band Soul Brothers. And there is long list of musical greats that Foster served as the opening act, including Muddy Waters, BB King, Koko Taylor, and Gatemouth Brown.

Hartin worked on the original iteration of Prairie Fire on WILL-TV back in the 1990s and has won many regional Emmys as a producer and videographer, many during his time at the Big Ten Network. Previous films he has produced on Foster include the 2004 Candy Foster Live at the Iron Post and a segment as a guest producer on Prairie Fire last year.

# Meet Illinois' poet laureate



Illinois poet laureate Angela Jackson is featured on a new episode of Prairie Fire at 7:30 pm Thursday, April 17.

The segment will include her reading some of her poetry. Additionally, we will explore the history of college sports and physical education as an academic discipline, in particular the significance of Huff Hall on the University of Illinois campus in honor of its 100th anniversary year. Topics are subject to change.

# Cheating to lose: The 1919 Chicago White Sox scandal

It's the most notorious scandal in the history of professional baseball. Eight Chicago White Sox players conspired to throw the World Series in 1919. It was an event that ruined the reputations and careers of some of the greatest players of all time, including "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, and it broke the heart of a nation. The Black Sox Scandal: American Stories is a story that forever changed America's pastime. Produced by member station WTTW, the film airs at 9 pm Monday, April 7.





# The lasting impact of the Holocaust

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. a Nazi German concentration and extermination camp in occupied Poland during World War II. Renowned historian Sir Simon Schama confronts the history of the Holocaust in the most personal and unflinching film of his career. Despite a lifetime dedicated to documenting Jewish history, Simon Schama: The Holocaust,

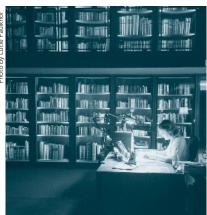


Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

80 Years On follows Schama's first ever visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau. The film airs at 8 pm Tuesday, April 22.

# Our libraries, a sanctuary for all

A beloved American institution, the public library's founding principle is simple: build a place where anyone can enter, free of charge, and encounter a universe of ideas. From award-winning filmmakers, Free For All: The Public Library premiering on Independent Lens at 9 pm Tuesday, April 29, chronicles the fascinating evolution of the American public library's trajectory from the original "Free Library Movement" that began in the late 19th century to the present, when many libraries find themselves caught in the crosshairs of the culture wars and struggling to survive amid budget cuts and closures. "Libraries are the beacon of communities where they provide access to knowledge, community, and engagement and are often overlooked, but (this film) is the story of how a simple idea shaped our nation," said Lois Vossen, executive producer of Independent Lens.



Special Collections at the Boston Public Library.







# New specials from

Several specials from PBS KIDS this month tie in to Earth Month and Autism Acceptance Month.



Find out what happens when the Wild Kratts receive an overload of calls for creature rescues in a new Wild Kratts movie, Activate Kid Power, premiering at 6 am Monday, April 7. In addition, watch Nature Cat's Nature-tastic Four Movie for more Earth Day fun at 11:30 am Tuesday, April 8.

Seasonal episodes of Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, Arthur, Curious George, Rosie's Rules, and other PBS KIDS favorites also highlight these themes. In addition, Carl the Collector, which features a raccoon on the autism spectrum, premieres new episodes. And new episodes of **Donkey** Hodie, Elinor Wonders Why, and Sesame Street round out April.

Note: Specials air throughout the month. For complete listings, go to will.illinois.edu/tv/schedule.



#### WEEKDAYS

6 am

NPR Morning Edition with Leila Fadel, Steve Inskeep, A Martínez, and Michel Martin

9 am

#### Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo

Vic makes each morning a classic morning!

Anytime Classical with John Clare NPR News Headlines at 1:01, and 3:01.

1 pm

#### **Afternoon Classics**

5 pm

NPR All Things Considered with Ailsa Chang, Mary Louise Kelly, Ari Shapiro, and Juana Summers

6 pm

The 21st Show with Brian Mackey

#### 7 pm Monday-Wednesday

#### The Evening Concert

Monday-Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm and 6-8 pm Sundays. Listings may change.

#### Monday:

#### The New York Philharmonic This Week

Beethoven: Symphony No. 1 Bruckner: Symphony No. 7 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28

To be announced

#### Tuesday:

#### Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast

Poulenc: Concerto in G Minor for Organ, Strings, and Timpani Saint-Saëns: Symphony No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 78

4/8 Augusta Read Thomas: Brio Schumann: Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 54 Richard Strauss: Ein Heldenleben, Op. 40

4/15 Bruckner: Psalm 150 Bartók: Cantata profana Brahms: A German Requiem

4/22 Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major for Violin, Viola, and Orchestra, K. 320d Mozart: Symphony No. 36 in C Major, K. 425

Sauli Zinovjev: Batteria Shostakovich: Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Shostakovich: Symphony No. 10 in E Minor

#### Wednesday:

#### WFMT Orchestra Series: The Cleveland Orchestra

Einojuhani Rautavaara: Cantus Arcticus Julia Perry: Stabat Mater Sibelius: Symphony No. 2 in D Op. 43

#### San Francisco Symphony (new season)

Jesper Nordin: Convergence Pekka Kuusisto, violin

John Adams: Naïve and Sentimental Music Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Haydn

Anders Hillborg: Piano Concerto No. 2 Beethoven: Symphony No. 2 in D Major 4/23 Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 in D Minor

Angel Blue; Tamara Mumford; Ben Bliss; Dashon Burton; SFS Chorus

4/30 Esa-Pekka Salonen: Kínēma Jens Ibsen: Drowned in Light Igor Stravinsky: Symphony in Three Movements

#### 7 pm Thursday

#### Classical Music

8 pm Thursday

#### The Middle with Jeremy Hobson

This nonpartisan live call-in talk show focuses on elevating the voices of the people in the middle of the country.

#### 7 pm Friday

#### The Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival (new season)

György Ligeti: Six Bagatelles for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, and Horn Dvořák: Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81 Kirill Gerstein, piano; Dover QuarteT

Jean-Baptiste Lully: Trios pour le coucher du roi Rachmaninoff: Trio élégiaque Piano Trio, Op. 9

Brahms: Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano 4/18 Cho-Liang Lin, violin; Jon Kimura Parker, piano Mozart: Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K. 581 David Shifrin, clarinet; Escher String Quartet

4/25 Verdi: String Quartet in E Minor Verona Quartet Bartók: String Quartet No. 5, Sz. 102 **Escher String Quartet** 

#### 8 pm Friday

#### Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft

**Penthouse Pianos** 

Light and lilting piano sounds, just right for your penthouse rendezvous.

We're in the Money (encore)

Just in time for tax season, it's a show featuring songs about money!

4/18 **Terrific Trombones** Some big brass players of the hi-fi era.

**Atomic Sampler Spring 2025** 4/25 A tasting menu, of sorts, for all the great styles you hear on the program.

#### 9 pm Friday

Night Music Andrea Blain, Scott Blankenship, and Steve Seel keep you company through the night and into the morning.

#### SATURDAYS

7 am

#### NPR Weekend Edition

with Scott Simon

9 am

#### Classics By Request

Send requests to Vincent Trauth at classreq@illinois.edu or leave a message at 217-265-5064.

11 am

#### Classics of the Phonograph

John Frayne's weekly exploration of memorable recordings from the 20th century.

- 1925: 100th Anniversary of the Beginnings of Electric Recording, Leopold Stokowski Leads the Way
- 4/12 **Electrical Recordings for the Beethoven** Centenary, 1927
- 4/19 **Outstanding Early Electrical Recordings of** the Late 1920s and Early 1930s
- 4/26 Michael Tilson Thomas Retires from the **Podium**

#### Noon

#### Afternoon at the Opera

All performances with the Metopera Ensemble.

Ainadamar (Golijov)

Miguel Harth-Bedoya cond., with Angel Blue (Margarita Xirgu), Daniela Mack (Federico Garcia Lorca), and Elena Villalon (Nuria). (Fall 2024)

Die Zauberfloete (Mozart) 4/12

Evan Rogister, cond., with Ben Bliss (Tamino), Golda Schultz (Pamina), Thomas Oliemans (Papageno), and Kathryn Lewek (Queen of the Night).

4/19 L'Assedio di Corinto (Rossini)

Thomas Schippers, cond., with Beverly Sills (Pamira), Shirley Verrett (Neocle), and Harry Theyard (Cleomene) (April 19, 1975)

Le Nozze di Figaro (Mozart) Joana Mallwitz, cond, with Michael Sumuel (Figaro), Olga Kulchynska (Susanna), Federica Lombardi (Countess), and Sun-Ly Pierce (Cherubino).

4 pm

Classical Guitar Alive! with Tony Morris

Performance Today Weekend with Fred Childs Classical music in concert from American Public Media studios and sites across the nation and around the world, as well as classical music news, interviews, and features. [Also Sundays at 2 pm]

The Midnight Special with Marilyn Rea Beyer A lively potpourri of folk, Celtic and bluegrass, show and novelty tunes, and hilarious comedy routines.

9 pm

American Parlor Songbook with JP Houston and Julie Van Dusen features clever songs, charming stories, and hilarious sketches.

NPR News Headlines at 9:01.

10 pm

Jazz Night In America with Christian McBride

11 pm

Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft (See Friday at 8 pm.)

midnight

Classics All Night

#### SUNDAYS

A Joyful Noise with Brian Lauritzen

7 am

NPR Weekend Edition with Ayesha Rascoe

9 am

**Sunday Baroque** 

Hosted by Suzanne Bona. NPR News Headlines at 9:01 and 10:01.

1 pm

Pipedreams with Michael Barone

3 pm

Performance Today Weekend

5 pm

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**PROGRAM UPDATES** from station manager Max Ramirez are on page 20.

See page 11 for more on International Jazz Day from Morocco, page 20 for more on Great Performances: Now Hear This.

6 pm

#### The Evening Concert

### The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

4/6 Jean Françaix: Trio for Violin, Viola, and Cello Paul Schoenfield: Trio for Clarinet, Violin, and

Prokofiev: String Quartet No. 2 in F Major 4/13 Henry T. Burleigh: Southland Sketches for Violin and Piano

Dvořák: Quintet in G major for Two Violins, Viola, Cello, and Bass, Op. 77

Britten: Suite for Violin and Piano, Op. 6 4/20 Mendelssohn: Piano Quartet in B Minor, Op. 3

Franck: Prélude, choral, et fugue for Piano 4/27 Fauré: Piano Quartet No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 15

7 pm

#### Fiesta! with Elbio Barilari

#### Four Latin American Composers We Need to Know Better

Constantino Gaito, Chilean Luis Saglie, Mexican Jose Elizondo, and Cuban Joaquin Nin.

4/13 Guitar Music from Argentina

Guitar music by Angel Lasala, Máximo Diego Pujol, Astor Piazzolla, and more.

4/20 Easter Celebrations

Music from Latin American and the Iberian Peninsula.

4/27 String Music by Living Latin American Composers

Eduardo Gamboa and Mexicans Francisco Cortés Álvarez, and Eduardo Angulo.

#### Early Music Now with Sara Schneider

Flora Gave Me Fairest Flowers

Music by Clemens non Papa, Ludwig Senfl, James Oswald, and John Wilbye.

Messe de Nostre Dame

The spotlight is on Guillaume de Machaut, the 14th-century poet-composer whose works inspired Chaucer and other poets.

**Holy Week** 

Performances by New York Polyphony, Les Arts Florissants, The Sixteen, and Theatre of Voices.

Day Dawns with Golden Light

Music by Orlando di Lasso, Michael Praetorius, Raphaella Aleotti and others.

9 pm

Jazz Night In America with Christian McBride

10 pm

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Harmonia with Angela Mariani

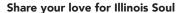
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Jill Clements, Illinois Soul Manager

Tying in to our on-air series, we feature the Top 5 R&B artists according to community members, staff members, and VIPs.



Jill Clements is the station manager for Illinois Soul and was an integral part of the station's start-up team. Prior to joining Illinois Soul, she had been IPM assistant corporate support director since 2017. She has a range of media experience in central Illinois and Chicago. Her top 5:

- 1. Luther Vandross
- 2. D'Angelo
- 3. Whitney Houston
- 4. Chaka Khan
- 5. Maxwell

# A soulful and moving portrait of funk



Filmmaker Stanley Nelson's out-of-this-world documentary will make you get up and dance. Premiering on **Independent Lens** at 8 pm Tuesday, April 8, **We Want the Funk!** is a syncopated voyage through the history of funk music, spanning from African, soul, and early jazz roots to its rise into the public consciousness. Featuring James Brown's dynamism, the extraterrestrial funk of George Clinton's Parliament Funkadelic, transformed girl group Labelle, and Fela Kuti's Afrobeat, the story also traces funk's

influences on both new wave and hip-hop. At the heart of the film are the first-hand stories, recollections, and experiences of the people who created and defined funk.

# In the hot seat: Gates explores his own roots



Cutting-edge DNA detective work solves longstanding family mysteries for actor Laurence Fishburne, left, and scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. on the final episode of season 11 of **Finding Your Roots**. The unique and emotional episode includes Gates as a guest on his own show for the first time. **Finding My Roots** airs on **Finding Your Roots** at 7 pm Tuesday, April 8.

# Health disparities for Black Americans

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. From the deep history of pseudoscientific beliefs about race that still permeate modern medicine to the latest research on how experiencing discrimination can directly damage the body's DNA and biology, **Critical Condition: Health in Black America**, airing at 8 pm Wednesday, April 30 on **NOVA**, reveals the factors behind this health crisis.



We also invite you to dig into the archives for **Dialogue**, our local public affairs program. Two episodes provide a look at Black health care in our own communities. Go to will.illinois.edu/dialogue and look for "A Dialogue on the Black community's distrust in the U.S. health care system" (June 8, 2024) and "A Dialogue on maternal health care in the Black community" (July 25, 2024).







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				6:00	Big Picture Science	Travel with Rick Steves
The 21:	st Show (repe	eat)		7:00	Living on Earth	Throughline
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				11:00	Left, Right, and Center	Le Show
				12:00- 5 am	BBC World Service	BBC World Service

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#### **AGRICULTURE**

Todd Gleason, host, Closing Market Report and Commodity Week:

Opening Market Report: 8:55 am; Market Update: 10:58 am; Midday Market Report: 12:58; Closing Market Report: 2:06. Fridays: Commodity Week: 2:30; Grain Market Summary: 4:32.

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WILL Call: Wednesdays at 6:45 & 9:45 am and Thursdays at 5:44 pm on AM 580 and FM 90.9



#### WEATHER

Monday-Friday

Weather forecasts from meteorologist Andrew Pritchard throughout the day.





Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Newsline	5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
Classical Stretch (M,W,F) Sit and Be Fit (T, Th)	5:30	Arthur	Arthur
Wild Kratts	6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
Alma's Way	6:30	Alma's Way	Alma's Way
Lyla in the Loop	7:00	Lyla in the Loop	Lyla in the Loop
Carl the Collector	7:30	Carl the Collector	Carl the Collector
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
Rosie's Rules	8:30	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
Sesame Street	9:00	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
Work It Out Wombats!	9:30	Work It Out Wombats!	Work It Out Wombats!
Donkey Hodie	10:00	MotorWeek	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack
Pinkalicious & Peterrific	10:30	Garden SMART 4/19 Praire Fire	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
Elinor Wonders Why	11:00	Mid American Gardener	Rick Steves' Europe 4/20 Prairie Fire
Nature Cat	11:30	Christina Cooks: Back to the Cutting Board	Market to Market
Molly of Denali	Noon	America's Test Kitchen	4/6
Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	12:30	Cook's Country	Noon Doc Martin 5:00 PBS News Weekend 5:30 Ireland with Michael 6:00 Miss Fisher's Murder
Arthur	1:00	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television	Mysteries  4/13  Noon Doc Martin
Odd Squad	1:30	Milk Street's My Family Recipe 4/26 America the Bountiful	3:00 Rick Steves Poland 4:00 Rick Steves European Easter 5:00 PBS News Weekend
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4/29 Defying the Nazis: Sharps' War  W 4/2 American Masters: Liza 4/9 Independent Lens: We Want the Funk		Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out (begins 4/26)	<b>4/27</b> Noon Great Performances at the Met
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4/29 Stories of Survival (Holocaust) (4:30)  W 4/16 Local 1196: A Steelworkers Strike 4/32 The Cure for Hate 4/30 POV Shorts (4:30)  Th Environmental programming F Environmental programming 4/25 Genius by Steven Hawking	4:30	Ask This Old House	See page 3 for Specials from PBS KIDS!
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BBC World News America	5:30	Antiques Roadshow	
PBS News Hour	6:00		Lillie Duncanson, Director of
	6:30	As Time Goes By	Broadcast Operations



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# New Zealand mystery series premieres April 5



The Brokenwood Mysteries is a quirky New Zealand mystery series that follows DI Mike Shepherd (Neill Rea), who arrives to the seemingly peaceful town of Brokenwood with a classic car, a country music collection, and an indeterminate number of exwives. His assistant, DC Kristin Sims (Fern Sutherland), is a by-the-book investigator who is 15 years younger than her boss's car. Shepherd soon discovers that Brokenwood is full of secrets and suspicions. Each feature in the series is a stand-alone story that sees the show's two lead police officers and their

trusty team — including Detective Constable Daniel Chalmers (Jarod Rawiri) and Pathologist Dr Gina Kadinsky (Cristina londa) — trying to solve a murder. The Brokenwood Mysteries premieres at 9:30 pm Saturday, April 5.

# A bittersweet story of family, pain, and healing

In Chloe Abrahams' debut feature documentary, The Taste of Mango, she probes at raw questions family members have long brushed aside, untangling painful knots in her family's unspoken past.



The cinematic love letter spanning time and generations, has at its center three extraordinary women: the director's mother, Rozana; her grandmother, Jean; and the director herself. Their stories — by turns difficult and jubilant — testify to the entangled and ever-changing nature of inheritance and the ways in which we both hurt and protect the ones we love. The film is a vital look at the far-reaching effects of male violence and a personal meditation on family, memory, identity, solidarity, joy, and love. The Taste of Mango premieres on POV at 9 pm Monday, April 28.

# Join Pati Jinich on a Panamerican adventure

James Beard Award-winning author and Emmy-nominated host Pati Jinich is host and executive producer of a new primetime docuseries, Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana. The three-part series premieres Tuesdays at 8 pm beginning April 29. Known for her captivating exploration into



understanding cultural identity through shared meals, Jinich's lifelong work has been focused on building bridges between her two beloved countries — her homeland of Mexico and her current home in the United States. This series expands this remarkable endeavor on a journey inspired by the Pan-American Highway, a symbol of connection and collaboration between countries from Alaska to Argentina. In season 1, Jinich travels from the top of Alaska to southern Alberta, beginning an epic adventure along the length of the Western Hemisphere and delving into our migratory evolution, history, and identity as citizens of the Americas.

# A (truly terrific true) portrait of Liza Minnelli

American Masters provides an intimate look into the life of Liza Minnelli, the iconic actress best known for her Oscarwinning performance in "Cabaret." Following in the footsteps of her mother, the legendary Judy Garland, Minnelli used her boundless raw talent to overcome hardship and build her own legacy with support from mentors like Kay Thompson, Fred Ebb, Charles Aznavour, Halston, and Bob Fosse. Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story airs on American Masters at 8 pm Tuesday, April 1.



# Celebrating jazz around the globe



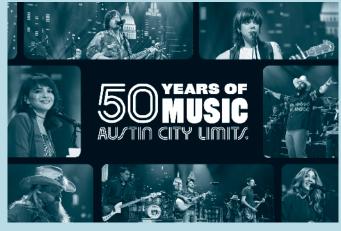
International Jazz Day from Morocco premieres at 9 pm Friday, April 25. Marking the culmination of the 13th annual International Jazz Day (2024), the event features a historic all-star Global Concert from the new Palace of Arts and Culture of Tangier. Hosted by internationally acclaimed actor Jeremy Irons, the concert features world-renowned artists, including master Gnawa musician Abdella El Gourd (Morocco) and jazz icon Herbie Hancock, along with many others. The

International Jazz Day 2024 celebration included thousands of performances, master classes, jam sessions, education programs, and community service and outreach initiatives in more than 190 countries, culminating in the Global Concert.

# Performances honor 50 years of 'Austin City Limits'

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of Austin City Limits includes musical performances, salutes to Willie Nelson and Stevie Ray Vaughan, as well as behindthe-scenes interviews and vintage clips. Longtime Austin City Limits supporters and Austin-based actors Jared and Genevieve Padalecki co-host the celebratory evening. Airing at 8 pm Friday, April 4, Austin **City Limits Celebrates 50** Years is a two-hour primetime

special saluting the trailblazing



live music series' historic milestone. Music luminaries and some of the brightest stars in the show's five-decade history return to the fabled ACL stage for this momentous occasion. The music-filled night commemorates the series' legacy as an American music institution for a remarkable halfcentury.



### **Tuesday**

#### Finding Your Roots (TV-PG)

Moving On Up. Henry Louis Gates Jr. 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. Repeated 2 pm 4/2, 4 am 4/3 & 4 am 4/7.

#### 8:00 American Masters (DVS)

Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story. See page 11. Repeated 1 am 4/2, 3 pm 4/2, 2 am 4/3 & 2 am 4/6.

#### 10:00 Showstoppers! Great Women of TV Variety (TV-G)

Hosted by Grammy Award winner Debby Boone, this special is a dazzling musical comedy salute to the history-making women of 1960s and '70s TV variety shows.

#### 11:00 Amanpour and Company

# 2 Wednesday

7:00 Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)

Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise: Sanctuary. Part 1 of 3. In Tanzania's Katavi National Park, the rains have stopped much earlier than usual, and six weeks have passed without a drop. Meet the hippo, crocodile, and lion families who must prepare to face the worst drought in almost a 100 years. Repeated 2 pm 4/3 & 12 am 4/6.

#### NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS) 8:00

When Whales Could Walk. Egyptian desert fossils reveal clues to the evolution of the biggest animals on Earth. Repeated 2 pm 4/4.

#### The Future of Nature (TV-PG) 9:00

Grasslands. Part 2 of 4. The most animal numbers are found in Earth's grasslands. The latest science reveals their importance to our future and what we can do to restore them to health and abundance. Repeated 1 am 4/3, 3 pm 4/4 & 1 am 4/6.

#### 10:00 Dynamic Planet (TV-PG)

Fire. Part 2 of 4. With global temperatures on the rise and ecosystems destabilizing, those living and working on the front line of change examine how science, nature, and tradition play crucial roles in preparing us for a rapidly evolving future. Repeated 4 pm 4/4.

#### 11:00 Amanpour and Company

### **3** Thursday

Mid American Gardener 7:00

7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G) Tree Diagnosis, Home Checklist.

#### 8:00 Father Brown (TV-PG)

The Royal Visit. Season 10, episode 6 of 10. The visit by Princess Margaret is jeopardized when a school janitor is found murdered. Repeated 1 am 4/4, 7 pm 4/5 & 2 pm 4/7.

#### 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14) Blood and Circuses. Season 1, episode 11 of 13. The carnival is in town. Fun turns to horror when one of the sideshow acts is murdered. Repeated 2 am 4/4 & 6 pm 4/6.

#### 10:00 Death In Paradise (TV-PG)

Season 13, episode 3 of 8. A famous chef is poisoned at his own cooking competition. Repeated 3 am 4/4.

#### 11:00 Amanpour and Company

### **4** Friday

Washington Week with the Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 **Austin City Limits Celebrates** 50 Years (TV-PG)

See page 11. Repeated 1 am 4/5.

#### 10:00 Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame: Inaugural Induction Ceremony (TV-G)

This film invites viewers to come along for a journey into the heart and soul of American folk music as we welcome the first class of inductees into the hall. This special captures the essence of a genre deeply rooted in tradition yet constantly evolving.

#### 11:00 Amanpour and Company

# **5** Saturday

#### Father Brown (TV-PG)

The Royal Visit. See 8 pm 4/3. Repeated 2 pm 4/7.

#### 8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)

Happy Families, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 22, episodes 5 & 6 of 12. DCI Barnaby and DS Winter are called in to investigate the death of Victor Karras, a manufacturer of exclusive board games, who appears to have been poisoned.

#### 9:30 The Brokenwood Mysteries (TV-14)

Blood and Water. Season 1, episode 1 of 4. See page 10. After two fishermen find a farmer's body in a river, Detective Inspector Mike Shepherd is dispatched to the rural town of Brokenwood to investigate the suspicious

#### 11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG) Wynonna.

### **6** Sunday

#### Call the Midwife (TV-14) (DVS)

Season 14, episode 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. Repeated 12:30 am 4/7 & 2 am 4/8.

#### 8:00 Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)

Defiance. Season 1, episode 3 of 6. Rebels in the North demand Cromwell's head and a return to the old Catholic ways. Repeated 1:30 am 4/7 & 3 am 4/8.

#### 9:00 Marie Antoinette (TV-14)

Treacherous Legacy. Season 2, episode 3 of 8. The people of Paris openly protest against Marie Antoinette as she protects her unborn child. Repeated 2:30 am 4/7 & 4 am 4/8.

#### 10:00 The Paris Murders (TV-14)

Camera Face. Season 2, episode 3 of 12. Rocher and his team are being filmed at work by a team of journalists, while Chloe runs into a brilliant old acquaintance in a psychiatric hospital.

#### 11:00 Velvet (TV-14)

Blue Velvet. Season 1, episode 13 of 16. Grace of Monaco visits Velvet. Cristina surprises Alberto with a party at the country club and learns things about Ana she never expected.

### **7** Monday

Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)

Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms.

8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)

Birmingham, Hour 2.

9:00 The Black Sox Scandal: American Stories (TV-PG) (DVS)

See page 2.

10:00 POV (TV-14) (DVS)

He's My Brother. Christine's brother Peter experiences his world through touch, smell, and taste. Now 30 years old, Peter's family is having trouble finding the proper care for his multiple disabilities. This film explores how the family works to assure him a dignified life once his parents are gone. Repeated 1 am 4/8 & 3 am 4/9.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

### **8** Tuesday

Finding Your Roots (TV-PG)

Finding My Roots. See page 7. Repeated 2 pm 4/9, 4 am 4/10, 2 am 4/13, 4 am 4/14 &

Independent Lens (TV-14) (DVS) 8:00

We Want The Funk! See page 7. Repeated 1 am 4/9, 3 pm 4/9 & 2 am 4/10.

10:00 Earth, Wind & Fire: iHeartRadio Live (TV-G) Join the legendary Grammy Award-winning band Earth, Wind & Fire for an unforgettable night of music and celebration. With their signature blend of soul, funk, pop, and R&B, the band delivers a high-energy performance filled with timeless hits.

11:30 Amanpour and Company

# **9** Wednesday

Nature (TV-14) (DVS)

Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise: Purgatory. Part 2 of 3. The severe drought is more intense than anything Katavi has witnessed. The natural order of life 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 across the parched land. Repeated 2 pm 4/10 & 12 am 4/13.

8:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS)

Revolutionary War Weapons. In 1775, the American Colonial Army must militarily defeat the world's most powerful nation. This unique film brings the latest science to bear to reveal the hidden history of the Revolutionary War. Repeated 2 pm 4/11.

9:00 The Future of Nature (TV-G)

Forests. Part 3 of 4. 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 our forests. Repeated 1 am 4/10, 3 pm 4/11 & 1 am 4/13.

10:00 Dynamic Planet (TV-PG)

Water. Part 3 of 4. With our warming planet altering our oceans, an extraordinary team of marine experts dives into how science, nature, and tradition can prepare us for a fastchanging future. Repeated 4 pm 4/11.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

# **10** Thursday

Mid American Gardener

7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G) Retaining Wall, Mini Split Upkeep.

8.00 Father Brown (TV-PG)

The Show Must Go On. Season 10, episode 7 of 10. Father Brown discovers there's more drama offstage than on in the latest production by the Kembleford Players. . Repeated 1 am 4/11, 7 pm 4/12 & 2 pm 4/14.

Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14) Murder in the Dark. Season 1, episode 12 of 13. Phryne's cousins and Aunt Prudence's entire household come under suspicion when a young girl is found drowned in her aunt's fountain on the eve of a lavish fancy dress party. Repeated 2 am 4/11 & 6 pm 4/13.

10:00 Death In Paradise (TV-PG)

Season 13, episode 4 of 8. An elecrocultion at a substation introduces the team to the baffling world of crypto. Repeated 3 am 4/11.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

# **11** Friday

7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 **Great Performances** (TV-G) Now Hear This: Chopin's Polish Heart. See page 20.

9:00 **Great Performances** (TV-PG)

The Magic of Nureyev. Experience Rudolf Nureyev's revolutionary 1964 production of "Swan Lake" with ballerina Margot Fonteyn through extensive excerpts and interviews with their fellow dancers Michael Birkmeyer, Gisela Cech, and others as they analyze Nureyev's virtuosity. Repeated 1 am 4/12.

10:00 Secrets of the Royal Palaces (TV-PG) Buckingham Palace. Part 1 of 4. The origins of Buckingham Palace, and the most haphazard royal wedding in history. Repeated 4 pm 4/14.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

# **12** Saturday

7:00 Father Brown (TV-PG)

The Show Must Go On. See 8 pm 4/10. Repeated 2 pm 4/14.

8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)

Scarecrow Murders, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 22, episodes 7 & 8 of 12. A scarecrow festival to raise church funds takes a grisly turn when dead bodies are found staged like the festival's straw creations.

9:31 The Brokenwood Mysteries (TV-14) Sour Grapes. Season 1, episode 2 of 4. See page 10.

11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG) Juanes.



## **13** Sunday

Call the Midwife (TV-14) (DVS)

Season 14, episode 3 of 8. Rosalind delivers a baby with a suspicious spinal lesion, and Dr. Turner suspects spina bifida. Repeated 12:30 am 4/14 & 2 am 4/15.

8:00 Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)

> Jenneke. Season 1, episode 4 of 6. The birth of a prince comes at a terrible price, and Cromwell must help the King remarry. Repeated 1:30 am 4/14 & 3 am 4/15.

9:00 Marie Antoinette (TV-14)

The Pursuit of Happiness. Season 2, episode 4 of 8. Marie Antoinette overhauls her image, and the King and Queen find happiness when they exerience a taste of "ordinary" life. Repeated 2:30 am 4/14 & 4 am 4/15.

10:00 The Paris Murders (TV-MA)

On the List. Season 2, episode 4 of 12. A school shooter is stopped by a professor, who kills him and then flees the scene.

11:00 Velvet (TV-14)

Compassionate Lies. Season 1, episode 14 of 16. When Cristina sees Alberto and Ana together, her worst fears seem to be confirmed.

### **14** Monday

Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Maryland Zoo, Hour 1.

Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) 8.00

Birmingham, Hour 3.

The Corridors of Power (TV-MA) 9:00

After the Soviet Union's collapse, America became the world's sole superpower. But at what cost? Rare archives and in-depth testimony offer insights into the "what" and "why" behind the White House's key decisionmakers. Repeated 2 am 4/17.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

### **15** Tuesday

Finding Your Roots (TV-PG) (DVS)

Anchormen. Henry Louis Gates introduces trail-blazing journalists Jim Acosta and Van Jones to the ancestors who blazed a trail for them, meeting runaway slaves and immigrant settlers. Repeated 2 pm 4/16, 4 am 4/17 & 4 am 4/21.

8:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-PG) (DVS)

Chosen. Henry Louis Gates helps actors David Duchovny and Richard Kind trace their roots from Jewish communities in Eastern Europe to the United States. Repeated 3 pm 4/15.

9:00 The Jewish Journey: America (TV-G)

This film tells the story of Jewish life in the old country, why Jews left their respective homes to journey to the U.S., the establishment of communities, and the great accomplishments they made.

10:00 American Masters (TV-MA) (DVS)

Art Spiegelman: Disaster Is My Muse. Discover the career of cartoonist Art Spiegelman and the ground-breaking impact of his Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel Maus, which tells the story of his parents' survival of the Holocaust. Repeated 2 am 4/16 & 2 am 4/20.

### **16** Wednesday

7:00 Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)

Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise: Salvation. Part 3 of 3. Katavi gets more hellish by the day, even the adaptable crocodiles are dying. At last, the rains return but become floods of biblical proportion. Repeated 2 pm 4/17 & 12 am 4/20.

8:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS)

Secrets of the Forest. See page 1. Repeated

9:00 The Future of Nature (TV-G)

Humans. Part 4 of 4. 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 LA, the bogs of Ireland, and the favelas of Rio for a deeper look. Repeated 1 am 4/17, 3 pm 4/18 & 1 am 4/20.

10:00 Dynamic Planet (TV-PG)

Earth. Part 4 of 4. Amid shifts in Earth's climate, once-stable ecosystems are now in turmoil. Experts, Indigenous communities, and megafauna from the Arctic to the Amazon reveal how science, nature, and tradition can help prepare us for a fast-changing future. Repeated 4 pm 4/18.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

### **17** Thursday

Candy Foster: Á Musical Witness

See page 2.

7:30 **Prairie Fire** 

See page 2. Father Brown (TV-PG) 8.00

The Sands of Time. Season 10, episode 8 of 10. Brenda finds love at the home of a clock collector, but has she fallen for a killer? Repeated 1 am 4/18, 7 pm 4/19 & 2 pm 4/21.

9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14) King Memses' Curse. Season 1, episode 13 of 13. Murdoch Foyle is at large and has been connected with the mysterious death of antique dealer Albert Monkton. Repeated 2 am 4/18 & 6 pm 4/20.

10:00 Death In Paradise (TV-PG)

Season 13, episode 5 of 8. Marlon's old boss is murdered, and the only witness is his pet parrot. Repeated 3 am 4/18.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

### **18** Friday

7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 **Great Performances (TV-G)** Now Hear This: Boccherini: Night Music.

**Great Performances** (TV-G) 9:00

See page 20.

The Magic of Spirituals. Glimpse behind the curtain at opera legends Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman's famed concert at Carnegie Hall on March 18, 1990, with performance clips and interviews. Repeated 1 am 4/19.

10:00 Secrets of the Royal Palaces (TV-PG) Westminster. Part 2 of 4. Secrets of Westminster, including a tunnel and hologram portrait of the Queen. Repeated 4 pm 4/21.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

## **19** Saturday

7:00 Father Brown (ŤV-PG)

The Sands of Time. See 8 pm 4/17. Repeated

8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)

> For Death Prepare, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 22, episodes 9 & 10 of 12. An amateur opera company is in the middle of rehearsals for a charity concert, when a dead body is found in the theatre.

9:31 The Brokenwood Mysteries (TV-14)

> Playing the Lie. Season 1, episode 3 of 4. See page 10. Golfers encounter the club's owner with her face blistering and gasping for her last breath.

11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)

Brandi Carlile

### **20** Sunday

7:00 Call the Midwife (TV-14) (DVS)

Season 14, episode 4 of 8. New postulant Sister Catherine arrives at Nonnatus House. Disappointment strikes as responses for the measles vaccination clinic remain low. Repeated 12:30 am 4/21 & 2 am 4/22.

Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on 8:00 MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)

Mirror. Season 1, episode 5 of 6. Cromwell brings Anne of Cleves to England to be Henry's new wife. Repeated 1:30 am 4/21 & 3 am 4/22.

9:00 Marie Antoinette (TV-14)

Enemies Assemble. Season 2, episode 5 of 8. When Marie Antoinette is implicated in the diamond necklace theft, she is determined to prove her innocence and punish those responsible. Repeated 2: 30 am 4/21 & 4 am 4/22.

10:00 The Paris Murders (TV-14)

Storms, Part 1 of 2. Season 2, episode 5 of 12. As a storm is raging outside, Chloe is stuck on Belle-Ile, where a criminology conference gives way to a bloodbath and a killer is on the loose.

11:00 Velvet (TV-14)

Night of the Queen. Season 1, episode 15 of 16. The day before the wedding, Cristina's dress disappears, and Ana must do her best to save the ceremony.

### **21** Monday

Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) 7:00 Maryland Zoo, Hour 2.

8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Santa Clara, Hour 1.

9:00 Water for Life (TV-14) See page 1. Repeated 2 am 4/23.

10:30 Return: Native American Women Reclaim Foodways For Health & Spirit (TV-PG)

Explore the food sovereignty movement occurring across the country through the stories of women championing the return to traditional food sources.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

# **22** Tuesday

7:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-PG) (DVS)

Out of the Past. Henry Louis Gates uncovers the lost roots of actors Billy Crudup and Tamera Mowry-Housley, traveling back generations to recount significant events in history. Repeated 2 pm 4/23, 4 am 4/24, 2 am 4/27 & 4 am 4/28.

8:00 Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On (TV-14)

> See page 3. Repeated 3 pm 4/23 & 3 am 4/24.

9:00 Defying The Nazis: The Sharps' War (TV-PG) (DVS)

> A 2016 film by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky. Join an American couple's courageous mission in 1939 to help refugees escape Nazi-occupied Europe. Over the course of two years, the pair will risk their lives so that hundreds can live in freedom. Repeated 3 pm 4/29.

10:30 Frontline

Alaska's Vanishing Native Villages. Why Alaska Native communities are relocating and struggling to preserve their traditions. Also, an investigation into Russian atrocities in Bucha, Ukraine. Repeated 1 am 4/24.

11:30 Amanpour and Company

# 23 Wednesday

Nature (TV-G) (DVS)

Penguins: Meet The Family. A celebration of one of Earth's most iconic and beloved birds, featuring footage of all 17 species of penguins for the first time from New Zealand, Cape Town, the Galapagos Islands, and Antarctica. Repeated 2 pm 4/24 & 12 am 4/27.

NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS) 8:00

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. Repeated 2 pm 4/25.

9:00 Changing Planet (TV-PG) (DVS) River Restoration. See page 1. Repeated 1 am 4/24, 3 pm 4/24 & 1 am 4/27.

10:00 Water: The Sacred Gift (TV-G) See page 1.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

## **24** Thursday

7:00 Mid American Gardener

7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G) Irrigation Add-On, Stripped Holes.

8:00 Father Brown (TV-PG)

The Wheels of Wrath. Season 10, episode 9 of 10. A group of bikers cause outrage and excitement in equal measure. Repeated 1 am 4/25, 7 pm 4/26 & 2 pm 4/28.

9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14) Murder Most Scandalous. Season 2, episode 1 of 13. When Jack's ex father-in-law is implicated in the brutal murder of a prostitute, Jack is determined to clear his name. Repeated 2 am 4/25 & 6 pm 4/27.

10:00 Death In Paradise (TV-PG)

Season 13, episode 6 of 8. The team is counfounded by a shocking murder in a hotel lift. Repeated 3 am 4/25.

11:00 Amanpour and Company



# **25** Friday

Washington Week with the Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 **Great Performances (TV-G)** 

> Now Hear This: Rachmaninoff Reborn. See page 20.

International Jazz Day from Morocco (TV-G) 9:00 See page 11. Repeated 1 am 4/26.

10:00 Secrets of the Royal Palaces (TV-PG)

Windsor Castle. Part 3 of 4. Windsor Castle is the largest permanently lived-in castle in the world, and happens to be packed with secrets. Repeated 4 pm 4/28.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

### **26** Saturday

Father Brown (TV-PG)

The Wheels of Wrath. See 8 pm 4/24. Repeated 2 pm 4/28.

Midsomer Murders (TV-PG) 8:00

Witches of Angel's Rise, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 22, episodes 11 & 12 of 12. When a body is found surrounded by ritual symbols on the eve of a Psychic Fayre, Barnaby must step into the spiritual world of mediums, psychics, and occult followers to find the killer.

The Brokenwood Mysteries (TV-14) 9:30 Hunting the Stag. Season 1, episode 4 of 4. See page 10. During a hunting trip, a hunter ends up with a bullet in the head.

11:02 Austin City Limits (TV-PG) Bonnie Raitt

### **27** Sunday

7:00 Call the Midwife (TV-14) (DVS)

Season 14, episode 5 of 8. On her rounds, Sister Julienne visits a pregnant woman living in an abandoned warehouse with visible bruises who refuses an examination. Meanwhile, the Nonnatus team cares for a man confined to an iron lung after being paralyzed by polio. Repeated 12:30 am 4/21 & 2 am 4/22.

Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light 8:00 on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS) Light. Season 1, episode 6 of 6. Fortune's wheel turns as Cromwell finally finds himself in Henry's crosshairs. Repeated 1:30 am 4/28 & 3 am 4/29.

9:00 Marie Antoinette (TV-14) Hated, Humbled, Mortified. Season 2, episode 6 of 8. As the public trial begins, events quickly spiral out of Marie Antoinette and Louis' control. Repeated 2:30 am 4/28 &

10:00 The Paris Murders (TV-14)

4 am 4/29.

Storms, Part 2 of 2. Season 2, episode 6 of 12. The worst demons of the DPJ come back to haunt the investigators when Chloe is accused of being the congress' killer and Adele helps exonerate her.

**11:00 Velvet** (TV-14)

Countdown. Season 1, episode 16 of 16. The big day has come, and Cristina must approve the new dress Ana made overnight. Alberto receives a mysterious letter.

### **28** Monday

Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Maryland Zoo, Hour 3.

**Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G) 8:00

Santa Clara, Hour 2.

9:00 **POV** (TV-14) (DVS) The Taste of Mango. See page 10. Repeated 3 am 4/30.

10:30 POV Shorts (TV-14) (DVS)

Until He's Back. Ahmed must find a way to get his son's remains back home to Morocco so he can say goodbye.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

# **29** Tuesday

Finding Your Roots (TV-14) (DVS) Forever Young. Henry Louis Gates Jr. meets Valerie Bertinelli and Brendan Fraser, two actors who found fame when they were young and lived their lives in the limelight, cut off from their roots. Repeated 2 pm 4/30.

8:00 Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana (TV-PG) Alaska — Wild Harvest. Part 1 of 3. See page 10. Repeated 12:30 am 4/30.

9:00 Independent Lens (TV-14) (DVS) Free for All: The Public Library. See page 3. Repeated 1:30 am 4/30 & 3 pm 4/30.

10:30 POV Shorts (TV-14) (DVS) This Sacred Place. New worlds unfold in stories of tradition and hometown pride. Repeated 4:30 pm 4/30.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

### **30** Wednesday

Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)

Niagara Falls. Embark to this geological wonder and witness its stunning beauty and a wide variety of wildlife mammals, birds, and reptiles that call it home. Three separate waterfalls combine to form the second largest waterfall in the world.

2.00 NOVA (TV-14) (DVS) Critical Condition: Health In Black America. See page 7.

10:00 Art + Medicine: Speaking of Race (TV-PG) This film connects the arts and health care through the power of storytelling. Physicians share their experiences with race, racism, disparities in health care and representation, and anti-racist efforts in the medical community.

11:00 Amanpour and Company



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### COMING AND GOING THIS MONTH TO





#### APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Calling: A Medical School Journey, 4/15

American Masters: Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story, 4/30

#### **Great Performances**

• Movies for Grownups Awards with AARP the Magazine, 4/10

#### **Independent Lens**

- Minted, 4/6
- Skin of Glass, 4/18
- Without Arrows, 4/8

Prue Leith's Cotswold Kitchen: Alison **Hammond**, 4/16

Roots of Comedy with Jesus Trejo, 4/1 Walter Presents (with English subtitles)

- A Dangerous Friendship, season 1, 4/18 (French)
- Evilside, season 1, 4/4 (Finnish)

#### LEAVING SOON

#### American Experience

• The Great Famine, 4/2

#### **David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer** Conversations

- Mark Benioff, 4/7
- Jeff Bezos, 4/14

#### **Great Performances**

- Romeo & Juliet, 4/23
- The Conductor, 4/25
- Now Hear This: New American Voices. 4/29

Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World, 4/22

A Murder of Crows, season 1, 4/1

- Sharks of Hawaii, 4/21
- The Leopard Legacy, 4/14

The Crimson Rivers, season 2, 4/1

Go to will.illinois.edu/ passport, your TV's app menu, or your preferred streaming device, and find



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# Support IPM's spring radio fund drive

Taking place from April 29 to May 1, our spring radio fund drive comes at an important moment for Illinois Public Media. In a time when the need for trustworthy news is more critical than ever, we remain committed to being a source of clarity. And we also provide important musical companionship in a world full of noise. Whether it's staying informed through our balanced news coverage or enjoying the timeless beauty of a great song, WILL radio strives to be a resource you can count on, every day.



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spreading the word. Encourage friends, family, and local businesses in central Illinois to get involved and support this public media station. If you are willing to share your thoughts, please reach out via email to will-membership@illinois.edu. Throughout the month, we will share stories and testimonials of how our stations touch the lives of our community members.

# Ebertfest returns April 23-26



Chaz Ebert and the University of Illinois College of Media announced the opening night film of the 2025 Roger Ebert's Film Festival will be a new 70mm print of the Western classic "The Searchers," starring John Wayne and Natalie Wood. The fourday festival — named after Pulitzer Prizewinning film critic and Illinois journalism alumnus Roger Ebert — will be held Wednesday-Saturday, April 23-April 26 at the historic Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign. Todd Phillips' comedy

classic "The Hangover" will close the festival with a Q&A with producer Scott Budnick immediately following the screening.

Other films include a 40th-anniversary screening of "Desperately Seeking Susan" with director Susan Seidelman and actor Rosanna Arquette in attendance; "His Three Daughters" with director Azazel Jacobs; "Touch" with director Baltasar Kormákur; "Harlan County U.S.A." with director Barbara Kopple; "A Little Prayer" with director Angus MacLachlan and actor David Strathairn; and "Color Book" with director David Fortune, actors William Catlett and Jeremiah Daniels, and producer Kiah Clingman.

Festival passes and individual film tickets are on sale at thevirginia.org or scan the QR Code at right. For more information, visit ebertfest.com.



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# ILLINOIS PUBLIC MEDIA 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Just as Champaign-Urbana lies at the intersection of three major interstates, so too is Illinois Public Media uniquely positioned at the intersection of the University of Illinois, NPR, and PBS. We unite the missions of these three entities in executing our own mission to enrich the lives of individuals in our community through the power of public media. In 2024, we worked to make our programming, events, and news an inclusive space for all to enjoy. Below is a brief snapshot of what you can find in the 2024 Illinois Public Media Annual Report. The full report will be available on April 7 and you may view and download it at will. Illinois. edu/about/annual reports. If you would like to receive a free print copy of our annual report, please email will-membership@illinois.edu.

#### Unapologetically amplifying Black voices



In February, we a new radio station in the Illinois Public Media ecosystem highlighting Black experiences, celebrating Black

culture, elevating Black voices, and showcasing Black music. From the station's inception, Illinois Soul has been rooted in the idea of intentionally changing the media landscape with the support and guidance from respected Black community leaders and Black University of Illinois professionals who are advocating for the mission of the station and for its listeners. Additionally, we received feedback from more than 350 surveys distributed and filled out locally — along with conversations at nearly 30 public events. From these efforts, a new 24/7 public media audio service was born, featuring exceptional, Blackhosted NPR news programs alongside other popular programs, mixed with smooth jazz, neo soul, R&B, and throwback jams. Hosting countless community events and already recognized with several local and regional awards, Illinois Soul has provided a much-needed resource to central Illinois and deepened our connection with the diverse communities we serve.

#### Community conversations expand

With the launch of Illinois Soul came a new weekly

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local community affairs magazine program, **Dialogue**, highlighting issues important to Black communities in central Illinois. In May, Illinois Public Media was excited to welcome Kennedy Vincent as the new permanent host of the program and as a specialty reporter for Black and immigrant communities for IPM News. Vincent is a native of Las Vegas with West Indian roots who earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada Reno. She specializes in news writing, hosting, and audio and video producing, and production work. Now based in Illinois, Vincent is focused on surrounding her work with collective BIPOC stories, universal rights, and community healing. Each week **Dialogue** features interviews with people across the region along with in-depth stories from the IPM News team about education, health, politics, arts, and more as it relates to local Black communities.

Award-winning programming

As WILL-TV's Prairie Fire settled into its second season, the program was nominated for seven Mid-America regional Emmy Awards, bringing home four statues from the 2024 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Mid-America Regional Chapter Emmy Awards ceremony in Kansas City in October. Chiefly



#### 50 years of friendship

Everyone knows a friend on in good times and bad times. And perhaps that's why in 1974 the small group of community members



that helped create a member organization for supporters of the WILL stations aptly named our donors for what they are, our "friends." This year, we celebrated 50 years of the Friends of WILL During the last half of 2024, we revisited how the Friends came to be and how those first volunteers helped expand WILL's outreach — creating a platform for the central Illinois community to invest in our future. We featured some of our nearest and dearest, both new and old, learning more about what motivates each of them to invest in Illinois Public Media. And in October, we welcomed NPR Weekend Edition host Scott Simon to Urbana for a special afternoon with the Friends of WILL. The 21st Show host Brian Mackey talked with Simon about growing up in Illinois, his long and storied career in journalism, and his thoughts on the upcoming November election. It really was a lovely afternoon together.

# Schedule updates for WILL Classical 90.9 FM

By Max Ramirez Manager, WILL Classical 90.9 FM



In an effort to increase your access to the broad spectrum of classical music, we are making a few changes to our schedule on WILL Classical 90.9 FM.

You may have already noticed a new addition to your Sunday morning. Airing Sundays at 6 am, A Joyful Noise celebrates the vast choral tradition that has soothed souls and fed spirits for centuries. Each week, host Brian Lauritzen brings you works spanning a millennium, from Gregorian chant to contemporary works and everything in between.

Max Ramirez

Pipedreams returns to Sundays at 1 pm. Hosted by Michael Barone, Pipedreams explores the full range of the art and potential of the pipe organ, from majestic instruments in cathedrals and concert halls to the "mighty Wurlitzers" of movie houses.

Classical Guitar Alive! will return to Classical 90.9 Sundays at 4 pm. Host Tony Morris guides you down a beautiful path of classical guitar melodies that are sure to brighten your afternoon. Alongside interviews with leading guitar performers and composers, the show highlights a vast repertoire of music, including guitar-related music of other cultures.

In order to accomodate these changes that bring you even more classical music, we have opted to stop running All Things Considered Weekends on Classical 90.9. ATC will continue to be part of the weekend news schedule on WILL-AM 580.

For our full schedule, see pages 4–5. It's a privilege to provide such influential and inspiring programs to you. Many of these changes were made because of your devotion to WILL and your invaluable feedback. I appreciate your continued listening and support of WILL Classical 90.9 FM.

# New season of 'Now Hear This' premieres

By Katie Buzard, Clef Notes editor

Now Hear This returns to WILL-TV this month for another spectacular season Fridays at 8 pm beginning April 11. Brought to you by Great Performances, the miniseries takes viewers on a voyage of musical discovery. Each week, travel with host Scott Yoo, violinist, composer, and Mexico City Philharmonic's chief conductor, as he reveals the creative process behind a



diverse range of classical music. Season 6 explores themes of displacement with four immigrant composers who embraced their adopted countries while still longing for their homelands.

First, Yoo and pianist Jan Lisiecki investigate Frédéric Chopin's Polish roots and life in Paris in Chopin's Polish Heart (April 11), charting the composer's musical evolution and his deep connection to his homeland while living in France. Yoo and Lisiecki explore the folk music of Poland and the Romantic-era artists and musicians of Paris — Chopin's diverging inspirations.

In the second episode, Boccherini: Night Music (April 18), Yoo and a group of young musicians take viewers on an all-night musical walking tour of Madrid. They reveal Italian cellist Luigi Boccherini's deep love for the city and learn how his iconic "Night Music of the Streets of Madrid" was inspired by his time in Spain, blending history and the pulse of the streets.

Next, the show follows Sergei Rachmaninoff's transformation from a Russian aristocrat to an American artist after the Bolshevik revolution in *Rachmaninoff Reborn* (April 25). Forced to rebuild at 44 after losing his home, family fortune, and musical inspiration, the composer reinvented himself in the American image.

Finally, Yoo explores Agustin Barrios' journey from rural Paraguay to global recognition as a guitar composer in **Barrios: Chopin of the Guitar** (May 2). Despite facing rejection and personal struggles, Barrios' innovative compositions and passion for Latin American folk music made him a 20th-century icon.

To read more from Clef Notes, go to will.illinois.edu/clefnotes (QR Code at right).



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