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I believe that public media is one of the best examples we have of a successful public-private partnership. For a small annual investment from the federal government (about \$1.60 per person), stations like ours provide programming, news, and educational content, and partner with other community organizations to highlight the uniqueness of our region. This extends far beyond our NPR, PBS, and classical music.

For example, throughout Illinois Public Media's history, agricultural reporting has been an integral part of our programming, reflecting an important Illinois industry and helping to fulfill our mission at a land grant university. Our flagship ag program, the **Closing Market Report**, is celebrating 40 years of providing essential information every day to Illinois farmers. This programming is only possible through our strong partnership with University of Illinois Extension. Learn about this month's All Day Ag Outlook on page 18.

Another great example of a successful partnership is our Book Mentor Program, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. With the help of a generous grant from PNC Grow Up Great foundation, we partner with area Head Start locations to provide books, learning activities, and volunteer connections to thousands of area children as part of our educational outreach mission. Learn more on page 19.

These are just two examples among many, many more that I could share. As the national debate over federal funding for public media heats up, it's important to remember that local public media stations like IPM provide a myriad of services that are unique to our local communities. And we can continue to do all of this thanks to your gifts combined with critical federal, state, and University of Illinois financial support.



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Major Charity Adams of the Women's Army Corps (WAC).

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Meet the women of World War II

American women were the secret weapon that won World War II and changed the world in the process. Hear directly from the women who built the planes and flew them, fought on the warfront and the homefront, and who broke codes and barriers. **Women of World War II: The Untold Stories** brings history to life with newly rediscovered interviews and archival materials — from the Women's Airforce Service Pilots who risked their lives flying planes for target practice to one of the most courageous American spies and the African American Central Postal battalion that secured victory over the Axis. The new documentary airs at 5:30 pm Sunday, March 2 and 10 pm Tuesday, March 4.

Met premiere of 'Grounded' featured



Great Performances at the Met debuts a powerful new opera by two-time Tony Award-winning composer Jeanine Tesori. Commissioned by the Met Opera and based on librettist George Brant's acclaimed play, **Grounded** premiered last fall. Mezzo-soprano Emily D'Angelo headlines in the tour-de-force role of a fighter pilot whose unplanned pregnancy takes her out of the cockpit to operate a Reaper drone halfway around the world. Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin takes the podium. High-tech staging provides a variety of perspectives on the action. **Grounded** premieres at 8 pm Friday, March 21.

The journey of a female basketball prodigy



Independent Lens presents **Home Court**, the coming-of-age story of Ashley Chea, a Cambodian American basketball prodigy in southern California whose life intensifies as recruitment heats up. Filmed over three years, the film follows the Chea family dynamics, both tender and tragic, as Ashley navigates being one of the top basketball recruits in the country while overcoming injury as well as racial and class differences. **Home Court** airs on **Independent Lens** at 9 pm Monday, March 24. This program will be available to stream for 90 days on the PBS app beginning the same day.

A musical and political journey

Singing for Justice tells the story of Faith Petric (1915-2013), a San Francisco-based political radical, musical organizer, and joyous performer who united folk music and activism through almost a century of American social movements. Told largely by Petric herself, the film weaves her musical and political journeys to showcase the central role of folk music in the transformational social movements of the 20th century. **Singing for Justice** airs at 9:30 pm Friday, March 28.



‘Marie Antoinette’ returns with season 2



When **Marie Antoinette** returns for season 2, bigger and stronger enemies are waiting to destroy her. At the height of their power, Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI face an unprecedented crisis. The incessant attacks of Provence and Chartres against the royal couple stir up the hatred of the nobles while disastrous consequences loom with the Diamond Necklace Affair. From Versailles to the Palais-Royal, the revolt rumbles on. Season 2 airs at 9 pm Sundays, beginning March 23. Or binge all eight episodes with WILL Passport on the night of its broadcast premiere. Season 1 is streaming now.

Our favorite midwives are back

Season 14 of **Call the Midwife** premieres at 7 pm Sunday, March 30. It is 1970 in Poplar. Activists on the Isle of Dogs block access in their bid for independence, so Dr. Turner and the midwives must work to keep things running as usual. Meanwhile, Nonnatus House will continue to tackle social challenges such as poor housing, poverty, and various health issues, including a puzzling case of apparent immaculate conception. Each episode will premiere on WILL Passport 30 days prior to its broadcast date (released weekly). Episode 1 will be available in Passport on Feb. 28.



Photo: BBC Studios

Final season of ‘Wolf Hall’ begins March 23



Eagerly awaited and years in the making, **Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on MASTERPIECE** premieres at 8 pm Sunday, March 23. Based on the final novel in Hilary Mantel's award-winning trilogy, it traces the final years of Thomas Cromwell's (Mark Rylance) life and journey to become the most influential figure of his time under the notorious King Henry VIII (Damian Lewis). The series picks up in May 1536. Anne Boleyn, Henry's second wife, is dead, and he is with his third queen. Cromwell emerges to continue his climb to power and wealth, caught between his desire to do what is right and

his instinct to survive. Binge all six episodes of this series with WILL Passport starting on March 23, the night of its broadcast premiere. The first season of **Wolf Hall** is streaming now with Passport.

More murder and mayhem in Midsomer

Season 22 of **Midsomer Murders** premieres on WILL-TV at 8 pm Saturday, March 22. Based on the crime-novel series by author Caroline Graham, the series follows the efforts of Detective Chief Inspector John Barnaby to solve crimes that occur in a wealthy, isolated English county. His right-hand man is Detective Sergeant Jamie Winter, who is young, keen, and smart as a whip. Season 22 follows Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon) and Winter (Nick Hendrix) as they investigate an urban myth becoming a murderous reality, a post-operative heart rehabilitation club whose members' dreams of a second chance at life are cut short, a murder mystery weekend, a twisted scarecrow festival, an amateur dramatics company with deadly secrets, and a body found with ritualistic symbols. Each of the six two-part episodes are broadcast together.



Designer creates flattering clothes for all

A local fashion designer is featured on a new episode of **Prairie Fire** at 7:30 pm Thursday, March 20. Emily Harris' label, Mrs.



Emily, celebrates bodies of every shape and size, creating flattering elastic skirts that are functional, adaptable, and provide a confidence boost. Her designs reflect her passion to make comfortable, flattering clothing that adapts to our changing bodies and is functional for busy lives. Harris drafts designs in her Champaign home studio and partners with family-owned workshops in India and Bangladesh. Enjoy this segment and more this month on **Prairie Fire**.

PRAIRIE  **FIRE**

Earth, Wind & Fire music special featured

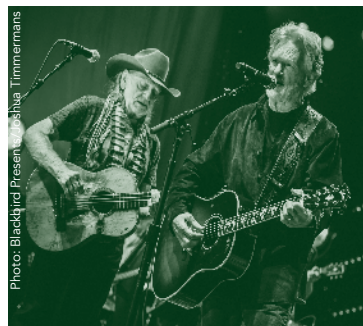
Join the legendary Grammy Award-winning band Earth, Wind & Fire for an unforgettable night of music and celebration.

Earth, Wind & Fire: iHeartRadio Live airs at 8 pm Saturday, March 1. The concert will be shortened for broadcast, but the full version will be available with WILL Passport. With their signature blend of soul, funk, pop, and R&B, the band delivers a high-energy performance filled with timeless hits such as "Shining Star," "September," "Boogie Wonderland," "Let's Groove," and more. The electrifying music, vibrant visuals, and dynamic stage presence take viewers on a thrilling journey through the band's greatest hits and iconic sound that has captivated generations.



The legacy and music of Kris Kristofferson

In 2016, a multigenerational who's who of country greats came together at Nashville's Bridgestone Arena to honor the songs of Kris Kristofferson. The concert special features once-in-a-lifetime performances with Kristofferson joined by central Illinois native Alison Krauss, Dierks Bentley, Rosanne Cash, Eric Church, Emmylou Harris, Lady A, Martina McBride, Willie Nelson, Jennifer Nettles, Darius Rucker, Hank Williams Jr., and more. It also showcases interviews with the artists and explores Kristofferson's enduring influence on culture and music. **Kris Kristofferson: Life & Songs** airs at 9:30 pm Saturday, March 1 and at 5:30 pm Saturday, March 8.



The rhythm and blues of The Spinners

The Spinners created and came to define the smooth sound of Philadelphia Soul, channeling the highs and lows of romance and heartbreak into a catalog of classic hits that were loved by generations. Throughout the years, The Spinners remained perched atop the Pop, R&B, and Adult Contemporary charts, earning six Grammy nominations, 18 Platinum and Gold albums, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and selling millions of records worldwide in the process. Their legendary repertoire has earned a permanent place in the Great American Songbook and is featured in **The Spinners in Concert** at 6:30 pm Saturday, March 1.



WEEKDAYS

6 am

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

9 am

Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo

Vic makes each morning a classic morning!

Noon

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

- 3/3 Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances
Nathalie Joachim: Had To Be
David Baker: Kosbro
William Grant Still: Symphony No. 4
- 3/10 Haydn: Cello Concerto in C Major
Mozart: Mass in C Minor, "Great"
- 3/17 Leos Janáček: The Cunning Little Vixen
- 3/24 Vaughan-Williams: Fantasia on Greensleeves
Debussy: La Mer
Mahler: Adagietto from Symphony No. 5
Copland: Appalachian Spring
Brahms: Adagio from Violin Concerto
Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2, movement 1
- 3/31 Brahms: A German Requiem

Tuesday:

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast

- 3/4 Gaetano Donizetti: Overture to Don Pasquale
Verdi: The Four Seasons from I vespri siciliani
Emmanuel Chabrier: España
Osvaldo Golijov: Megalopolis Suite
Falla: Suite No. 2 from The Three-Cornered Hat
- 3/11 Jessie Montgomery: Hymn for Everyone
Shulamit Ran: Legends
Antonín Dvořák: Silent Woods
Augusta Read Thomas: ... words of the sea ...
Richard Strauss: Four Last Songs
- 3/18 Sibelius: Violin Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47
Mahler: Songs of a Wayfarer
Richard Strauss: Burleske in D Minor
Dvořák: Cello Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104
- 3/25 Stravinsky: Fireworks, Op. 4
Scriabin: Prometheus: The Poem of Fire, Op. 60
Schoenberg: Variations for Orchestra

Wednesday:

WFMT Orchestra Series: The Cleveland Orchestra

- 3/5 **Mahler's Song of the Night**
Mahler: Frühlingssorgen from Lieder und Gesänge aus der Jugendzeit
Ablösung im Sommer; Revelge;
Urlicht from Des Knaben Wunderhorn
Symphony No. 7 in E Minor
- 3/12 **Hannigan Conducts Strauss**
Haydn: Symphony No. 44 in E minor 'Mourning'
Claude Vivier: Lonely Child
Richard Strauss: Death and Transfiguration

- 3/19 **Mahler's Fourth Symphony**
Betsy Jolas: Ces belles années ...
Mahler: Symphony No. 4 in G

- 3/26 **The Miraculous Mandarin**
Ernst Krenek: Kleine Symphonie Op 58
Mahler: Adagio from Symphony No. 10
Bartók: Suite from The Miraculous Mandarin

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

Early Music Now with Sara Schneider

- 3/7 **Antwerp, Crowned with Roses**
Including a recent release called Salve Susato, highlighting the career of Tielman Susato.
- 3/14 **Germany Circa 1700**
Music from Central Germany is in the spotlight, featuring performers like Les Amis de Philippe and Capella Jenensis.
- 3/21 To be announced
- 3/28 **A Bach Family Album**
Ensemble Polyharmonique will perform sacred works from their CD 'Bach Family'. Plus trio sonatas by Dieterich Buxtehude, from a recent release by Filament.

8 pm Friday

Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft

Join us for "Mambo March" — a whole month of mambo madness to get you dancing into spring, featuring a collection of swinging tunes from great bandleaders like Perez Prado, Tito Puente, Jack Costanzo, Edmundo Ros, and others.

- 3/7 **Mambo Mania** (encore)
- 3/14 **Marvelous Mambos** (encore)
- 3/21 **Magical Mambos**
- 3/28 **More More More Mambo** (encore)

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.

- 3/1 **The Audio Cassette, a Neglected Medium**
- 3/8 **Great Recordings: Richard Strauss: Ein Heldenleben, Wilhelm Mengelberg Conducting the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York**
- 3/15 **Ireland, Land of Song**
- 3/22 **The Greatest Opera Recordings**
- 3/29 **Fritz Kreisler, the Violinists' Favorite Violinist**

Noon**Afternoon at the Opera**

All performances with the Metopera Ensemble.

- 3/1 **Carmen** (Bizet). Yannick Nézet-Séguin, cond., with Elina Garanca (Carmen), Roberto Alagna (Don Jose), Barbara Frittoli (Micaela), and Teddy Tahu Rhodes (Escamillo). *Jan. 16, 2010*
- 3/8 **La Bohème** (Puccini). Alexander Soddy, cond., with Kristina Mkhitarian (Mimi), Joseph Calleja (Rodolfo), Brittany Renee (Musetta), and Luca Micheletti (Marcello).
- 3/15 **Fidelio** (Beethoven). Susana Mälkki, cond., with Lise Davidsen (Leonora), David Butt Philip (Florestan), Rene Pape (Rocco), and Tomasz Konieczny (Don Pizarro).
- 3/22 **L'Enfant et les Sortilèges** "The Child and the Magic Spells" (Ravel) and **Les Mamelles de Tirésias** "The Breasts of Tiresias" (Poulenc). Manuel Rosenthal, cond., with Hilda Harris (Child), Ruth Welting (Fire), Gail Robinson (Princess), and Catherine Malfitano (Therese, Fortuneteller), and David Holloway (Husband). *Ravel opera from Feb. 28, 1981.*
- 3/29 **Moby-Dick** (Jake Heggie). Karen Kamensak, cond., with Brandon Jovanovich (Captain Ahab), Stephen Costello (Greenhorn), Peter Mattei (Starbuck), and Ryan Speedo Green (Queequeg).

4 pm**NPR All Things Considered****5 pm**

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]**

7 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****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**Classical Music****2 pm****Performance Today Weekend****4 pm****NPR All Things Considered****5 pm****Classical Music****6 pm****The Evening Concert****The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center**

- 3/2 Mozart: String Quartet in C Major for Strings, K. 465, "Dissonance"
Stravinsky: Divertimento after Le baiser de la fée for Violin and Piano
- 3/9 Leoš Janáček: Sonata for Violin and Piano
Dvořák: String Quartet in A-flat Major for Strings, Op. 105
- 3/16 Saint-Saëns: Caprice on Danish and Russian Airs for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, and Piano, Op. 79
Ernest Chausson: Concerto in D Major for Violin, Piano, and String Quartet, Op. 21
- 3/23 Alban Berg: String Quartet, Op. 3
Brahms: String Quintet in G Major, Op. 111
- 3/30 Schubert: String Trio in B-flat Major, D. 581
Schubert: Fantasy in C major for Violin and Piano, D. 934, Op. 159

7 pm**Fiesta! with Elbio Barilari**

- 3/2 **Alejandro Garcia Caturla: The Best-Kept Secret in Latin American Music**
New recordings have sparked the interest for the music of this "secret" genius.
- 3/9 **Chamber Music from Brazil, Spain, and Portugal**
The Ibero-American world includes Spain, Portugal, and the three Americas.
- 3/16 **Exploring the Roots**
Discover the shared traits between Spanish Renaissance music and Latin American folk music.
- 3/23 **Fiesta of the Guitar**
Celebrating a wide range of Latin American guitar music.
- 3/30 **The Orchestral World of Astor Piazzolla**
Piazzolla is world famous for revolutionizing tango, integrating jazz and classical elements into the traditional tango form.

8 pm**Classical Music****9 pm**

Jazz Night In America with Christian McBride

10 pm**Classical Music****11 pm**

Harmonia with Angela Mariani
Baroque and early music. **NPR News Headlines** at 11:01

overnight**Classical Music**

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Jazz Network	5:00	Jazz Network	Jazz Network
NPR Morning Edition with Kimberly Schofield	6:00	R&B	NPR Weekend Edition
	7:00		
	8:00		
	9:00		The Cut (featuring gospel music)
10:00	Dialogue with Kennedy Vincent		
11:00			
Noon		Cafe Mocha Radio	
1:00	R&B	Classic R&B	
2:00			
3:00			
4:00			
	5:00	The Wind Down with Will Downing	Jazz Night in America
1A	6:00	Cool Jazz Countdown	Roots of Smooth
It's Been a Minute (M) Dialogue (Tu) Reveal (W) Throughline (Th) Code Switch/Life Kit (F)	7:00	Catch the Flo	New Urban Jazz Lounge
	8:00		
Jazz Network	9:00	The Soul of Jazz	Pillow Talk
	10:00	Jazz After Hours	Jazz Network
	11 pm- 2 am		
	3-4 am		

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TOP 5 *R&B Artists*

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

A lifelong resident of the Champaign-Urbana area, Jamar Brown has a passion for education and public service. In his 18 years at the University of Illinois Department of Civil Engineering, he has contributed to the institution's success and innovation. He



also is the Champaign City Council Member for District 3, working tirelessly to represent and uplift his community. His top 5:

1. Earth, Wind & Fire
2. The Isley Brothers
3. The O'Jays
4. DeBarge
5. Jill Scott



Dexter O'Neal and Funk Yard perform Feb. 1 at Krannert Center in honor of Illinois Soul.

Listeners celebrate Illinois Soul

We were overwhelmed by the tremendous turnout on Feb. 1, for Illinois Soul's one-year anniversary celebration at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Hundreds showed up from near and far. Our pre-party at Krannert Center's Stage 5 featured Dexter O'Neal and Funk Yard followed by the unforgettable Loose Ends concert featuring Jane Eugene in the Tryon Festival Theatre.



Illinois native Dexter O'Neal performs with his band at the pre-party celebrating Illinois Soul's first birthday.

"Illinois Soul's first year has been so incredible. The support of our listeners has been beyond measure," said Jill Clements, station manager. "We are even more excited about 2025 and all the ways that we plan to continue to serve you, with more music, more quality events, and premium concerts."

The celebration marked one year since Illinois Soul went on air with the goal of serving Black communities and a mission to amplify Black voices, music, and culture throughout central Illinois.

"We understand the expectations of the communities now more than ever before," Clements said. "So please be sure to continue to tell your friends and colleagues about Illinois Soul 101.1 FM, the first public media station in the country that unapologetically amplifies Black music, Black newstalk, and Black culture, 365, 24-7!"



Illinois Soul fans enjoy the festivities, including a photo booth in honor of Illinois Soul turning 1.



The mayors of Urbana and Champaign reclaim Feb. 1 as Illinois Soul Day in "celebration of the first anniversary and (its) many accomplishments." Pictured from left, Kennedy Vincent, host of 'Dialogue'; Urbana Mayor Diane Wolf Martin; Champaign Mayor Deborah Frank Feinen; and David Pierce, reporter/producer.



Live music performances drew hundreds of fans to our birthday celebration at Krannert Center.

Monday - Friday				Saturday		Sunday		
NPR Morning Edition with Kimberly Schofield				5:00	BBC World Service		BBC World Service	
				6:00	Commodity Week		Inside Europe	
				6:30	State Week in Review			
				7:00	NPR Weekend Edition		NPR Weekend Edition	
1A				9:00	The Splendid Table		It's Been A Minute	
				10:00	Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!			
The 21st Show with Brian Mackey				11:00	Statewide		Code Switch/Life Kit	
Here & Now with Jason Croft				Noon	This American Life		Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!	
				The Middle (F repeat)	1:00	The Moth Radio Hour		The Treatment
							State Week in Review	
The Closing Market Report				2:00	Radiolab		Reveal	
BBC Newshour		Commodity Week (F)		2:30				
Fresh Air				3:00	TED Radio Hour		On the Media	
All Things Considered with Jim Meadows				4:00	All Things Considered		All Things Considered	
				5:00	Hidden Brain		People's Pharmacy	
				6:00	Big Picture Science		Travel with Rick Steves	
The 21st Show (repeat)				7:00	Living on Earth		Throughline	
Fresh Air (M-Tu)	Dialogue (W)	The Middle (Th)	Science Friday (F)	8:00	Latino USA		Special Programming	
BBC World Service		Fresh Air (W-F repeat)		9:00	Alternative Radio		To the Best of Our Knowledge	
				10:00	Science Friday (repeat)			
		11:00	Left, Right, and Center		Le Show			
		12:00- 5 am	BBC World Service		BBC World Service			

Bold Listing = National/International News

Lillie Duncanson, Director of Broadcast Operations



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
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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
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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	3/1 Get Good with Money 3/8, 15 Deconstructing The Beatles 3/22 Prairie Fire 3/29 Garden SMART	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
Elinor Wonders Why	11:00	Mid American Gardener	Rick Steves' Europe 3/23 Prairie Fire
Nature Cat	11:30	Christina Cooks: Back to the Cutting Board	Market to Market
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Odd Squad	1:30	Cooking Shows	
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DW News	5:00	PBS News Weekend	Due to the fund drive, the daytime schedule will vary March 1-16. Lillie Duncanson, Director of Broadcast Operations
BBC World News America	5:30	Antiques Roadshow	
PBS News Hour	6:00		
	6:30	As Time Goes By	



Photo by Tom Olin

The emotional story of the ADA

American Experience presents **Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act** at 8 pm Tuesday, March 25. It tells the dramatic story of the decades-long push for equality and accessibility that culminated in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990. While curb cuts and ramps at building entrances seem commonplace today, they were once the subject of a pitched battle that landed on the steps of Congress. Told through the voices of key participants and witnesses, the film highlights the determined people who literally put their bodies on the line to achieve their goal and change the lives of all Americans. Above, ADAPT (American Disabled for Accessible Public Transit) activists protest in Las Vegas.

Exploring why you like the music you do



Composer and musicologist Nolan Gasser, the architect of Pandora Radio's Music Genome Project and an expert in Music AI, presents an immersive program that explores the science and culture behind musical preferences.

Why You Like It: Decoding Musical Taste blends live performances, animations, and insights from neuroscience, psychology, culture, and more. It also features a pioneering mobile app that provides viewers with real-time interactive content and a personalized music playlist based on individual tastes. The program unlocks the mysteries of musical taste and inspires the audience to embrace music to improve the quality of their lives, reduce stress,

and better understand their community. While watching the program, viewers scan the QR Code and then can use the companion app to explore what shapes their musical preferences. **Why You Like It: Decoding Musical Taste** airs at 8 pm Wednesday, March 5.

'Made with Love' features American artisans



Photo: Symbio Studios

Baseball bat maker Zak Fellman paints the design on one of their Legend's Never Die bats.

From the creators of the Emmy Award-winning **Made with Love** series, **America Made with Love** journeys from coast to coast, spotlighting the ingenuity, vision, and unparalleled talent of some of the nation's most extraordinary artisans with an opportunity for an interactive viewing experience. **Made with Love** airs at 8 pm Thursday, March 6 and 7 pm Thursday, March 13, with free streaming (and the interactive feature) offered Feb. 28–March 19. From a masterful maker of cowboy boots to a jewelry artist inspired by Indigenous ancestry, these stories celebrate creativity rooted in tradition and passion. Whether sculpting handcrafted baseball bats, hammering copper, catching lobsters, or perfecting the art of cheesemaking, these makers embody the essence of American innovation, craft, and dedication. To join in, scan a QR Code, download the Goosechase app, and enter a code to experience a series of engaging, scavenger hunt-like challenges to earn points and win prizes.

Strategies to meet your money goals

Best-selling author Tiffany Aliche (the inspiring and savvy "Budgetnista") presents a 10-step plan for finding peace, safety, and harmony with money, no matter how big or small the goal and no matter how rocky the market. **Get Good with Money with Tiffany Aliche** introduces the powerful concept of building wealth through financial wholeness: a realistic, achievable, and energizing alternative to get-rich-quick and over-complicated money management systems. A guide to cultivating good financial habits and making your money work for you, **Get Good with Money with Tiffany Aliche** is crystal clear on the short-term actions that lead to long-term goals, helping viewers build a solid foundation for their life (and legacy) that's rich in every way. The special airs at 10:30 am Saturday, March 1; 9:30 pm Wednesday, March 12; noon Saturday, March 15; and 10:30 pm Sunday, March 16.



Explore the fight for top tractor

Tractor Wars traces the evolution of mechanical farming and chronicles the fight between three companies to build the first all-purpose tractor. For thousands of years, farming was driven by the muscle of either animals or humans. With the invention of the steam engine, industrialists brought steam power to farms. Then, inventions such as the reaper and steel plow catalyzed a rush to mechanize farming. By the 1920s, John Deere, Ford, and International Harvester had emerged as leaders in the battle to develop a reliable tractor that would become part of everyday agriculture. Produced by Iowa PBS, the documentary is based on the book of the same name by Neil Dahlstrom. **Tractor Wars** airs at noon Sunday, March 2; 7 pm Tuesday, March 11; 2 pm Wednesday, March 12; and 2:30 pm Saturday, March 15.



Two 10-year-old boys pose with an International 8-16 HP tractor and McCormick binder.

A guide to The Beatles

In **Deconstructing The Beatles**, acclaimed Beatles expert Scott Freiman guides you, step by step, on an educational journey through several of The Beatles' milestone albums and the fascinating stories that accompanied them. No matter how much you know about The Beatles, there's something new here for you. The limited series airs at 10:30 pm in three parts: *The Beatles Come to America* (Monday, March 3), *Deconstructing Rubber Soul* (Monday, March 10), and *A Trip Through Strawberry Fields* (Tuesday, March 11).



1 Saturday

- 5:30 Tony Bennett: Viva Duets (TV-G)**
Tony Bennett performs duets with a celebrated roster of performers, including Marc Anthony, Gloria Estefan, Franco De Vita and Vicente Fernandez on classic songs like "For Once In My Life," "Return to Me," "Who Can I Turn To?" and more. *Repeated 10 pm 3/5 & 12 am 3/14.*
- 6:30 The Spinners In Concert (TV-G)**
See page 3. *Repeated 3:30 am 3/2 & 12:30 am 3/8.*
- 8:00 Earth, Wind & Fire: Iheart Radio Live (TV-G)**
See page 3. *Repeated 2 am 3/2, 2 am 3/8 & 12:30 am 3/9.*
- 9:30 Kris Kristofferson: Life & Songs (TV-G)**
See page 3. *Repeated 12:30 am 3/2, 3:30 am 3/4 & 5:30 pm 3/8.*
- 11:00 The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum (TV-G)**
Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, and Kris Kristofferson perform their hits in this 1990 concert at the Nassau Coliseum. *Repeated 9 pm 3/3 & 12 am 3/4.*

2 Sunday

- 5:30 Women of World War II: The Untold Stories (TV-PG)**
See page 1. *Repeated 3:30 pm 3/3, 10 pm 3/4 & 2 am 3/5.*
- 7:00 All Creatures Great and Small: The Wisdom of the Dales (TV-PG)**
Members of the cast and creative team share life lessons they have learned from this gentle, life-affirming series. *Repeated 3:30 am 3/3, 2 pm 3/3 & 3:30 pm 3/9.*
- 8:30 Marie Antoinette: Beyond the Portrait (TV-PG)**
Explore the beautiful French locations and learn about the lavish, custom-made costumes in the dramatic hit series "Marie Antoinette." Interviews with the cast and creators offer insights into the tempestuous relationship between the young queen and the shy king. *Repeated 2:30 am 3/3.*
- 9:30 Ella Fitzgerald Live In Montreux 1969 (TV-G)**
This music special features Ella Fitzgerald's 1969 debut appearance at the Montreux Jazz Festival. Backed by the Tommy Flanagan Trio, she delivers a set that combines contemporary tracks such as "Sunshine of Your Love" and "Hey Jude" with classics like "I Won't Dance" and "That Old Black Magic." *Repeated 1 am 3/3 & 3:30 am 3/8.*
- 11:00 Whitney Houston: The Concert for a New South Africa (Durban) (TV-G)**
Celebrate Whitney Houston's transcendent 1994 performance, which brought joy to a newly liberated country. She was the first major Western recording artist to perform in the post-apartheid nation following President Nelson Mandela's historic election.

3 Monday

- 7:00 Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration (TV-PG)**
This star-studded special celebrates Willie Nelson's milestone 90th birthday and the 12-time Grammy Award winner's contributions to popular culture and music. The concert event features collaborations with Willie Nelson by Beck, Gary Clark Jr., Sheryl Crow, Snoop Dogg, Norah Jones, Miranda Lambert, Dave Matthews, Nelson's sons Lukas Nelson and Micah Nelson, Keith Richards, George Strait, and Chris Stapleton. *Repeated 1:30 am 3/4 & 3 am 3/6.*
- 9:00 The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum (TV-G)**
See 11 pm 3/1. *Repeated 12 am 3/4.*
- 10:30 Deconstructing The Beatles (TV-PG)**
The Beatles Come to America. See page 11. Part 1 of 3. While 'Beatlemania' had taken over the U.K., in the fall of 1963, the Beatles were practically unknown in America. *Repeated 4:30 pm 3/10.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

4 Tuesday

- 7:00 Easy Yoga for Strength and Balance with Peggy Cappy (TV-G)**
Join yoga teacher Peggy Cappy as she demonstrates movements to use at home to strengthen muscles and help increase mobility for people who are challenged by arthritis or the stiffness that comes with age or injury.
- 8:00 PBS News Special: President Trump Addresses the Nation**
- 10:00 Women of World War II: The Untold Stories (TV-PG)**
See page 1. *Repeated 2 am 3/5.*
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

5 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature (TV-G) (DVS)**
Woodpeckers: The Hole Story. Get an intimate look at what makes woodpeckers so special. With over 240 species of woodpeckers identified, explore their unique evolutionary journey and the powerful role they play in every ecosystem except Antarctica and Australia. *Repeated 2 pm 3/6.*
- 8:30 Why You Like It: Decoding Musical Taste (TV-G)**
See page 10. *Repeated 3:30 pm 3/6 & 2 pm 3/7.*
- 10:00 Tony Bennett: Viva Duets (TV-G)**
See 5:30 pm 3/1. *Repeated 12 am 3/14.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

6 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener (TV-G)**
- 8:00 America Made with Love (TV-G)**
See page 10. *Repeated 3:30 am 3/7 & 7 pm 3/13.*
- 9:30 Elvis Presley: '68 Comeback Special (TV-G)**
Repeated 2 am 3/7, 3:30 pm 3/7, 2:30 am 3/10 & 3:30 am 3/13.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

7 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances (TV-PG)**
Rodgers & Hammerstein's 80th Anniversary: My Favorite Things. Explore the vast repertoire of these musical theater pioneers in a star-studded concert featuring Aaron Tveitt, Patrick Wilson, and more performing from shows like "Carousel," "South Pacific," "The King and I," and "The Sound of Music." Repeated 10 pm 3/9, 3 am 3/11, 3 am 3/14 & 3 pm 3/14.
- 10:00 Marian Anderson: Once in a Hundred Years (TV-PG)**
 Marian Anderson (1897-1993) is considered one of the most important opera performers of the 20th century. This film traces the arc of Anderson's life and her struggles against racism and poverty. The program culminates with her battle against the Daughters of the American Revolution, which led to her historic concert at the Lincoln Memorial.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

8 Saturday

- 5:30 Kris Kristofferson: Life & Songs (TV-G)**
 See page 3.
- 7:00 Best of the '60s (My Music Presents) (TV-G)**
 The decade of peace, love, and happiness is celebrated in this My Music compilation. Repeated 12 am 3/10, 2 pm 3/11, 8:30 pm 3/13 & 12 am 3/16.
- 9:30 '60s and '70s Soul Celebration (My Music Presents) (TV-G)**
 The legends of '60s and '70s soul music return to perform their biggest hits. Featuring The Temptations, James Brown, Patti LaBelle, The Chi-Lites, The Spinners, Sam Moore, and more in this first-time-ever classic R&B and soul compilation from 30 years of the TJJ archive. Repeated 12 am 3/11.

9 Sunday

- 5:30 Moments to Remember (My Music Presents) (TV-G)**
 Patti Page and Nick Clooney co-host new performances and archival classics from the vault, featuring many more legends of the late 1950s and early '60s pop era. Repeated 2 pm 3/10.
- 8:00 Great Performances (TV-PG)**
Andrea Bocelli 30th — The Celebration. Experience the world-renowned Italian tenor's 30th anniversary concert from Tuscany featuring global superstars Ed Sheeran, David Foster, Katharine McPhee, Sofia Carson, Brian May, Jon Batiste, and more. Directed by Grammy nominee and Emmy winner Sam Wrench. Repeated 1 am 3/14.
- 10:00 Great Performances (TV-PG)**
Rodgers & Hammerstein's 80th Anniversary: My Favorite Things. See 8 pm 3/7. Repeated 3 am 3/11, 3 am 3/14 & 3 pm 3/14.

10 Monday

- 7:00 50 Years with Peter, Paul and Mary (TV-G)**
 Celebrate the impact of the trio that provided America's soundtrack for generations and combined artistry with activism for five decades. Repeated 8:30 pm 3/15 & 2:30 am 3/16.
- 9:00 This Land Is Your Land (My Music Presents) (TV-G)**
 This musical journey through the evolution of modern American folk music goes from its roots in bluegrass to San Francisco coffee houses to clubs in Greenwich Village. Hosted by Tom and Dick Smothers and Judy Collins. Repeated 3:30 am 3/12 & 7 pm 3/15.
- 10:30 Deconstructing The Beatles (TV-PG)**
Deconstructing Rubber Soul. See page 11. Part 2 of 3. Concludes at 10:30 pm 3/11. In October 1965, The Beatles faced an impossible task: produce a new album of original music in time for a Christmas release. Repeated 4:30 pm 3/11.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

11 Tuesday

- 7:00 Tractor Wars (TV-G)**
 See page 11. Repeated 2 pm 3/12 & 2:30 pm 3/15.
- 8:30 Ken Burns: The Civil War (TV-G)**
 Created on the 25th anniversary of the 1990 landmark series, this in-depth overview of the iconic documentary includes video clips and interviews with Ken Burns, Geoffrey Ward, Ric Burns, Buddy Squires, and others. Repeated 3:30 pm 3/12 & 12:30 am 3/15.
- 10:30 Deconstructing The Beatles (TV-PG)**
A Trip Through Strawberry Fields. See page 11. Part 3 of 3. When The Beatles made the decision to stop touring due to the increasing complexity of their music, they embarked on a new artistic direction, pushing the boundaries of songwriting and recording. Repeated 4:30 pm 3/13, 10:30 am 3/15 & 4:30 am 3/16.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

12 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Museum Alive with David Attenborough. As the doors are locked and night falls, Sir David Attenborough meets the extinct creatures that fascinate him the most, as they magically come alive in front of his eyes, including dinosaurs, ice age beasts, and giant reptiles. This special collaboration includes experts and curators from London's Natural History Museum and world-leading animation teams, allowing new insights into how these creatures lived and behaved. Repeated 2 pm 3/13.
- 8:30 Mid American Gardener (TV-G)**
- 9:30 Get Good with Money with Tiffany Aliche (TV-G)**
 See page 11. Repeated 12 pm 3/15 & 10:30 pm 3/16.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

13 Thursday

- 7:00** **America Made with Love** (TV-G)
See page 10.
- 8:30** **Best of the '60s (My Music Presents)** (TV-G)
See 7 pm 3/8. Repeated 12 am 3/16.
- 11:00** **Amanpour and Company**

14 Friday

- 7:00** **Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30** **Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00** **Behind the Scenes of Leonardo da Vinci with Ken Burns** (TV-PG)
Explore the making of the groundbreaking documentary about Leonardo da Vinci's towering achievements. Ken Burns, Sarah Burns, and David McMahon discuss their creative process and reveal the challenges of telling this 500-year-old story for today's viewers. Repeated 3:30 pm 3/16.
- 9:30** **Great Performances** (TV-G)
Henry Mancini 100 at the Hollywood Bowl. The Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, along with special guests, celebrate the centennial birthday of Henry Mancini, the peerless composer for film, television, and popular song. Repeated 5:30 pm 3/16.
- 11:30** **Amanpour and Company**

15 Saturday

- 5:30** **Tom Lehrer: Live In Copenhagen 1967** (TV-G)
Tom Lehrer spent his brief, yet remarkable music career developing brilliant parody songs that entertained and enlightened millions with biting, intelligent, and socially conscious songs. This 1967 special captures a rare concert recording with many of his best known songs, including "The Elements," "Pollution," and "The Vatican Rag."
- 7:00** **This Land Is Your Land (My Music Presents)** (TV-G)
See 9 pm 3/10.
- 8:30** **50 Years with Peter, Paul and Mary** (TV-G)
See 7 pm 3/10. Repeated 2:30 am 3/16.
- 10:30** **The Marley Brothers: The Legacy Concert** (TV-G)

16 Sunday

- 5:30** **Great Performances** (TV-G)
Henry Mancini 100 at the Hollywood Bowl. See 9:30 pm 3/14.
- 7:30** **Celtic Woman 20th Anniversary Concert** (TV-G)
Celebrate 20 years of spectacular Irish music with a new concert filmed at the Helix in Dublin. With fan favorites, new arrangements, and stirring originals, this evening features a lineup of eight world-class Celtic Women.
- 9:30** **Exploring Ireland with Michael** (TV-G)
This special combines glorious video footage from the Emerald Isle, fascinating travel destinations, exciting cultural experiences, and performances from popular Irish artists and rising stars.
- 10:30** **Get Good with Money with Tiffany Aliche** (TV-G)
See page 11.

17 Monday

- 7:00** **Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Living History Farms, Hour 3.
- 8:00** **Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Bismarck, Hour Two.
- 9:00** **The Calling: A Medical School Journey** (TV-14)
A year in the life of medical students at Albert Einstein Medical School in the Bronx. Repeated 1:30 am 3/18 & 2 am 3/20.
- 10:30** **The Cost of Caring** (TV-PG)
Veterinarians have one of the highest suicide rates in the United States. This documentary explores the challenges veterinarians face and ways to address these obstacles.
- 11:30** **Amanpour and Company**

18 Tuesday

- 7:00** **Finding Your Roots** (TV-14) (DVS)
Born to Sing. Henry Louis Gates Jr. explores the remarkable roots of singers Alanis Morissette and Ciara, revealing his guests' hidden connections to history and to music. Repeated 2 pm 3/19 & 4 am 3/20.
- 8:00** **American Experience** (TV-14) (DVS)
Fly with Me. The film utilizes firsthand witness accounts, personal stories, and archives to tell the neglected history of the women who, while flying the world, changed it. Repeated 1 am 3/19, 3 pm 3/19 & 2:30 am 3/24.
- 10:00** **Shaking It Up: The Life and Times of Liz Carpenter** (TV-G)
As a journalist, White House official, author, humorist, political activist, and feminist leader, Liz Carpenter was often front and center where history was unfolding, leaving her own indelible mark on events and people.
- 11:00** **Amanpour and Company**

19 Wednesday

- 7:00** **Nature** (TV-G) (DVS)
The Elephant and the Termite. Witness the dramas of Africa's great wildlife meeting place — the waterhole. From mighty elephants to tiny termites, an entire community of creatures call the waterhole their home. Repeated 2 pm 3/20 & 12:05 am 3/23.
- 8:00** **NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Building The Eiffel Tower. Explore the revolutionary engineering behind Paris's iconic landmark. Completed in 1889, the iron tower smashed the record for the tallest structure on Earth, ushering in a new age of global construction. Repeated 2 pm 3/21.
- 9:00** **Weathered: Inside the LA Firestorm** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Repeated 1 am 3/20, & 1 am 3/23.
- 10:00** **Secrets of the Dead** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Eiffel's Race to the Top. Discover the untold story behind Paris' most famous landmark and the race to build a monument 1,000 feet tall. Repeated 3 pm 3/21.
- 11:00** **Amanpour and Company**

20 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Prairie Fire**
See page 3. Repeated 10:30 am 3/22 & 11 am 3/23.
- 8:00 Father Brown (TV-PG)**
The Beast of Wedlock. Season 10, episode 4 of 10. Father Brown investigates a missing person, a murder, and a mythical wild cat. Repeated 1 am 3/21, 7 pm 3/22 & 2 pm 3/24.
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14)**
Queen of the Flowers. Season 1, episode 9 of 13. The Honourable Miss Phryne Fisher has been chosen to refine a group of delinquent flower maidens for the annual flower parade. Then the body of one of her charges washes up on the beach. Repeated 2 am 3/21 & 6 pm 3/23.
- 10:00 Death In Paradise (TV-PG)**
Season 13, episode 1 of 8. Take a trip down memory lane as commissioner Selwyn Patterson celebrates 50 years of police service at the Yacht Club. But the day takes a turn. Repeated 3 pm 3/21.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

21 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances at the Met (TV-14)**
Grounded. See page 1. Repeated 1 am 3/22 & 2 am 3/23.
- 10:30 Kea's Ark**
In the 1980s, a three-story ark was built in Newark's devastated Central Ward by self-taught artist and engineer Kea Tawana. Repeated 4:30 am 3/24.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

22 Saturday

- 7:00 Father Brown (TV-PG)**
The Beast of Wedlock. See 8 pm 3/20. Repeated 2 pm 3/24.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)**
The Wolf Hunter of Little Worthy, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. See page 2. Season 22, parts 1 & 2 of 12. When a man is killed, Barnaby must investigate if the myth of the Wolf Hunter has become murderous reality.
- 9:29 Agatha and the Curse of Ishtar (TV-14)**
Travel to the deserts of Iraq for an archaeological dig, where the famous crime writer unravels a series of mysterious murders. Lyndsey Marshal stars as Agatha Christie and Jonah Hauer-King is Max Mallowan, the archaeologist vying for her affection.
- 11:05 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)**
Jelly Roll/The War and Treaty.

23 Sunday

- 7:00 Lucy Worsley Investigates (TV-PG)**
Bloody Mary. Investigate whether England's first ruling female monarch was as ruthless as history suggests or if her notoriety stemmed from being a strong woman in a predominantly male world. Repeated 2 am 3/25 & 4 pm 3/31.
- 8:00 Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on MASTERPIECE (TV-14)**
Wreckage. See page 2. Season 1, episode 1 of 6. In the wake of Anne's execution, the king weds Jane Seymour. Repeated 12:30 am 3/24 & 3 am 3/25.
- 9:00 Marie Antoinette (TV-14)**
The Worst Winter. See page 2. Season 2, episode 1 of 8. Repeated 1:30 am 3/24 & 4 am 3/25.
- 10:00 The Paris Murders (TV-14)**
One for Everyone. Season 2, episode 1 of 12. Chloe is taking important steps in her new life. The investigation of a brutal murder leads to a mysterious father figure who becomes the key suspect.
- 11:00 Velvet (TV-14)**
The Remains of the Shipwreck. Season 1, episode 11 of 16. Ana is ready to fight for Alberto at all costs. After her success at the fashion show, Clara gets an interesting offer. Spanish with English subtitles.

24 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**
Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Hour 1.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**
Bismarck, Hour Three.
- 9:00 Independent Lens (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Home Court. See page 1. Repeated 2:30 am 3/26.
- 10:30 Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer (TV-PG)**
A Native American girl from an isolated Blackfeet reservation uses her basketball skills as a ticket to a college education and the opportunity to give back to her people. Her chief described her as 'a warrior.'
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

25 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-PG) (DVS)**
The Brick Wall Falls. Henry Louis Gates Jr. introduces actor Danielle Brooks and singer Dionne Warwick to their distant ancestors breaking down the barriers imposed by slavery. Repeated 2 pm 3/26, 4 am 3/27 & 2 am 3/30.
- 8:00 American Experience (TV-14) (DVS)**
Change, Not Charity: *The Americans with Disabilities Act.* See page 10. Repeated 3 pm 3/26 & 3 am 3/27.
- 9:00 Frontline**
The Rise and Fall of Terrorgram. How an online network known as Terrorgram spread extremism and violence.
- 10:30 Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip (TV-G)**
In the spring of 1903, Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson set off from San Francisco in a 20-horsepower Winton touring car hoping to become the first person to cross the United States in the new "horseless carriage."

26 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-14) (DVS)
Grizzly 399: Queen of the Tetons. The most famous bear in the Tetons attempts to raise four cubs, making increasingly unexpected and consequential choices to protect her family. Grizzly 399 also stands as a symbol of the clash between humans and the wild. *Repeated 2 pm 3/27 & 12 am 3/30.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Hunt for the Oldest DNA. For decades, scientists have tried to unlock the secrets of ancient DNA. Follow the dramatic quest to recover DNA millions of years old and reveal a lost world from before the last Ice Age. *Repeated 2 pm 3/28.*
- 9:00 The Future of Nature** (TV-G)
Oceans. *Repeated 1 am 3/27, 3 pm 3/28 & 1 am 3/30.*
- 10:00 Dynamic Planet** (TV-PG)
Ice. As our planet warms up, the ice at all three poles (the Arctic, Antarctic, and the Himalayas) melts rapidly, bringing significant consequences. Explore how science, nature, and tradition can prepare us for a fast-changing future. *Repeated 4 pm 3/28.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

27 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Outdoor Shower.
- 8:00 Father Brown** (TV-PG)
The Hidden Man. Season 10, episode 5 of 10. Chief Inspector Sullivan pays Father Brown a visit to warn him that Hercule Flambeau is on the run and wanted for a series of brutal murders. *Repeated 1 am 3/28, 7 pm 3/29 & 2 pm 3/31.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Death By Miss Adventure. Season 1, episode 10 of 13. Phryne investigates the death of a young female worker in a factory 'accident' and soon learns that the woman's death might not be the misadventure the police think it is. *Repeated 2 am 3/28 & 6 pm 3/30.*
- 10:00 Death In Paradise** (TV-PG)
 Season 13, episode 2 of 8. Commissioner Selwyn Patterson struggles in the wake of his shocking shooting. As the team rallies around him, will he be able to bury his demons and move on? *Repeated 3 am 3/28.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

28 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Jacqueline Du Pre: Genius and Tragedy** (TV-PG)
 Some consider Jacqueline du Pre one of the greatest cellists of all time despite a career that was cruelly curtailed by multiple sclerosis at age 28. The film is introduced and narrated by cellist Yo-Yo Ma. *Repeated 2 am 3/29.*
- 9:30 Singing for Justice** (TV-PG)
 See page 1.
- 10:30 The Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra Plays Beethoven's 9th Symphony**
Repeated 3:30 am 3/29 & 3 am 3/31.

29 Saturday

- 7:00 Father Brown** (TV-PG)
The Hidden Man. See 8 pm 3/27. *Repeated 2 pm 3/31.*
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
The Stitcher Society, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. See page 2. Season 22, episodes 3 & 4 of 12. A local outcast, who was controversially acquitted of murder years ago, is the latest inductee into a post-operative heart rehab club.
- 9:30 Agatha and the Truth of Murder** (TV-14)
 Join the crime writer as she investigates the murder of Florence Nightingale's goddaughter during her 11-day disappearance in 1926. Christie's involvement in the case influenced her later work.
- 11:02 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
 Brittany Howard.

30 Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife** (TV-14) (DVS)
 See page 2. Season 14 episode 1 of 8.
- 8:00 Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14)
Obedience. See page 2. Season 1, episode 2 of 6. A secret marriage brings scandal to court, giving Cromwell the opportunity to bring his adversary Norfolk down for good. But an unexpected encounter forces Cromwell to question where his loyalties lie. *Repeated 12:30 am 3/31.*
- 9:00 Marie Antoinette** (TV-14)
A Poison Pen. See page 2. Season 2, episode 2 of 8. Marie Antoinette's dangerous sexual affair with Fersen reignites when they are cast to star in 'The Marriage of Figaro.'
- 10:00 The Paris Murders** (TV-14)
Russian Doll. Season 2, episode 2 of 12. While Adele struggles to integrate in the DPJ, a murdered prostitute is found in the apartment of an old man who kidnapped his own granddaughter.
- 11:00 Velvet** (TV-14)
The Visitor. Season 1, episode 12 of 16. Don Emilio is seriously ill. Clara wants to start a career as a model, but things don't go as planned. *Spanish with English subtitles.*

31 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Hour 2.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Birmingham, Hour One.
- 9:00 Going Your Way** (TV-14)
 Explore the personal, medical, and spiritual aspects of end-of-life care. Gain insights from experts and hear powerful, courageous stories from real people sharing their end-of-life planning and how it can be less painful.
- 10:00 The M Factor: Shredding The Silence on Menopause** (TV-14)
 Confronting the neglected menopause crisis, challenging societal and medical shortcomings, and advocating for a revolutionary approach to women's health in America where she's prepared for midlife.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

A month of drama and mystery awaits you

Don't miss two members-only binge opportunities coming to WILL Passport on March 23: **Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on MASTERPIECE**, which is the highly anticipated sequel to **Wolf Hall**; and season 2 of **Marie Antoinette**. See page 2 for more information on both exclusive streaming opportunities.

Members also receive special access to binge **Murder in Sweden from Walter Presents** when it returns with season 4. Friends of WILL can rewatch and binge seasons 1 through 3 now with Passport in preparation for the release of season 4 on March 14. The series is in Swedish with English subtitles.

Murder in Sweden takes place on a picturesque Swedish island where Maria juggles being a good mother and detective — all while sustaining her female perspective and approach to life — and solving some heinous crimes. Season 4 dives deeper into Maria and Sebastian's complicated relationship as they investigate a string of bizarre murders, including a doctor found poisoned by the roadside and an elderly bookseller with a mysterious secret who is discovered dead in his car.



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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Forgotten Hero: Walter White and the NAACP**, available now

Marie Antoinette, season 2, 3/23;
season 1, available now

NOVA

- **Dino Birds**, 3/6
- **Egypt's Tombs of Amun**, 3/13
- **Pompeii's Secret Underworld**, 3/20
- **Baltimore Bridge Collapse**, 3/27

Walter Presents (with English subtitles)

- **Davos 1917**, season 1, 3/21 (German)
- **Murder in Sweden**, (Swedish) seasons 1-3 (now), season 4 (3/14)
- **Paradise**, season 7, 3/28 (Italian)
- **R.I.P. Henry**, season 1, 3/7 (Norwegian)

Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light on MASTERPIECE, 3/23

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America ReFramed

- **Bring It Home**, 3/23

Black Broadway: A Proud History, A Limitless Future

, 3/25

Eat to Sleep

, 3/25

Eyes on the Prize

, 3/15 (all six episodes)

- **Awakenings** (1954–1956)
- **Fighting Back** (1957–1962)
- **Ain't Scared of Your Jails** (1960–1961)
- **No Easy Walk** (1961–1963)
- **Mississippi — Is This America?** (1963–1964)
- **Bridge to Freedom** (1965)

Independent Lens

- **Hidden Letters**, 3/27

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, 3/3

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Annual Ag Outlook returns March 4

Join us for the annual All Day Ag Outlook on Tuesday, March 4, at the Beef House in Covington, Indiana. Farmers attend the annual meeting to garner information for the upcoming growing season.



Bruce Sherrick, director of the TIAA Center for Farmland Research at the U. of I. speaks at last year's meeting. He will discuss the price of farmland again this month.

The meeting is hosted by Illinois Public Media, the farmdoc team from the University of Illinois Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, WILLAg.org, and University of Illinois Extension. IPM has hosted the event since 1991.

"The event always anchors farm-related decisions from what crops to plant and when to go to market to how world events are influencing commodity exports," said organizer and host Todd Gleason, ag information producer at IPM News and a farm broadcaster for Illinois Extension.

This year's lineup includes presentations on the South American and U.S. growing seasons, autonomous operations on the farm, budgets and outlook, crop insurance, the price of farmland, and two panel discussions — one on soybeans and one on corn.

This is the 35th annual All Day Ag Outlook and will include a toast to the creation of IPM's **Closing Market Report**, which debuted in January 1985. Over the last 40 years, there have been more than 10,000 episodes of the daily radio program that also has been a podcast since 2003.

In addition, the All Day Ag Outlook will host a book signing by Neil Dahlstrom, author of "Tractor Wars." See page 11 for more on the Iowa PBS documentary of the same name airing on WILL-TV this month. In addition, farmdoc team members Scott Irwin ("Back to the Futures") and Jonathan Coppess ("The Fault Lines of Farm Policy" and "Between Soil and Society") will sign copies of their books. Bring a copy of the books with you to be signed. You may purchase the books at go.illinois.edu/farmdocBooks.

The \$40 registration fee includes morning Beef House cinnamon roll, coffee, and lunch. Doors open at 7:30 am (CST). For a full list of presentations and to register, go to WILLAg.org.

The **Closing Market Report** airs each weekday at 2:06 pm on WILL-AM 580.

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Outreach program celebrates 20 years



Research consistently shows that reading to young children regularly has a significant positive impact on their language development, vocabulary acquisition, comprehension skills, and overall readiness for school. Illinois Public Media's Book Mentor Project is deeply invested in early childhood education. Thanks to a very generous ongoing grant from PNC Grow Up Great, we have been strengthening relationships

between pre-kindergarten children and reading since 2004. We accomplish this by providing carefully selected books and activities designed to deepen learning in the classroom as well as at home, and members of our local community become invested in the outcomes of children throughout east central Illinois.

"As a book mentor volunteer myself, I see firsthand the importance and impacts of a program like this each month," said Moss Bresnahan, executive director of Illinois Public Media. "Helping students of all ages learn is a core mission of every PBS member station and has been since the earliest days of **Sesame Street** more than 50 years ago. For 20 of those years, our Book Mentor Project has been no exception, and we couldn't do it without our funding partner PNC Grow Up Great."

Ahead of each school year, Illinois Public Media recruits and trains local volunteers to become book mentors. Each month mentors visit the same Head Start classroom — from Urbana to Champaign to Rantoul — to read that month's book selection and join the children in a book-related, hands-on activity to reinforce a math, science, language, or arts skill. The project provides teachers with lesson plans and the classroom materials to support this curriculum.

"The Book Mentor Project encourages parents and family members to sit down and read to their child, especially when the child comes home so excited about the book and activity that was provided for them that day," said Jacki Buckingham, a family child care mentor for the Early Childhood Education Program at Head Start.

Additionally, the project provides families with copies of the books, resources to facilitate at-home learning, and events to bring that excitement out of the classroom and into everyday life through four family nights per school year.

Daiane Geremias Goulart serves as the Book Mentor Project coordinator through a graduate assistantship, creating the monthly curriculum guides for volunteers, teachers, and families to use as well as leading each of the family night events. Goulart is getting her Master of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, with an interest in applying her studies to educational initiatives.

Amelia Bellizzi, a junior in the Gies College of Business at Illinois, is this year's Book Mentor Project assistant, handling the day-to-day clerical and administrative support tasks on top of managing the inventory and deliverables for the project. "Working on the book mentor project has been an amazing experience to be part of and I have enjoyed interacting with the community and giving back. I have had a great time getting to know others working on the project and enjoy the work that I do organizing and distributing the books and activities for the program," Bellizzi said.

Michelle Garduno, a sophomore studying Human Development and Family Studies at Illinois, serves as the program's Spanish translator.

The Book Mentor Project serves more than 350 children across 12 Head Start classrooms and eight off-site locations throughout east central Illinois, giving out 2,450 books to children and families annually. In addition, Kiwanis Club of Champaign-Urbana coordinates a Book Mentor Jr. program with IPM that provides additional volunteer activities for Head Start's younger classrooms.



The Book Mentor Project provides teachers and parents books and activities to aid in learning.

Time to get back in the garden

As we approach the official start of spring, we caught up with Tinisha Spain, host of **Mid American Gardener**, about plans for her garden and the show.



Q. What are you eyeing in the seed catalogs for your own garden this year?

A. This year I've decided to grow things I've never grown before, so we will try a variety of new fruits and vegetables. We will grow brussels sprouts, eggplant, maybe artichokes, the world's smallest tomato, garlic, and lots of herbs and berries.

Q. For anyone starting seeds, which past episode(s) would you suggest they check out?

A. Yes! Longtime panelist Marti Alagna and I did a full segment on seed starting on the Jan. 30 episode (of this year). You can learn the whole process there. She walks you through everything from planting depth, to keeping your trays clean, and when to water.

Note: Other episodes with info on starting seeds are listed at left.



7 pm Thursdays

More about the series and archival episodes

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Past episodes with segments on SEED STARTING

Jan. 30, 2025

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Q. How will you challenge yourself in the garden this year?

A. My goal this year is to stay on top of the weeds and not let them get out of hand in the dog days of summer when I don't exactly feel like pulling weeds.

My other challenge this year will be to tend to, but not harvest the asparagus. I planted it last year, and you are not supposed to harvest any until the second year, so this spring I will have to walk past that deliciousness until 2026.

Q. Do you have any suggestions for people that want to introduce more native plants and pollinators into their landscape?

A. Reach out to your local extension office. Many of them have seeds on hand that you can have free of charge to start in your own landscape. In Vermilion County, the Danville Public Library offers free seeds on behalf of the Vermilion County Master Gardeners. Another way is to keep an eye out this spring for local plant sales. Find FFA chapters or horticulture classes that offer natives. You'll get a great plant and support local gardeners — a win-win.

Q. What can we expect from Mid American Gardener in 2025?

A. We are excited to bring you more great gardening information from our experts. We want **Mid American Gardener** to inspire people to tear into that first pack of seeds or buy that first tomato plant and put them in the ground. My goal as your host is to make gardening accessible, inclusive, and fun! Viewers can also expect us to be out and about all across central Illinois learning new things, trying new things, and bringing them the best in zone 6 gardening.

Lecture, short films, and live music featured

The Roger Ebert Center for Film Studies at the University of Illinois College of Media presents a film and musical performance of the Japanese Paper Film Project, which restores 1930s Japanese paper films and brings them to life for modern audiences. Hear a short lecture from Eric Faden of Bucknell University about the history and technique of the art form, followed by a screening of 28 short films with the live musical accompaniment of Yoko Reikano Kimura and Hikaru Tamaki. This event is co-sponsored by the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, the School of Music, and the Humanities Research Institute at Illinois. The event begins at 7 pm Friday, March 28 at the Spurlock Museum of World Cultures, 600 S. Gregory St., Urbana. The event is free and open to the public.



Hikaru Tamaki and Yoko Reikano Kimura.

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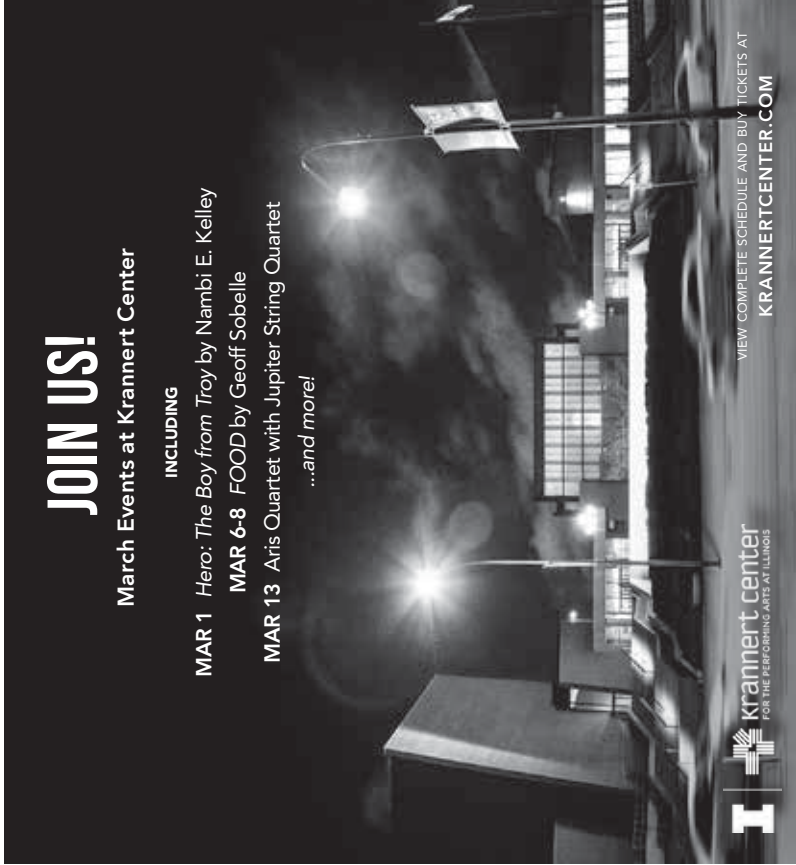
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