Lift Every Voice
An AMERICAN PORTRAIT special from WILL
Giving gifts to our loved ones and friends seems just a little more meaningful this season, don’t you think? The things we choose to share must fit into a box to be shipped off in plenty of time or exchanged among close family groups.

The gifts you, the Friends of WILL, have given us will stretch well beyond this holiday season! In fact, thanks to the generosity of two local couples, WILL Classical is able to offer the John Frayne Classical Music Graduate Student Work Experience—which will fully fund special classical-first projects created by a University of Illinois School of Music grad student. This endowment will provide for such an experience for years and years to come.

These days, music students must excel at their instrument/study area and build entrepreneurial skills to prepare for a well-rounded career. We’re pleased to present this opportunity to students, while honoring John Frayne— whose passions for writing, great music recordings, and performers come together each weekend on Classics of the Phonograph. We promise to bring you more details on this exciting endeavor in the new year.

Are your creative juices flowing at the thought of what your own gift to Illinois Public Media could do in the lives of others? I hope so! Your gifts are quite literally the engine that keeps our stations and programs moving forward.

A big thank you to everyone who gave this year, at all levels. Your support is making a difference for all of us in central Illinois.

Moss Bresnahan, President and CEO
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American Portrait—a national storytelling project aligned with PBS’s 50th anniversary celebration invites everyday people to participate in a national conversation about what it really means to be an American today. Back in June, WILL-TV presented a special local edition of American Portrait, focusing on the lives of those in Central Illinois dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find and stream American Portrait Central Illinois: Living Through the COVID-19 Pandemic for free with the PBS Video App.

This holiday season, WILL-TV wanted to find out how other locals are being creative during these difficult and dark times. The idea was inspired by a conversation with Dr. William Southerland of Windy City Performing Arts in Chicago. He was about to embark on his inaugural season as the conductor of the organization’s two choirs – The Windy City Gay Chorus and the Windy City Treble Quire – but from his home in South Carolina. “I was immediately fascinated by the ins and outs of how he was going to pull off rehearsals and put together the final performance, all online,” said Sarah Edwards, director and producer of American Portrait Central Illinois.

“As a longtime choir singer, I was hooked on the idea of highlighting what choirs are doing to remain vital during a time when it’s so dangerous to sing together.”

This idea grew to become American Portrait Central Illinois: Lift Every Voice. Along with the Windy City Performing Arts choirs, the program also documents the work the Danville High School Madrigals and the University of Illinois Black Chorus. Jeff Thomas, who is the director of the Madrigals, also has his choir operating entirely virtually, but you’ll see that Dr. Ollie Watts Davis, longtime conductor of the Black Chorus, is navigating a different set of challenges.

“Dr. Davis was passionate about giving her choir the option to participate in-person, but the logistics haven’t been easy,” said Edwards. Chorus members contend with singing in oversized “singers masks,” maintaining distance, changing locations every half-hour, and the isolating experience of singing along virtually. Davis was inspired early in the pandemic to compose an original piece to help her students cope with the challenges — a song that has become a centerpiece of their rehearsals.

American Portrait Central Illinois: Lift Every Voice will feature the debut of Davis’ original composition as well as performances from all three organizations. It’s a timely portrait of the staying power of music and the arts in strange and uncertain times. Tune in and let the music inspire and lift you up this holiday season on Monday, December 21 at 7 pm.
Have yourself a Tudor Christmas

Did you know that some of the modern-day Christmas traditions have surprising Tudor origins? Join Lucy Worsley on a 12-day extravaganza as she discovers that much of what we enjoy in contemporary Christmas — from singing carols to gift-giving, feasting, and drinking — was just as popular 500 years ago, with some surprising Tudor twists along the way. Begin your historical holiday journey 7 pm Sunday, December 6 with Lucy Worsley’s 12 Days of Tudor Christmas.

Bringing us together

The end of the month finds us coming together as Americans for an evening of powerful performances meant to unite us through the arts and celebrate our country with a fireworks finale. This special concert will be filmed onsite at the slave cemetery at Mt. Vernon—which will be highlighted as a part of the program—and will feature a moving narrative by Anna Deavere Smith and a special performance by Denyce Graves. Don’t miss United in Song: A Celebration of America’s Resilience on 7 pm Thursday, December 31.
Christmastime in Poplar

This year’s Christmas special finds us in 1965 Poplar where everyone at Nonnatus House is looking forward to a traditional Christmas, but things don’t go to plan. Poor Sister Monica Joan is rushed to hospital, while Trixie is angry to receive a subscription to a Marriage Bureau as a Christmas gift! Meanwhile, as the Circus arrives in Poplar, there’s an exciting adventure afoot for Nurse Crane, and Shelagh is involved in a deeply moving birth. Celebrate the holidays as only Call The Midwife can on 8 pm Friday, December 25.

Swingin’ into the holiday season

Celebrate the life and career of Ella Fitzgerald through the classics of the holiday season. In collaboration with the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation, the American Pops Orchestra presents an evening celebrating the entire iconic sounds and songs of the season with host Vanessa Williams and appearances by Dee Dee Bridgwater, Norm Lewis, Carmen Ruby Floyd, Nova Payton, and Jon Batiste. Get out your dancing shoes, and join us as Ella Wishes You a Swingin’ Christmas on 7 pm Tuesday, December 15.

Best wishes from all of us at Minuteman
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WEEKDAYS

6 am  NPR Morning Edition
    with Steve Inskeep, Rachel Martin, David Greene, and Noel King

9 am  Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo
    Join Vic for music and companionship and make each morning a classic morning!

Noon  Afternoon Classics
    NPR News Headlines at 12:01, 1:01, and 3:01.

5 pm  NPR All Things Considered
    with Ailsa Chang, Audie Cornish, Mary Louise Kelly, and Ari Shapiro

6 pm Monday-Thursday  The 21st
    with Brian Mackey

7 pm  The Evening Concert
    Great performances from the great concert venues. Also on Sundays from 7-9. Listings are subject to change.

Monday:
    The New York Philharmonic This Week and Holiday Specials
12/7 Haydn, Martinů, Sibelius
    Haydn: Symphony No. 95 in C minor
    Martinů: Incantation, Piano Concerto No. 4
    Sibelius: Symphony No. 1 in E minor, Op. 39
12/14 Jeffrey Kahane
    Jeffrey Kahane, conductor
    Bach: Concerto for Violin and Oboe
    Sheryl Staples, violin and Liang Wang, oboe
    Mozart: Symphony No. 33
    Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1
    Jeffrey Kahane, piano
12/21 Paul Winter’s Winter Solstice Concert and Jonathan Winters “A Christmas Carol”
12/28 Maazel Conducts Brahms
    Lorin Maazel, conductor
    Brahms: Symphony No. 3
    Brahms: Symphony No. 4

Tuesday:
    Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Holiday Specials
12/1 Riccardo Muti conducts Cavalleria Rusticana
    Bizet: Romé
    Mascagni: Cavalleria Rusticana
12/8 Variations on America
    Gershwin: Cuban Overture
    Gershwin/Tovey: A Foggy Day
    Ives: The Unanswered Question
    Ives/Schuman: Variations on America
    Dvořák: Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, Op. 95
12/15 Riccardo Muti and Mitsuko Uchida
    Mozart: Overture to The Marriage of Figaro
    Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor
    Varèse: Deserts
    Stravinsky: Suite from The Firebird

12/22 Symphonic Holiday and Wind and Rhythm Christmas Special
12/29 A Chicago Symphony Chorus Spotlight
    Bruckner: Psalm 150
    Bartók: Cantata profana
    Brahms: A German Requiem

Wednesday:
12/2 Cleveland Orchestra and a Holiday Special
    George Szell, conductor
    Sibelius: Symphony No. 4 in a, Op. 63
12/9 Cooper International Violin Competition
    Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in e, Op. 64
    Shihan Wang, violin
    Dvořák: Violin Concerto in a, Op. 53
    Isabella Brown, violin

12/16 Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra
    Vinay Parameswaran, conductor
    Bartók: Dance Suite
    Bruch: Scottish Fantasy, Op. 46
    Julia Schult, violin
    Shostakovitch: Symphony No. 5 in d, Op. 47
12/23 Noell, Noell and There Were Shepherds
12/30 George Szell’s final recorded concert
    Weber: Oberon: Overture
    Mozart: Symphony No. 40 in g, K 550
    Sibelius: Symphony No. 2 in d, Op. 43

Thursday:
    Collector’s Corner with Henry Fogel and Holiday Specials
12/3 Berlin Philharmonic’s releases of Furtwängler Broadcasts, 1939–1945, Program 4
    Beethoven: Symphony No. 5
    Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2
    Edwin Fischer
12/10 Berlin Philharmonic’s releases of Furtwängler Broadcasts, 1939–1945, Program 5
    Beethoven: Violin Concerto
    Erich Röhn, violin
12/17 Berlin Philharmonic’s releases of Furtwängler Broadcasts, 1939–1945, Program 6
    Strauss: Symphonia Domestica
    Weber: Der Freischütz: Overture
    Beethoven: Symphony No. 6
12/24 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
12/31 Ruggero Ricci: Rediscovered Live Recordings
    Brahms: Violin Concerto in D major
    Sibelius: Violin Concerto in D minor
    Glazunov: Violin Concerto in A minor
12/31 Toast of the Nation from NPR (10 pm – 2 am)

Friday:
    Prairie Performances
    with Roger Cooper
    Concerts are subject to availability.
12/4 Sinfonia da Camera
    Ian Hobson, conductor, piano
    “Messiah and Mozart”
    Ollie Watts Davis, soprano
    Ricardo Herrera, bass-baritone
    Ian Hobson serves double duty as pianist and conductor in Mozart’s beloved Piano Concerto No. 23; the orchestra opens with Mozart’s seldom-performed gem, his Overture to La Clemenza di Tito.
    Mozart: Overture to La Clemenza di Tito
    Mozart: Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488
    Handel: The Messiah (Mozart orchestration; Christmas portion with “Hallelujah Chorus”)
12/11 Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana
Chet Alwes, conductor
“Judas Maccabaeus”
Handel: “Judas Maccabaeus”
Ricardo Herrera, baritone, as Simon
Lee Steiner, tenor, as Judas
Christopher Holman, counter tenor, as Israelite Man
Kathy Linger, soprano
Stephen L. Larson, baritone, as Messenger
Audrey Vance
Central Illinois Children’s Chorus, Andrea Solyea, director
The instrumentalists of BACH
Amy Flores, cello
Jonathan Young, organ
Tracy Parish and Jeremy McBain, trumpets
William Moersch, tympani
12/18 Eastern Illinois University Symphony
Richard Robert Rossi, conductor
“Spirit of Christmas”
12/25 Sinfonia da Camera
Ian Hobson, conductor
University of Illinois Oratorio Society
Andrew Megill, conductor
“Noel”
Bach: “Weihnachtsoratorium”, BWV 248

9 pm
Night Music
Andrea Blain, Scott Blakenship, and Steve Seel keep you company through the night and into the morning.
NPR News Headlines at 9:01.

SATURDAYS

7 am
NPR Weekend Edition
with Scott Simon

9 am
Classics By Request
Submit 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.

12/5 Father-in-Law Conducts Son-in-Law:
Toscanini and Horowitz Collaborations
12/12 Ginette Neveu, Great French Violinist
12/19 Handel’s Messiah, Recordings Through the Decades
12/26 J. S. Bach, Through the Holidays

Noon
Afternoon at the Opera
This month begins the Metropolitan Opera season of broadcasts.

12/5 War and Peace (Prokofiev), Valery Gergiev, cond., with Anna Netrebko (Natasha), Ekaterina Semenchuk (Sonya), Elena Obraztsova (Mme. Akhrosimova), Gega Grigorian (Pierre), Dmitri Hvorostovsky (Prince Andrei), and the Met Ensemble. (Performance from March 2, 2002)
12/12 Fidelio (Beethoven), Sebastian Weigle, cond., with Adrianne Pieczonka (Leonore), Klaus Florian Vogt (Florestan), Greer Grimsley (Don Pizarro), Falk Struckmann (Rocco), and the Met Ensemble. (Performance from April 1, 2017)
12/19 Hansel and Gretel (Humperdinck), (English Language Version), Donald Runnicles, cond., with Lisette Oropesa (Gretel), Tara Erraught (Hansel), Dolora Zajick (Gertrude), Gerhard Siegel (Witch), Quinn Kelsey (Peter). (Performance from January 6, 2018)

12/26 The Magic Flute (Mozart) (Abridged English Language Version), Erik Nielsen, cond., with Susanna Phillips (Pamina), Erika Milikosa (Queen of the Night), Russell Thomas (Tamino), Nathan Gunn (Papageno), Morris Robinson (Sarastro), and the Met Ensemble. (Performance from December 21, 2010)

4 pm
NPR All Things Considered
with Michel Martin

5 pm
Performance Today Weekend
Host Fred Child presents a two-hour weekly program that features 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]

7 pm
The Midnight Special
Marilyn Rea Beyer offers listeners a lively potpourri of folk, Celtic and bluegrass, show and novelty tunes, and hilarious comedy routines.

9 pm
American Parlor Songbook
JP Houston and Julie Van Dusen feature clever songs, charming stories, and hilarious sketches every week.
NPR News Headlines at 9:01.

10 pm
Classics All Night
NPR News Headlines at 10:01

SUNDAYS

7 am
NPR Weekend Edition
with Lulu Garcia-Navarro

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

1 pm
The Record Shelf

2 pm
Performance Today Weekend

4 pm
NPR All Things Considered
with Michel Martin

5 pm
Classical Music

7-8 pm
The Evening Concert
Sunday:
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and a Holiday Special
12/6 National Heroes
Nielsen: Quintet for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, and Horn, Op. 43
Copland: Appalachian Spring Suite for Ensemble
WEEKDAYS

6–9 am
Classical Music

9 am–noon
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Noon–overnight
Classical Music

Friday 7-9 pm
Prairie Performances
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SATURDAYS

7–9 am
Classical Music

9–11 am
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Noon-4 pm
Afternoon at the Opera
Complete opera broadcasts followed, time-permitting, by opera previews and excerpts with host John Frayne.

4 pm–overnight
Classical Music

SUNDAYS

All day
Classical Music

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12/13  Culturally Inspired
Francaix: Trio for Violin, Viola, and Cello
Schoenfeld: Trio for Clarinet, Violin, and Piano
Prokofiev: Quartet No. 2 in F major for Strings

12/20  St. Olaf Christmas Festival, Hour 1

12/27  Voices of Longing
Brahms: Rhapsody in E-flat major for Piano, Op. 119, No. 4. Shai Wosner, Piano
Brahms: Quartet in G minor for Piano, Violin, Viola, and Cello, Op. 25

8-9 pm
The Evening Concert
Early Music Now with Sara Schneider and Holiday Specials

12/6  Masterworks from the Düben Collection
Gustav Düben the Elder served as chapel master at the royal court in Sweden in the 17th century and was an avid collector of music manuscripts; the collection that bears his name contains about 2300 pieces. We’ll sample some of these rarely-heard gems.

12/13  Hanukkah Lights 2020
The NPR favorite returns with all new Hanukkah stories. Authors TBA. Hosted by Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz.

12/20  St. Olaf Christmas Festival, Hour 2
F. Melius Christiansen started the Christmas Festival in 1911 at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota as a simple service in word and song for students, faculty, friends and family. In the 109 years since, it has grown to include more than 500 student musicians who share their gifts with more than 12,000 audience members at the four live concerts

12/27  Christus natus est nobis
Five centuries of Christmas music, including works by Clemens non Papa, Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, and Louis-Claude Daquin. We’ll also hear otherworldly 12th century polyphony from Aquitaine, and selections from “The Cherry Tree” sung by Anonymous 4.

9 pm
Classical Music

10 pm
Harmonia
Angela Mariani presents Baroque and early music.

NPR News Headlines at 10:01.

11 pm
The Romantic Hours
Music, poetry and romance with Mona Golabek.

midnight
Classical Music

Paul Winter’s Winter Solstice Celebration
Celebrate the return of the sun - and the warming of the heart with Paul Winter’s Winter Solstice Celebration. On the darkest night of the year, we head back to New York’s Cathedral of St. John the Divine to hear a new performance of The Paul Winter Consort and the glorious Cathedral Pipe Organ, airing at 7 pm Monday, December 21 on The Evening Concert.
### Online Streaming
Online Streaming: will.illinois.edu
AM 580 Listener Comments: willamfm@illinois.edu

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### Agriculture
**Todd Gleason, host, Closing Market Report & 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. To listen to archived Ag reports, sign up for the Illinois Public Media Ag E-newsletter, or download our agricultural podcasts, visit www.willag.org.

### Illinois Public Media News
**Reginald Hardwick, news and public affairs director, Illinois Public Media**

The news from Illinois Public Media’s award-winning staff of reporters, hosts, and producers—Eunice Alpasan, Lecia Bushak, Anna Casey, Jason Croft, Dana Cronin, Lee Gaines, Christine Herman, Brian Mackey, Jim Meadows, Brian Moline, Steve Morck, and Ryan Wilde—can be heard during **Morning Edition, The 21st, Here & Now, and All Things Considered**.

### Weather
**Monday-Friday**

Weather forecasts from meteorologist Andrew Pritchard throughout the day.

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**Patterns - December 2020**

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12.3 5 am – 5 pm

Mon: Dining with The Chef; Iowa Ingredient
Tue and Thu: Mike Colameco's Real Food; Tastemakers
Wed and Fri: Hubert Keller: Secrets of a Chef; America's Test Kitchen
Sat: P. Allen Smith's Garden Home; Growing a Greener World
Sun: New Day New Chef; The Jazzy Vegetarian

12.3 5 pm – 5 am

Fridays
7:00 Ornament of the World (12/11); Your Health: A Sacred Matter (12/25)
8:00 Holy Silence (12/18)
11:00 Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America (12/4); Mark Twain's Journey to Jerusalem: Dreamland (12/11); Inside The Vatican (12/18); Faith in the Big House (12/25)

Saturdays
7:00 Ken Burns: The National Parks (12/5); Miles Davis: American Masters (12/12); Maya Angelou: American Masters (12/19); Great Performances: Twilight: Los Angeles (12/26)
8:30 POV Shorts: Positive Images (12/26)
9:00 America Reframed (12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26)
10:00 Reel South: Gimme A Faith (12/19)
10:30 Beth Ames Swartz / Reminders of Invisible Light (12/1); Our American Family: The Mays (12/8); Education of Harvey Gantt (12/22)
11:00 Ken Burns: The National Parks (12/5); Maya Angelou: American Masters (12/19); Great Performances: Twilight: Los Angeles (12/26)

Sundays
7:00 Nature (12/6, 12/13, 12/20)
8:00 Nature: Snow Bears (12/13); Same God (12/20)
8:30 Rick Steves Fascism In Europe (12/6)
9:00 Independent Lens: The Judge (12/13)
10:00 Relieving Stress with Yoga with Peggy Cappy (12/6); Backs Against The Wall: The Howard Thurman Story (12/27)
10:30 POV Shorts: There's No Place Like Home (12/13)
11:00 Nature: Equus: Story of the Horse; Chasing The Wind (12/6); Nature: Santa's Wild Home (12/13); City Hall (12/27)
11:30 Nature: Animal Odd Couples (12/20)
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**WILL Kids 24/7 on 12.2**
For the full WILL Kids 24/7 schedule, go to www.illinois.edu/tv/schedule
Unlocking the Mysteries of Sleep

From fruit flies to whales, virtually every animal needs sleep. But why? Why do we need to spend nearly a third of our lives in such a defenseless state? Join a group of scientists as they peer more deeply into the sleeping brain than ever before, discovering just how powerful sleep can be along the way. It would seem those precious zzzzs play a critical role in everything from memory retention and emotional regulation, to removing waste from our brains. Make sure to rest up for NOVA: Mysteries of Sleep on 8:30 pm Wednesday, December 2.

No canvas? No problem!

Keith Haring intended for his artwork to be seen by as many people as possible. Disillusioned by the elitist and exclusionary New York City art gallery scene of the 1980s, Haring preferred alternative methods to display his work, such as graffiti, the pop shop, and murals. His life’s mission was to communicate art to large numbers of people, liberating it from gallery walls and into our everyday lives. Experience the definitive story of international art sensation Keith Haring, told through previously unheard interviews, in American Masters Keith Haring: Street Art Boy 8 pm Friday, December 4.

Iconic pioneer to literary legend

Take an unvarnished look at the unlikely author whose autobiographical fiction helped shape American ideas of the frontier and self-reliance. Laura Ingalls Wilder transformed her frontier childhood into the best-selling “Little House” series at the age of 65. Together, we delve into the legacy of the iconic pioneer as well as the way she transformed her early life into enduring legend—a process that involved a little-known collaboration with her daughter Rose. American Masters Laura Ingalls Wilder: Prairie Legend premieres on 7 pm Tuesday, December 29.
We will always love you, Dolly!

Focusing on the first two decades of the beloved singer-songwriter's career, follow along as Dolly Parton crosses over from her rural Tennessee country roots to become one of the world’s most popular and celebrated artists on stage, television, and film. This program is narrated by Country music star Pam Tillis and including hit songs such as “Coat of Many Colors,” “Here You Come Again,” and “9 To 5.” You won’t want to miss Dolly Parton – I Will Always Love You on 7:30 pm Tuesday, December 1.

The Man in Black is back

Found in the forgotten corners of Sony’s vault, it’s Acts 1 & 2 of Johnny Cash’s never-before-seen concert from 1973. Songs include “Big River,” “A Boy Named Sue,” “If I Were a Carpenter,” and “Folsom Prison Blues,” along with fascinating backstage footage from the show. This special program also includes Act 3, which is an excerpt from a Johnny Cash documentary, The Man in Black in Britain, which explores Johnny Cash’s spiritual link to the U.K. It also follows The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra as they record new arrangements of some of his biggest hits at the legendary Abbey Road Studios in London. Johnny Cash: A Night to Remember premiers on 9 pm Tuesday, December 1.
Tuesday
7:00 Classical-BTS - Season 2 Premiere
7:30 Dolly Parton: I Will Always Love You (My Music) (TV-G)
See article on page 11.
9:00 Johnny Cash: A Night to Remember
See article on page 11.
10:30 Amanpour and Company

Wednesday
7:00 Nature (TV-G) (DVS) Santa's Wild Home
Get an intimate look into life in Lapland, fa- buled land of Santa Claus and actual home of tenacious wildlife such as reindeer, wolverines, Brown bears and more
8:30 Nova Mysteries of Sleep
See article on page 10.
10:00 Rick Steves' Tasty Europe (TV-G) (DVS)
Travel expert and globetrotter Rick Steves eats his merry way through Europe. One delightful taste at a time, he shows how food is a prime ingredient in what defines cultures all across the Continent. Join Rick as he slurps seasonal raw herring in Holland and then savors a farm-to-table country feast with a noble family in Tuscany. Rick and his team then drink some local firewater during the salald course in Bulgaria, and enjoy the elegant simplicity of steak tartare and foie gras in the garden of a French chateau.
10:30 Amanpour and Company

Thursday
7:00 Classic Christmas (My Music) (TV-G)
9:00 Josh Groban: An Evening of Harmony (TV-G)
In celebration of his new album Harmony, Josh Groban is taking fans on a virtual concert “tour” with a series of new, intimate concerts. Highlights from select shows feature a number of Broadway classics such as “Bring Him Home” and “Over the Rainbow,” and numerous never-before-seen performances.
10:30 Amanpour and Company

Friday
7:00 Washington Week
7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
8:00 American Masters (TV-14)
Keith Haring: Street Art Boy
See article on page 10.
9:30 Joe Bonamassa: Royal Tea Live (TV-G)
On September 20, 2020 Joe Bonamassa hosted his final performance of 2020 during a livestream concert from the Ryman theater in Nashville, Tennessee. This 60-minute special is a new solo studio album Royal Tea inspired by his British guitar heroes Jeff Beck, John Mayall & The Bluesbreakers, Eric Clapton and Cream was recorded at the legendary Abbey Road Studios.
10:30 Amanpour and Company

Saturday
7:00 Peter, Paul & Mommy, Too
America’s most popular folk trio celebrates the spirit of children in a magical journey through a timeless repertoire of children’s songs in a concert taped at the Brooklyn Academy of Music’s Majestic Theater. The program features new musical numbers—many of which the trio has never performed on television—including “Hey Motswala,’ ‘The Garden Song,’ and ‘Day Is Done,’ along with old favorites such as “It’s Raining,” “If I Had a Hammer,” and “Puff the Magic Dragon.”
9:00 Ledisi Live: A Tribute to Nina Simone (TV-G)
Join the powerhouse vocalist Ledisi as she celebrates the songs of the legendary singer, songwriter and activist Nina Simone. Performances include ‘My Baby Just Cares for Me,’ ‘Four Women,’ ‘I Put a Spell on You’ and ‘Trouble in Mind.’
10:30 Metallica and the San Francisco Symphony: S&M 2 (TV-G)
Join the ultimate heavy metal band as they join forces with the nearly 80-member orchestra. Filmed over two sold-out shows that opened San Francisco’s Chase Center, the concert features the first-ever symphonic renditions of Metallica fan favorites.

Sunday
7:00 Lucy Worsley’s 12 Days of Tudor Christmas (TV-PG) See article on page 2.
8:30 Lucy Worsley’s Royal Palace Secrets (TV-PG)
Take an exclusive tour of London’s most extraordinary palaces. From the forbidding Tower of London to glorious Hampton Court to treasure-filled Kensington Palace, Lucy takes viewers behind the velvet ropes into each building’s most secret places.
10:00 Stevie Nicks: 24 Karat Gold Tour (TV-G)
Grab a front-row seat for the Grammy Award-winning artist’s epic concert, captured at two sold-out arenas. Featuring smash hits from her Fleetwood Mac and solo careers, with introspective stories about her personal and professional lives.

Monday
7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
New Orleans, Hour One Journey to The Big Easy for hidden treasures like a diamond bracelet and a Van Cleef & Arpels ring, Mardi Gras Comus Krewe parade float, watercolors from 1892, and Keith Haring subway graffiti art from around 1980. One of these is worth up to $95,000!
8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
New Orleans, Hour Two Incredible stories and items from the Crescent City include a ‘Blade Runner’ set decoration, Agnes Martin mixed-media abstractions, ca. 1955, and a feather golf ball ca. 1840. Can you guess which was appraised at $40,000-$80,000?
9:00 Independent Lens (TV-14) (DVS)
Charm City
Meet a group of Baltimore citizens, police and government officials as they cope with the consequences of three years of unparalleled violence. With grit, fury and compassion, they’re trying to reclaim their city’s future.
Tuesday
7:00 Ornament of the World (TV-14)
The Ornament of the World tells the story of a remarkable time in history when the Muslims, Christians and Jews forged a common cultural identity that frequently transcended their religious differences.
9:00 Frontline
10:00 Mum (TV-PG) February
10:30 Amanpour and Company

Wednesday
7:00 Nova (TV-G) Cat Tales
Worshipped as a goddess, condemned as satanic and spun into a stunning array of breeds, cats have long fascinated humans. But did we ever really domesticate them? And what can science tell us about our most mysterious companions?
8:30 Nova Dog Tales
Dogs have long been dependable companions by our sides. But it wasn’t always that way—and a look at their closest living relative, the wolf, makes it clear why. Researchers reveal how humans tamed fearsome canines over tens of thousands of years, and how modern dog intelligence and behaviors have made them indispensable companions.
10:00 Still Open All Hours (TV-PG)
10:30 Amanpour and Company

Thursday
7:00 Mid-American Gardener (TV-G)
7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G)
Installing Water Features Jenn and Roger install a variety of different water features to accentuate landscapes; Roger installs an alternative to a downspout; Jenn installs a waterfall feature in a backyard that reuses water.
8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)
Master Class, Part 1
A gifted young pianist with emotional issues competes with other young talents all trying to win a scholarship in a prestigious, private music academy. Guest stars include James Fox (Sherlock Holmes).
9:00 Father Brown (TV-PG) The Devil You Know
10:00 Chef’s Life (TV-G) Two-Mato
As Chef & the Farmer turns 10, Vivian searches for ripe tomatoes to serve at the restaurant’s birthday party. She seeks the wisdom of Ms. Mary and Ms. Lillie to prepare an old-school tomato dish that ‘kills hungry.’
10:30 Amanpour and Company

Friday
7:00 Washington Week
7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
8:00 Craft In America (TV-PG) Storytellers
Meet artists who use narrative to communicate personal and universal truths. Featuring artist Nicholas Galanin, Julie Schafler Dale, Linda J. Mendelson, George Rodriguez and Christina Bothwell.
9:00 Craft In America (TV-PG) Democracy
Explore how craft is intertwined with our nation’s defining principles. Featuring Robert L. Lynch, Sammy Little, Smithsonian Institution museums, Harvey Pratt, the Veterans History Project, Eudorah Moore and Berea College Student Craft.
10:00 TBA (To Be Announced)
10:30 Amanpour and Company

Saturday
7:00 Masterpiece: 50 Fabulous Years! (TV-G)
8:30 Lucy Worsley’s 12 Days of Tudor Christmas (TV-PG)
10:00 Upstart Crow (TV-PG)
The Most Unkindest Cut of All
10:30 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)
Kane Brown/Colter Wall
Savor the best of today’s country music with Kane Brown and Colter Wall. Georgian country singer Brown plays hits and songs from his album ‘Experiment.’ Canadian artist Wall sings cowboy and Western songs from his LP ‘Songs of the Plains.’

Sunday
7:00 Sanditon On Masterpiece (TV-14)
Episode One
A coach accident brings Charlotte to Sanditon, where she meets Tom and Sidney Parker. Lady Denham hosts a pineapple party for West Indian heiress Miss Lambe. Edward’s relatives complicate matters. Charlotte and Sidney have an awkward encounter.
8:00 Sanditon On Masterpiece (TV-14)
Episode Two
Aiming to seal a match for her nephew Edward, Lady Denham hosts a pineapple party for the West Indian heiress Miss Lambe. Edward’s beautiful relatives Esther and Clara complicate matters, while Charlotte and Sidney have an awkward encounter.
9:00 Sanditon On Masterpiece (TV-14)
Episode Three
Young Stringer presses Tom for back pay owed his builders, currently toiling under dangerous conditions. Aided by the new doctor, Charlotte and Sidney respond to an emergency. Miss Lambe pines for her absent lover.
10:00 Song of the Mountains (TV-G)
The Dillards & The Mayberry Deputy
14 Monday
7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
   New Orleans, Hour Three
   Fabulous finds in NOLA include an ‘Andy Warhol’ portrait by Jamie Wyeth from around 1975, a Chinese gold-splashed bronze wine vessel dating to about 1795, and a 1904 English Smith & Son tourbillon pocket watch. Which is valued at $75,000?
8:00 Christmas with The Tabernacle Choir featuring Kelli O’Hara and Richard Thomas (TV-G)
The Grammy and Emmy Award winning Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, Orchestra at Temple Square, and Bells at Temple Square join Tony Award winning star Kelli O’Hara and renowned actor Richard Thomas to celebrate the holidays with a nostalgic program that exudes the warmth and peace that the season can bring. Set against a backdrop of a country farmhouse and church, the visual and musical spectacle is distinctly different from those of years past and serves as a soulful tribute to the holiday traditions, songs, stories and individuals that have contributed to the rich cultural fabric that is uniquely American.
9:00 Independent Lens (TV-14) (DVS)
The Force
   Go deep inside the long-troubled Oakland Police Department as it struggles to confront federal demands for reform, a popular uprising following events in Ferguson, Missouri, and an explosive scandal.
10:30 Amanpour and Company

15 Tuesday
7:00 Ella Wishes You A Swingin’ Christmas, with Vanessa Williams (TV-G)
   See article on page 3.
8:00 Christmas at Belmont (TV-G)
   Christmas at Belmont 2019 features Belmont University students along with Michael W. Smith, CeCe Winans and the Nashville Children’s Choir. Taped in Nashville’s Schermerhorn Symphony Center, the show includes classic holiday songs and festive tunes
9:00 Frontline
10:00 Mum (TV-PG) May
10:30 Amanpour and Company

16 Wednesday
7:00 Nature (TV-G) (DVS) Animal Odd Couples
   Uncover the variety of activity, both human and natural, that occurs on the slopes of active volcanoes. See the surprising number of animals that survive and thrive alongside these fiery natural phenomena.
8:00 Nova (TV-G) Einstein’s Quantum Riddle
   Quantum entanglement is poised to revolutionize technology from networks to code breaking, but first we need to know it’s real. Join physicists as they capture light from across the universe in a bid to prove Einstein’s ‘spooky action at a distance.’
9:00 Nova (TV-PG) Apollo’s Daring Mission
   Hear Apollo astronauts and engineers tell the inside story of how the first mission to the moon, Apollo 8, pioneered groundbreaking technologies that would pave the way to land a man on the moon and win the space race.
10:00 Still Open All Hours (TV-PG)
10:30 Amanpour and Company

17 Thursday
7:00 Mid-American Gardener (TV-G)
7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G) All About Fireplaces
   In this special episode of Ask This Old House, Tom and Mark tell you everything you need to know about fireplaces; Tom builds a custom mantel for a homeowner; Richard discusses fireplace inserts; Mark replaces the heart of a fireplace with granite.
8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG) Master Class, Part 2
   A gifted young pianist with emotional issues competes with other young talents all trying to win a scholarship in a prestigious, private music academy. Guest stars include James Fox (Sherlock Holmes).
9:00 Father Brown (TV-PG) The Dance of Death
10:00 Chef’s Life (TV-G) Shake, Rattle, and Pole (Beans)
   Vivian struggles to scrounge up enough green beans to add to the menu at Chef & the Farmer, where a new chef is firmly in place. Mrs. Tessie Mae gives her a golf cart tour of her garden, an intro to pickled pork and a lesson in snapping pole beans.
10:30 Amanpour and Company

18 Friday
7:00 Washington Week
7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
8:00 Ella Wishes You A Swingin’ Christmas, with Vanessa Williams (TV-G)
9:00 St. Olaf Christmas Festival: A New Song of Joy And Hope (TV-G)
10:30 Amanpour and Company
### Saturday
- **7:00** Mum (TV-PG)
- **7:30** Still Open All Hours (TV-PG)
- **8:00** Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)
  - Blood on the Saddle, Part 2
  - A Wild West show comes to Ford Florey and a serial killer starts to eliminate villagers in a 'wild west' fashion, all related to a parcel of disputed swampland. Guest stars include Emma Cooke (WPC 56).
- **9:00** Shakespeare & Hathaway-Private Investigators (TV-PG)
- **10:00** Upstart Crow (TV-PG)
  - Go On and I Will Follow
- **10:30** Austin City Limits (TV-PG)
  - Khalid/Mac Demarco

### Sunday
- **7:00** Sanditon On Masterpiece (TV-14)
  - Episode Four
  - Lord Babington courts Esther, who prefers Edward. Charlotte and Sidney clash over Miss Lambe's illicit meeting with Otis. Young Stringer and Charlotte strike up a friendship.
- **8:00** Sanditon On Masterpiece (TV-14)
  - Episode Five
  - Desperate for unpaid wages, Young Stringer threatens a worker boycott of the annual cricket match with Sanditon's gentlemen. Even Charlotte joins the game as simmering tensions boil over.
- **9:00** Sanditon On Masterpiece (TV-14)
  - Episode Six
  - At loggerheads over the disappearance of Miss Lambe, Charlotte and Sidney comb the London underworld to find her. Meanwhile, Tom tries to save Sanditon and his marriage, and Edward and Clara hatch a cunning plot to seize Lady Denham’s legacy.
- **10:00** Song of the Mountains (TV-G)
  - Wayne Henderson & Jeff Little / Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers

### Monday
- **7:00** American Portrait (TV-G)
  - See article on page 1.
- **8:00** Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
  - Orlando, Hour Two
  - Journey to Orlando with ROADSHOW to learn more about vintage and antique items, including a 1965 NASA ‘Comed Beef’ archive, a Korean The Water Moon Viewung Guanyin painting, and a 1918 WWI peach can label letter. Which is the big find?
- **9:00** Independent Lens (TV-PG) (DVS)
  - Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked The World
  - Discover how Native American musicians have transformed American blues, jazz and rock in this musical celebration featuring Robbie Robertson, Taj Mahal, Slash, Jackson Browne, Taboo, Quincy Jones, Tony Bennett, Iggy Pop, Steven Tyler and more.
- **10:30** Amanpour and Company

### Tuesday
- **7:00** City Hall (TV-PG)
  - City government touches almost every aspect of our lives. City Hall, a film by Frederick Wiseman, illustrates the variety of ways the Boston city administration can enter into civil discourse with its citizens. See Mayor Walsh and his administration address policy priorities such as racial justice, affordable housing, climate action, and homelessness.
- **7:00** Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)
  - Snowbound: Animals of Winter
  - Travel across the snow globe with wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan to meet animal survivors of winter, from the penguins of Antarctica to the Arctic fox and the bison of Yellowstone. Snow looks magical, but it’s a harsh reality to these animals.
- **8:00** Nova (TV-G) Pluto and Beyond
  - Join the mission as the New Horizons spacecraft attempts to fly by NASA’s most distant target yet. Since it explored Pluto in 2015, New Horizons is zooming toward Ultima Thule, an object four billion miles from Earth.
- **9:00** Nova (TV-G) Flying Supersonic
  - A history of the legendary Concorde, the passenger plane that flew from the late 70s till 2003 at twice the speed of sound. Designed and built by French and British engineers, the Concorde was the ultimate in speed and luxury for a select group of global jet setters, and the birthplace of many breakthroughs in aviation science.

### Wednesday
- **7:00** Call The Midwife Holiday Special (TV-14)
  - See what happens when a new nun and four Chinese orphans arrive unexpectedly at Nonnatus House, causing both joy and chaos for the midwives. Meanwhile, Mother Superior falls ill, and it’s time for a new spiritual leader to be elected.
- **8:00** Call The Midwife Holiday Special (TV-14)
  - Mother Mildred and the Nonnatus House team go to the Outer Hebrides in response to a nursing shortage. Navigating the terrain, they strive to keep up with the needs of the locals.
- **10:00** St. Olaf Christmas Festival: A New Song of Joy And Hope (TV-G)

### Thursday
- **7:00** Washington Week
- **7:30** Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
- **8:00** Call The Midwife Holiday Special (TV-14)
  - See article on page 3.
- **9:30** Ella Wishes You A Swingin’ Christmas, with Vanessa Williams (TV-G)
- **10:30** Amanpour and Company

### Friday
- **7:00** Washington Week
- **7:30** Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
- **8:00** Call The Midwife Holiday Special (TV-14)
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- **9:30** Ella Wishes You A Swingin’ Christmas, with Vanessa Williams (TV-G)
- **10:30** Amanpour and Company

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26 Saturday
7:00 Mum (TV-PG) August
7:30 Still Open All Hours (TV-PG)
8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)
   The Silent Land, Part 1
   Jeff Bowmaker runs a profitable business in Midsomer Magna conducting spooky night-time 'ghost tours.' During one of the nights, the unpopular village librarian turns up dead.
9:00 Shakespeare & Hathaway-Private Investigators (TV-PG)
   See Thyself, Devil!
10:00 Upstart Crow (TV-PG)
   A Crow Christmas Carol
10:40 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)
   Gary Clark, Jr.
   Thrill to an hour with fast-rising blues rocker Gary Clark Jr. The Austin singer-songwriter and guitarist performs songs from his highly acclaimed album 'This Land.'

27 Sunday
7:00 Sanditon On Masterpiece (TV-14)
   Episode Seven
   With the approach of Sanditon’s regatta, the success of the resort hangs in the balance -- as do assorted romances. How will Charlotte, Sidney and other lovers fare in the marriage game?
8:00 Sanditon On Masterpiece (TV-14)
   Episode Eight, Season Finale
   On the night of the Midsummer Ball, romance, jealousy and betrayal fill the air. Events conspire to leave Charlotte and the Parker family facing difficult choices.
9:00 Lucy Worsley’s 12 Days of Tudor Christmas (TV-PG)
10:00 Song of the Mountains (TV-G)
   Hillary Klug / David Childers / Bobby Starnes, Steve Gulley & Tim Stafford

28 Monday
7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
   Orlando, Hour Three
   Learn more about items discovered at the Orlando ROADSHOW, such as 1946 Einstein-signed photo and prints, an Agassiz pendant watch, ca. 1905, and a Chinese gold-splashed bronze vase, ca. 1850. Can you guess which is the big find of the night?
8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
   Harrisburg, Hour One
   Celebrate ROADSHOW’s new season with a first-time visit to Harrisburg. Treasures include a Pennsylvania Dutch coffeepot, an 1892 H. F. Farny painting, and a Rene Lalique necklace. Which is valued at $200, 000-$300,000 during an emotional appraisal?
9:00 Vernon Jordan: Make It Plain (TV-PG)
10:00 TBA (To Be Announced)
10:30 Amanpour and Company

29 Tuesday
7:00 American Masters (TV-PG)
   Laura Ingalls Wilder: Prairie to Page
   See article on page 10.
8:30 Anne of Green Gables: Fire & Dew (TV-G)
   Follow Anne Shirley's journey to Queen’s College in Charlottetown. She misses Matthew and Manilla, and is overwhelmed by loneliness, city life and the intense competition. Will Anne find that the dark cloud over her life does have a silver lining?
10:00 Mum (TV-PG)
   October
10:30 Amanpour and Company

30 Wednesday
7:00 Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)
   Cold Warriors: Wolves and Buffalo
   Uncover the variety of activity, both human and natural, that occurs on the slopes of active volcanoes. See the surprising number of animals that survive and thrive alongside these fiery natural phenomena.
8:00 Nova (TV-PG)
   The Impossible Flight
   Follow two intrepid pilots as they take on the greatest aviation adventure of our time, overcoming countless challenges as they construct and fly the first solar-powered airplane around the world.
10:00 Still Open All Hours (TV-PG)
10:30 Amanpour and Company

31 Thursday
7:00 United In Song: Celebrating The Resilience of America (TV-G)
   See article on page 2.
8:30 United In Song: Celebrating The Resilience of America (TV-G)
   See article on page 2.
10:00 Chef’s Life (TV-G)
   Prolific Peppers
   Vivian prep’s peppers for a trip to Lambstock, where chefs, food and music converge. Even with Warren at the wheel, the road provides unexpected woes. Holley’s grandmother offers a lesson in stuffing peppers and delegating authority.
10:30 Amanpour and Company
Make a difference for our community on Giving Tuesday

As we kick off to the final month of the year and our most important fundraising month, we hope you’ll consider making an additional gift to WILL as part of Giving Tuesday on December 1 this year. Promoted by local community organizations across the nation, Giving Tuesday provides us all an opportunity to take a break from holiday shopping and give back to those groups that have made a difference in all of our lives. WILL, NPR and PBS have worked tirelessly to keep you informed and entertained during this hectic year and we hope you consider that worthy of a year-end gift of support at willgive.org or with or with the envelope enclosed in this month’s Patterns. Stay tuned for a special Giving Tuesday match fund to be announced soon from a very generous Friend of WILL!

Go to will.illinois.edu/passport to download the PBS video app and find out how you can unlock more shows with your WILL Passport.
Finishing the year strong

Olivia Butts is a junior studying journalism at the University of Illinois. A native of Chicago, Butts was not sure what she wanted to study in college until taking a documentary filmmaking class through the College of Media her sophomore year. Butts also found an outlet for her journalistic skills through the Illinois chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, where she currently serves as vice president.

From a young age, Butts has always enjoyed the art of storytelling through TV shows, movies, documentaries, and podcasting. Before interning at Illinois Public Media, Butts helped transition her friend’s radio show Pizza FM—which was broadcast on the local college radio station—into a podcast. “I always liked podcasts, and podcasting is very interesting to me. I like listening to them, and I always thought about creating my own or being part of creating one.”

During her time working in Illinois Public Media’s Illinois Newsroom, Butts has taken on the role of producer for 217 Today—a daily podcast that includes a snapshot of each weekday’s headlines and one deeper dive, all in just ten minutes. Butts works on everything from editing the podcast clips to publishing it on the WILL and Illinois Newsroom websites.

So far, Butts said her internship at Illinois Public Media has strengthened her audio editing skills and allowed her to take more initiative in a professional setting. She’s hoping her time working in Illinois Newsroom will prepare for her for a future career in multimedia production. “Especially in journalism it’s hard to make a name for yourself. In this internship, I’m looking for experience to make good, professional connections with people and work that I can look back on.”

We’re so happy to have you, Olivia!
Gabby Castellanos is a senior studying English and sociology at the University of Illinois. Although Castellanos grew up in both Nashville and Chicago, she comes from a family of immigrants and is a first-generation college student. Growing up, Castellanos always had a passion for English, which influenced her studies at Illinois. “I was that kid who always had a book in her hand. I love literature and analysis, so studying English was an obvious choice for me.”

Throughout her time at Illinois, Castellanos has been involved around campus and the community. She used her passion for English to help teach a class of bilingual kindergarteners through the America Reads program. She also worked for the Office of Volunteer Programs on campus and is currently part of the Undergraduate Law Review.

While at Illinois Public Media as a Gateway for Humanities intern in the WILL Education department, Castellanos has worked on several community engagement projects. These include a Facebook Live event on the role of police in Champaign-Urbana, where she helped coordinate panelists and write interview questions. Castellanos most recently designed voter information graphics that were distributed to campus and community organizations.

Throughout her remaining time working with the WILL Education team, Castellanos hopes to get younger generations more involved in news, especially after seeing the innerworkings of Illinois Public Media’s Illinois Newsroom. “The biggest takeaway I’ve had so far is how on top of things journalists have to be. They always have to come up with new story ideas, be in the know within their communities, and listen to their audience.” She hopes these experiences will help her after graduation in finding a job at a non-profit, where she can continue to work on issues that matter to her.

We’re so happy to have you, Gabby!
The COVID-19 pandemic has set the nation’s top researchers and innovators into action like never before, and much of that groundbreaking work is being done here, across the University of Illinois System.

In *Rising to the Challenge*, host Gwen Macsai escorts us through the offices, labs, clinics, and classrooms of the University of Illinois System to explore how this particular institution has risen to the COVID challenge. And rise it has! Doctors, researchers, computer scientists, engineers, and professors are all working on extraordinary things at a remarkable pace. Go behind the scenes to hear from world-renown experts, as well as students and professors who are pitching in as well — like the teacher who raised money by teaching an entire course in one 16-hour marathon, and so much more!

This six-part podcast series is hosted by Gwen Macsai, an award-winning veteran of audio storytelling who is based in Chicago and produced by Libby Foster, an award-winning journalist also based in Chicago and formerly of Illinois Public Media’s *The 21st*. It’s produced by the University of Illinois System with production support from Illinois Public Media*.

Here is a sampling of the first three episodes:

**Episode One: A Shot in the Arm**
In this first episode, Gwen visits with University of Illinois System President Timothy Killeen; gets an update on vaccine development with Dr. Richard Novak; and checks in with University of Illinois women’s tennis coach Evan Clark who is running to raise money for a COVID Relief Fund.

**Episode Two: Testing, Testing 1, 2, 3**
Testing Next up, Gwen talks with Dr. Martin Burke about what it takes to develop a rapid saliva test; gets a look at the SHIELD Illinois Program with Ron Watkins; learns how the University of Illinois Chicago is getting tests to the homeless with Dr. Stockton Mayer and Rebecca Singer; and talks to Anant Naik about the children’s book he wrote about COVID.

**Episode Three: Stressed to the Nines**
Gwen visits an emergency room at the University of Illinois Chicago and talks with Dr. Janet Lin; she also sits down with Tara Powell, associate professor in the School of Social Work, and Mark Wolters, a teaching professor at the Gies College of Business, both at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Lastly, she talks to Mariana Delgado, a senior in Chicago, about how she is helping people in the pandemic.

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