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Last July, when federal funding for public media was officially rescinded, the impact on stations like ours was immense. Because Illinois Public Media serves central Illinois through both radio and television, the federal funding we lost represented a significant shortfall and created considerable uncertainty about the road ahead.

Even so, I was confident our community would respond. I believed that the people who value IPM would step forward to help ensure that our region would continue to benefit from our WILL stations, PBS, NPR, and our community outreach.

In my most optimistic moments, I hoped we might reach \$3.5 million in annual support for the fiscal year ending June 30. I never imagined that nearly 14,000 friends like you would help us surpass \$4 million for the first time in our history, fully replacing the \$1.5 million in federal funding that was lost.

Because of you, people across our region continue to have access to trusted information through IPM News, opportunities for learning through WILL-TV, inspiring cultural experiences through Illinois Soul, enriching music programs through Illinois Classical, and the connections that all provide to help strengthen our communities.

This achievement is worth celebrating, but it is not the end of the story. The challenges facing public media remain real, and the loss of federal funding is now an annual issue. Yet because of your support last fiscal year, IPM is moving forward from a position of strength. Guided by our strategic plan, we remain resolute in building a sustainable future for the service our communities rely on every day.

Thank you for your generosity, your trust, and your belief in the importance of local public media for central Illinois.

John Steinbacher, director of development, budget and resource planning



SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

We have selected special documentaries by local filmmakers as well as other programs that honor Black culture and history.

The art and culture of the barbershop

Ausharra Knox, at right, grew up in a small Midwestern town in central Illinois and became a barber because of his early exposure to the barbering culture. In 2019, he attended his first Bronner Brothers Hair Show in Atlanta, which piqued his curiosity on how the industry had evolved — from new techniques to new tools to new ways of marketing and booking apps. The changes were so intriguing to him, that it led him to create a film, documenting the stories of five Atlanta-based barbers and one local barber. **The Evolution of The Barber: The Art, the Craft & the Culture** focuses on their discussions on these changes and how it has impacted their careers. Knox is the executive producer; he and Pancho Moore are the film's directors. The film airs at 8 pm Tuesday, Aug. 18 on WILL-TV.



The history, impact of local boys, girls club

Created in 1968 against the backdrop of the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War, the Don Moyers Boys & Girls Club, based in Champaign, has been a beacon of hope, friendship, and opportunity for generations. The organization provides youth with opportunities to explore possibilities, build life skills, and prepare for success in life. The film **Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club: From the Club, For Life** tells the club's history, a powerful story of community, legacy, and impact. Featuring narration by Joe Stovall, the film includes rare footage and candid interviews with many of the original members who helped shape the club. Produced by Stovall, above, and Amy Brown with videographers Pancho Moore and Colette Moore, the film airs at 9 pm Tuesday, Aug. 18.



Career, life of local blues legend celebrated



Candy Foster: A Musical Witness explores the life and musical career of local R&B legend Candy (Gerald) Foster — a musical journey that spans more than 60 years and is still going strong. The 2025 film will air at 10 pm Tuesday, Aug. 18. The Danville native was known locally for his band Soul Brothers. And there is a long list of musical greats that Foster served as the opening act, including Muddy Waters, BB King, Koko Taylor, and Gatemouth Brown. The program features extended musical clips of Candy as well as interviews with many of his longtime

friends, musical collaborators, band members, and fans. Produced by Tim Hartin and Marten Stromberg, the film includes contributions from the **Prairie Fire** team, including an interview by Sarah Edwards, graphics by Taylor Plantan, and technical assistance and engineering by DJ Roach.

Other notable programs included in our Illinois Soul Summer Block Party: The four-part **Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World** airs at 10 pm Aug. 23 and Aug. 30. In addition, **Declarations: Black Americans and the Revolutionary War** airs at 8:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 11, and **The Historic HBCU Photograph** airs at 10:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Dolly's life, career, and, most of all, music



Dolly Parton: Here I Am is an acclaimed 2019 documentary that chronicles the legendary singer's 50-year career. Directed by Francis Whately, the film explores the true stories and inspirations behind her timeless hits through rare archival footage and exclusive interviews. It features Dolly breaking down her creative process, alongside footage from her career highlights and commentary from close friends and collaborators such as Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, and Linda Perry. **Dolly Parton: Here I Am** airs at 7:30 pm Saturday, Aug. 8, and at 10:30 pm Sunday, Aug. 9.

Reba featured in 2023 concert special

Reba McEntire headlines a special night of music from New York's Madison Square Garden. Featuring some of Reba's biggest hits like "Turn On The Radio," "Can't Even Get The Blues," "Going Out Like That," and "Fancy," this concert was the final night of the "Reba: Live In Concert" tour which visited over 50 cities throughout 2022 and 2023. **Reba McEntire Live from Madison Square Garden** was filmed on April 15, 2023, and marked Reba's first-time headlining the iconic New York City venue. The music special includes an appearance by Terri Clark, who joins Reba for a Linda Ronstadt medley. The special airs at 6 pm Saturday, Aug. 8, and will be available with WILL Passport on the same day.



A dream lineup celebrates America

Produced by TJL Productions in 2002, **Red, White and Rock (My Music)** is a patriotic celebration of America and pop oldies music performed by Frankie Valli, The Drifters, Connie Francis, Frankie Avalon, and other longtime favorites. Spotlighting artists from the rock, pop, and doo-wop days of the late 1950s and '60s, this all-star concert features several performances not previously broadcast. **Red, White and Rock (My Music)** airs at 8 pm Friday, Aug. 14, and 11:30 pm Saturday, Aug. 15.



Pioneering concert series returns



The innovative music series **Live From the Artists Den** returns to public television with new concert specials featuring top artists performing in nontraditional, often historic, settings. Season 14 premieres at 10 pm Friday, Aug. 28, with an intimate performance by Lord Huron at the historic Mission Playhouse in San Gabriel, California. The show features their expansive discography and includes the television debut of tracks from their acclaimed 2025 album, "The Cosmic Selector Vol. 1," brought to life with the band's signature ethereal stagecraft and theatrical props. The band also performs hits such as "The Night We Met," "Bag of Bones," "Who Laughs Last," and "Meet Me in The Woods." The audience included more than a thousand fans who traveled to San Gabriel from all over the country. Season 14 is currently available with WILL Passport.

ILLINOIS COUNTRY

Illinois' role in the history of country music



Alison Krauss



Mo Pitney



The 'Illinois Country' crew, from left, Sarah Edwards, DJ Roach, Isaac Musgrave with Suzy Bogguss, center.

town hoedowns to the National Barn Dance in Chicago and Farm Aid in Champaign and on to recent Illinois-bred Grammy winners.

The film begins in Chicago with the story of the WLS National Barn Dance and the Illinois locals — including Tuscola native Smiley Burnette and Decatur's Jenny Lou Carson — who helped make the show a success from 1924 to 1960. In southern Illinois, we meet writer and singer John Hartford and the alt-rock band Uncle Tupelo. In central Illinois, we highlight the contributions of recording pioneer Jerry Milam of Golden Voice Studios and talk with local country star Marvin Lee, who first put a young Alison Krauss on stage.



Jerry Milam



Andrea Zonn and Suzy Bogguss

Filmmaker Sarah Edwards, producer DJ Roach, and videographer Isaac Musgrave filmed nearly 25 interviews, traveled the length of the state, and made several trips to Nashville over the course of a year to bring to life the local documentary **Illinois Country**. We will air the one-hour film at 4:30 pm Saturday, Aug. 8, and at 9 pm Sunday, Aug. 9.

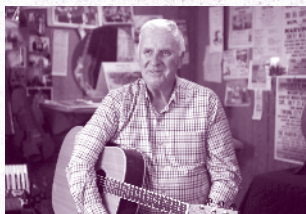
Premiering in 2020, **Illinois Country** tells the story of Illinois' singular role in the history of country music in the United States, tracing the progression of the genre from early gathering halls and small-



Mark Rubel



David Lee Murphy



Marvin Lee Flessner

Finally, we hear from Illinoisans who have made it big in country music, including Alison Krauss, David Lee Murphy, Robbie Fulks, Margo Price, Kendall Marvel, and Suzy Bogguss.

Illinois Country also features the original song "Backroads," which viewers see come to life. Five-time Grammy nominee Graham Edwards and Nashville songwriter John Pennell teamed up to write the song. Curb Records recording artist Mo Pitney performs the final song with an A-list of Nashville performers.

In addition, behind-the-scenes footage was used to create **Voices of Illinois Country**, a six-part web series with additional stories and performances. Watch it with WILL Passport. To experience every aspect of this multiplatform project created by Illinois Public Media, go to will.illinois.edu/Illinoiscountry.



WEEKDAYS

6 am

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

9 am

Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo
Vic makes each morning a classic morning!

Noon

Performance Today

2 pm

Classical Music

5 pm

NPR All Things Considered with Ailsa Chang, Scott Detrow, Mary Louise Kelly, 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 and 7 pm Sundays. Listings may change.

Monday:

The New York Philharmonic This Week

- 8/3 Bernstein: Overture to Candide
Schumann: Manfred Overture, Op. 115
Bernstein: Chichester Psalms
Russo: Symphony No. 2 in C, Op. 32, "Titans"
Debussy: Rhapsody for Saxophone and Piano
- 8/10 Mozart: Overture to The Magic Flute, K. 620
Mahler: Adagietto from Symphony No. 5
Barber: Second Essay for Orchestra
Shchedrin: Mischievous Folk Ditties
Copland: Fanfare for the Common Man
- 8/17 Lanzilotti: of light and stone
Bartók: Piano Concerto No. 3
Ives: Symphony No. 2
- 8/24 Beethoven: Symphony No. 5
Corigliano: Symphony No. 1
- 8/31 Debussy: Fantaisie for Piano and Orchestra
Debussy: La Mer

Tuesday:

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast

- 8/4 Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67
Borodin: Polovtsian Dances from Prince Igor
Bartók: Concerto for Orchestra
- 8/11 Maurice Ravel: Pavane for a Dead Princess
Darius Milhaud: Le Boeuf sur le toit, Op. 58
George Gershwin: An American in Paris
Igor Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring
- 8/18 Richard Wagner: Overture to Rienzi
Richard Strauss: Horn Concerto No. 1, Op. 11
Sergei Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 1
Dmitri Shostakovich: Symphony No. 1 in F Minor
- 8/25 Carl Maria von Weber: Overture to Oberon
Carl Maria von Weber: Clarinet Concerto No. 1
Carl Nielsen: Helios Overture, Op. 17
Carl Nielsen: Clarinet Concerto, Op. 57
Carl Maria von Weber: Clarinet Concerto No. 2

Wednesday:

WFMT Orchestra Series: European Broadcasting Union

- 8/5 Mozart: Overture to Le nozze di Figaro
Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 21 in C, K. 467
Haydn: Symphony No. 104 in D, Hob. I:104
- 8/12 Prokofiev: Overture on Hebrew Themes, Op. 34
Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor
Schumann: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat, Op. 97
- 8/19 Strauss: Don Quixote, Op. 35
Dvořák: Symphony No. 8 in G, Op. 88
- 8/26 Wagner: Overture to Der fliegende Holländer
Bruch: Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26
Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 in A Minor

7 pm Thursday

Prairie Performances with Mel Miller

The best of classical and jazz music in central Illinois.

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

Heifetz On Air

- 8/7 Barber: String Quartet, Op. 11: II. Adagio
Dvořák: Bagatelles, Op. 47, Nos. 2, 3, & 5
Brahms: Piano Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25: III. Andante con Moto; IV. Rondo alla Zingarese
- 8/14 Kreisler: Praeludium & Allegro
Vieuxtemps: Capriccio in C Minor, Op. 55
Saint-Saëns: Havanaise, Op. 83
Ravel: Tzigane, M. 76
- 8/21 Schubert: String Quartet No. 14 in D Minor, D. 810: II. Andante con moto
Beethoven: String Trio No. 2 in G Major, Op. 9, No. 1: IV. Presto
Dvořák: Terzetto in C Major, Op. 74: Introduzione
- 8/28 Dvořák: Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major, Op. 81, B. 155: I. Allegro, ma non tanto and IV. Finale. Beethoven: 7 Variations on Bei Männern welche Liebe fühlen, WoO 46
Brahms: Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 77: III. Allegro giocoso, ma non troppo

8 pm Friday

Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft

- 8/7 **Breezy Beats**
Cool sounds for swinging summer activities!
- 8/14 **Floral Arrangement** (encore)
A blooming bundle of flower-based songs.
- 8/21 **Only A Memory**
Tunes about thoughts, memories, and the act of remembering.
- 8/28 **Ladies of Lounge 2** (encore)
Another look at some of our favorite female singers of the hi-fi era!

9 pm Friday

Classical Music

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.

- 8/1 **After 45 Years, the Hagen String Quartet Says Goodbye**
- 8/8 **Famous Recordings Debuts**
- 8/15 **Famous Mozart Opera Recordings at the 1930s Glyndebourne Festival**
- 8/22 **William Kapell's Final Tour, in Australia: Off-Air Recordings Discovered**
- 8/29 **Dietrich Fischer Dieskau's Recording of Franz Schubert's Song Cycles**

Noon**Afternoon at the Opera**

All performances are from the WFMT opera series:

- 8/1 **The Elixir of Love** (Donizetti). Diego Matheuz, cond., with Pretty Yende (Adina), Michael Spyres (Nemorino), Jan Antem (Belcore), Fabio Capitanucci (Dulcamara), and the ensemble of the Gran Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona.
- 8/8 **Pelléas et Mélisande** (Debussy). Maxime Pascal, cond., with Bernard Richter (Pelléas), Sara Blanch (Mélisande), Simon Keenlyside (Golaud), and the ensemble of La Scala, Milan.
- 8/15 **Faust** (Gounod). Nathalie Stutzmann, cond., with Jonathan Tetelman (Faust), Kyle Ketelsen (Méphistophélès), Olga Kulchynska (Marguerite), and the ensemble of the Bavarian State Opera, Munich.
- 8/22 **Luisa Miller** (Verdi). Michele Mariotti, cond., with Nadine Sierra (Luisa), George Petean (Miller), Freddie De Tommaso (Rodolfo), Marko Mimica (Wurm), and the ensemble of the Vienna State Opera.
- 8/29 **Die Fledermaus** (Johann Strauss II). Markus Poschner, cond., with Jonas Kaufmann (Eisenstein), Diana Damrau (Rosalinde), Daria Sushkova (Orlovsky), Jörg Schneider (Alfred), and the ensemble of the Vienna State Opera.

4 pm**Classical Guitar Alive!** with Tony Morris

5 pm

Performance Today Weekend with Valerie Kahler
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.

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**Tiny Desk Radio**

with Bobby Carter and Anamaria Sayre
Performances, interviews, and behind-the-scenes stories made exclusively for public radio stations.

NPR News Headlines at 9:01.

10 pm

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

11 pm

Atomic Age Double Shot with Jason Croft
An episode from our archives.

- 8/1 **Wordless Vocals**
- 8/8 **Sleepy Time**
- 8/15 **The Big City**
- 8/22 **Polynesian Paradise**
- 8/29 **Change in the Weather**

Midnight

Classical Music

SUNDAYS

6 am

Classical Music

7 am

NPR Weekend Edition with Ayesha Rascoe

9 am

Sunday Baroque with Suzanne Bona
NPR News Headlines at 9:01 and 10:01

1 pm

Pipedreams with Michael Barone

3 pm

Performance Today Weekend

5 pm

Reel Music with Matt Rogers
Music from the movies each week with an hour of orchestral themes from cinema's best film scores.

6 pm**The Evening Concert****The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center**

- 8/2 André Previn: Vocalise
Wynton Marsalis: At the Octoroon Balls
John Adams: Quartet No. 2 for Strings
György Ligeti: Sonata for Cello
- 8/9 Frank Bridge: Novelletten for String Quartet
Felix Mendelssohn: Piano Quartet, Op. 1
Claude Debussy: Six épigraphes antiques
- 8/16 Camille Saint-Saëns: Violin & Harp Fantasia
Léon Boëllmann: Cello Sonata, Op. 40
Camille Saint-Saëns: Tarantelle, Op. 6
- 8/23 Gabriel Fauré: Dolly Suite for Piano, Four Hands
Ludwig Thuille: Sextet in B-flat Major, Op. 6
- 8/30 Lukas Foss: Three American Pieces
Benjamin Britten: Cello Sonata, Op. 65
Claude Debussy: Images for Piano

7 pm**Fiesta! with Elbio Barilari**

- 8/2 **Brazil: Baroque to Classical**
Music composed in Brazil during the 18th and 19th centuries by composers such as Luis Alvares Pinto, José Maurício Nunes, et al.
- 8/9 **The Turinas: A Family Affair**
A selection of music coming from two generations of the Turina family.
- 8/16 **Chamber Music by Heitor Villa-Lobos**
Known mostly for his orchestral, vocal, and guitar music, Villa-Lobos also composed gorgeous chamber music.
- 8/23 **Travels to Sepharad**
Jewish Sephardic music is one of the most fascinating music styles to come out of Spain.
- 8/30 **Peruvian composer Celso Garrido-Lecca**
A fascinating life as well as Celso Garrido-Lecca's music including this double string quartet and bass work Antaras.

8 pm

Prairie Performances (encore)

9 pm

Jazz Night In America with Christian McBride

10 pm

Classical Music

NPR News Headlines at 11:01

Overnight

Classical Music



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Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Neo + SMJ	5:00	Neo + SMJ	Jazz Network
NPR Morning Edition	6:00	R&B/Throwbacks	NPR Weekend Edition
	7:00		
R&B Smooth Jazz Neo-Soul	8:00		Illinois Soul Gospel
	9:00		
Funky Fridays Funk Ride (Fridays at 5 pm)	10:00	Dialogue	
	11:00		
	Noon	R&B/Throwbacks	R&B Dusties
	1:00		
	2:00		
	3:00		
	4:00		
	5:00		
Code Switch/Life Kit (M), Dialogue (Tu), Reveal (W), Throughline (Th), Funky Fridays continues (F)	6:00	The Wind Down with Will Downing	
The Quiet Storm	7:00	Catch the Flo	Soul of Jazz
	8:00		
	9:00	New Urban Jazz Lounge	Overnight: Neo + SMJ
	10:00		
	11:00	Jazz Night in America	
Overnight: Neo + SMJ	midnight to 6 am	Overnight: Jazz Network	



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Jill Clements, Illinois Soul Manager

TOP 5 R&B Artists

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

Danita M. Brown Young is the vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. With more than 25 years of experience in student affairs in higher education, she is an accomplished ambassador for students and a firm believer in giving back to the community. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and The Links Inc. Her Top 5:

- 1. Eric Robertson
- 2. Gerald Levert
- 3. Earth, Wind & Fire
- 4. Luther Vandross
- 5. Whitney Houston



Illinois Soul brings the soundtrack to CU Days Reunion Weekend

There's something special about CU Days Reunion Weekend in Champaign-Urbana. It's a time when generations reconnect, lifelong friendships are renewed, and the community comes together to celebrate the people and places that helped shape them. This year, Illinois Soul is a proud sponsor of The Beat on Market Street, bringing the soundtrack to an evening designed to celebrate culture, connection, and Black joy.

Pregame festivities kick off at 7 pm Saturday, Aug. 8, with a performance by Peoria's own Soft Spoken. Known for delivering soulful renditions of R&B, funk, and classic favorites, the talented band keeps audiences on their feet with a high-energy show packed with the songs everyone knows and loves.

So gather your classmates, family, neighbors, and friends, and make your way to an evening filled with great music, unforgettable memories, and hometown pride. For full event details, entry guidelines, and additional event information, go to VisitDowntownChampaign.com/thebeat.



Williams to host our third anniversary celebration

When Illinois Soul celebrates its third anniversary at 7:30 pm Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027, one of Chicago's most beloved entertainers will help lead the celebration. Legendary comedian Damon Williams will serve as host for an evening that promises big laughs, great music, and a joyful celebration of Black culture at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts' Tryon Festival Theatre. **Tickets go on sale Aug. 13 at KrannertCenter.com.**



For more than three decades, Williams has built a reputation as one of the nation's premier stand-up comedians. A proud Chicago native, he launched his comedy career at the legendary All Jokes Aside Comedy Lounge after leaving behind a successful career as a Subway franchise owner. Since then, he has become one of the most respected voices in comedy, entertaining audiences across the country with his quick wit, relatable storytelling, and unmistakable Chicago swagger. He has shared the stage with icons including Chris Rock, Patti LaBelle, Aretha Franklin, and Barack Obama, while remaining deeply connected to the city that shaped his career.

Come celebrate three incredible years of Illinois Soul — where the music moves you, the culture inspires you, and the community brings it all together.

Black Philanthropy Month: Celebrating the heart of our community

At Illinois Soul, we know that philanthropy isn't simply about making a donation — it's about investing in people, preserving culture, and creating opportunities that strengthen our entire community. That's why we're proud to celebrate Black Philanthropy Month throughout August by recognizing the remarkable individuals whose generosity helps Illinois Soul thrive year-round. The support of our donors and community partners fuels our mission to amplify Black voices, music, and culture across central Illinois. You'll hear what inspired them to give, and why investing in organizations like Illinois Soul is so meaningful. Their stories remind us that generosity creates ripple effects that extend far beyond a single contribution.

Every gift to Illinois Soul helps sustain a trusted public media platform dedicated to celebrating Black excellence, elevating local voices, and creating programming that informs, entertains, and brings people together. We are deeply grateful to the philanthropists whose commitment makes this work possible.



Monday - Friday			Saturday		Sunday		
NPR Morning Edition			5:00	The Middle (encore)	Thoroughline		
			6:00	Commodity Week	Inside Europe		
			6:30	State Week in Review			
			7:00	NPR Weekend Edition	NPR Weekend Edition		
			8:00				
1A			9:00	The Splendid Table	It's Been a Minute/ Wild Card		
			10:00	Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!			
The 21st Show with Brian Mackey		Statewide (F)	11:00	Weather Realness	Code Switch/Life Kit		
Here & Now with Jason Croft			Noon	The Moth Radio Hour	Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me! (repeat)		
			The Middle (F repeat)	1:00	This American Life	The Treatment	
				1:30		State Week in Review	
The Closing Market Report 2:06 pm			2:00	Radiolab	Reveal		
BBC Newshour		Commodity Week (F)	2:30				
Fresh Air with Terry Gross & Tonya Mosley			3:00	TED Radio Hour	On the Media		
All Things Considered			4:00	All Things Considered	All Things Considered		
			5:00	Hidden Brain	The New Yorker Radio Hour		
			6:00	Left, Right & Center	Travel with Rick Steves		
The 21st Show (repeat) Statewide (F)			7:00	Ezra Klein	This Old House Radio		
On the Media (M), Ezra Klein (Tu), Dialogue (W), The Middle (Th), Science Friday (F)			8:00	Latino USA	Weather Realness		
The Daily/Today Explained			9:00	Dialogue	Tiny Desk Radio		
On Point			10:00	Embodied	Sports in America		
BBC World Service			11:00	Sam Sanders Show	Not By the Playbook		
			Midnight	BBC World Service	Le Show		
			1 am to 5 am		BBC World Service		

Bold Listing = National/International News

Lillie Duncanson, Director of Broadcast Operations & Content



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

Opening Market Report: 8:49 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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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 can be heard during **Morning Edition**, **The 21st Show**, **Here & Now**, and **All Things Considered**:

Abigail Bottar, Jason Croft, Christine Hatfield, Emily Hays, Kulsoom Khan, Brian Mackey, Steve Morck, Stephanie Mosqueda, Tinisha Spain, Arjun Thakkar, and Jose Zepeda.

Yale Climate Connections: Monday–Friday at 5:34 and 9:30 pm

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



WEATHER

Monday-Friday: Forecasts from meteorologists Ed Kieser and Andrew Pritchard throughout the day.

Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Newsline	5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
Classical Stretch (M,W,F) Sit and Be Fit (Tu, Th)	5:30	Arthur	Arthur
Wild Kratts	6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
Weather Hunters	6:30	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters
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
Phoebe & Jay	8:30	Phoebe & Jay	Phoebe & Jay
Sesame Street	9:00	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
Work It Out Wombats!	9:30	Skillsville	Opportunity Knocks
Donkey Hodie	10:00	MotorWeek	Live from the LBJ Library
Rosie's Rules	10:30	Garden SMART 8/8 Easy Yoga 8/15 Home Cooking	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
Elinor Wonders Why	11:00	Mid American Gardener	Seniority Authority 8/23 Prairie Fire
Alma's Way	11:30	Follow the Blooms 8/8 Am. Test Kitchen 25 Years 8/22 Prairie Fire	Market to Market
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Odd Squad	1:30	Dook Chase: A Chef's Journey	
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	2:30	Lidia's Kitchen 8/15 Great Scenic Railways 30th Anniv. Special	
	3:00	Jos. Rosendo's Steppin' Out 8/8 Spain Made with Love	
	3:30	Les Stroud's Survivorman	
Antiques Roadshow 8/10 Easy Yoga w/Peggy Cappy	4:00	This Old House	
	4:30	Ask This Old House 8/8 Illinois Country (See p. 3) 8/15 Carpenters: Close to You	
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BBC World News America	5:30	Antiques Roadshow	
PBS News Hour	6:00	8/8 Reba McEntire 8/15 Carpenters	
	6:30	As Time Goes By	

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Lillie Duncanson, Director of
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Veteran science journalist hosts new series

Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien follows the veteran science journalist as he travels the world to meet the optimists, innovators, and true believers who are tackling some of the most urgent challenges of our time and refusing to give up until they find answers. The four-part series airs Wednesdays at 9 pm starting Aug. 19. Each episode is available with PBS Passport on the day of its premiere.



"This is a series about the power of human ingenuity, and the quiet, stubborn conviction that even the hardest problems are worth solving," said O'Brien. The series opens with two stories with big solutions in small packages: A red seaweed fed to cattle can slash methane emissions by more than 90%, and beavers are reshaping the American West, building wetlands that fight drought and wildfire. Beyond its first episode, **Resolve to Solve** explores ongoing efforts to build a sea curtain in Antarctica, combat extreme heat, adopt cleaner power sources, restore disrupted ecosystems, and more.

Behind the scenes of the Ryeland mysteries

The Susan Ryeland Mysteries, airing at 7:30 pm Sunday, Aug. 16, explores the making of **Magpie Murders** and **Moonflower Murders**, both based on Anthony Horowitz's bestselling novels. At right, Lesley Manville stars as Susan Ryeland, a book editor turned amateur sleuth, and Tim McMullan is fictional detective Atticus Pünd. This special features interviews with the cast and creators offering insights into the making of the series. You also can binge each series with PBS Passport: **Magpie Murders** (beginning Aug. 23) and **Moonflower Murders** is available now. The unforgettable final chapter, **Marble Hall Murders**, premieres Sept. 6.



Explore the legacy of 4-H

A new film explores the origins of 4-H, the nation's largest youth organization, tracing its roots to the early 1900s. The documentary celebrates Jessie Field Shambaugh, known as the "Mother of 4-H" and her lasting influence on youth education. Through history and reflection, the film shows how 4-H has empowered generations with skills, leadership, and a commitment to community. **The Legacy of 4-H** airs at 8 pm Thursday, Aug. 20; Passport members also may stream the program now.



Music, history and more on 'Prairie Fire'



This month **Prairie Fire** features an episode from its first season. Join us as we introduce you to a couple as they restore a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in Riverside, Illinois, that used to be a schoolhouse. We travel to the town of McLean in central Illinois for a tour of an old-school gaming paradise called Arcadia. Charles Dickens gets a chance to redeem himself after disparaging the beauty of the Illinois Prairie when we join him for a trip down the Mississippi River, and we feature a performance by Los Tejanos. This **Prairie Fire** encore presentation airs at 7:30 pm Thursday, Aug. 20.

New drama premieres with British spy turned detective

In **Signora Volpe**, disillusioned British spy Sylvia Fox (Emilia Fox) is in Italy for her niece's wedding when the groom goes missing. Fox solves the mystery and, longing to reconnect with her sister (Tara Fitzgerald), decides to start anew in Umbria. Soon she's tackling other cases and winning over a handsome local cop (Giovanni Cirfiera). **Signora Volpe** airs Saturdays at 8:30 pm premiering Aug. 29. Season 1 comprises three episodes.



Met opera and summer concert featured

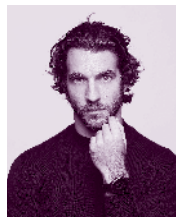


Great Performances at the Met presents **Eugene Onegin** at 8 pm Friday, Aug. 21. Soprano Asmik Grigorian returns to the Met as Tatiana, the lovestruck young heroine in Tchaikovsky's opera adaptation of Pushkin's novel. Baritone Igor Golovatenko reprises his portrayal of Onegin, who realizes his affection for her all too late. Tony Award winner Deborah Warner directs.

Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert 2026 will air on **Great Performances**

at 8 pm Friday, Aug. 28. The annual event is a free open-air performance in the landscaped park and gardens of Schönbrunn Palace. For the first time, Lorenzo Viotti is at the conductor's podium, and Welsh bass-baritone Sir Bryn Terfel, is soloist. Terfel will sing arias from Arrigo Boito's "Mefistofele" and Giuseppe Verdi's "Falstaff," as well as the finale from Richard Wagner's "Das Rheingold," and Tevye's song from the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" by Jerry Bock.

Each program can be watched with the PBS App on the day it premieres.



Lorenzo Viotti



Sir Bryn Terfel

'POV' premieres more independent films

Season 39 of **POV** continues this month Mondays at 9 pm with three independent films. All films can be watched with the PBS App on their premiere date.

At right, **The Gas Station Attendant** (Aug. 3) uses intimately recorded phone calls and home movies as a daughter reflects on her father's life, weaving the story of his miraculous journey from the streets of India with the realities of life in America.



Below, **How to Build a Library** (Aug. 24) features two intrepid Nairobi women as they transform what used to be a whites-only library into a vibrant cultural hub, navigating local politics, raising millions for the rebuild, and confronting the lingering ghosts of Kenya's colonial past.

an unexpected rebellion, as Amish and Mennonite women break from tradition and emerge as fierce political activists, joining the broader fight for reproductive justice.

In **Arrest the Midwife**, at right, (Aug. 31), the arrest of trusted midwives ignites



1 Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)
A Beautiful World. Season 3, episode 7 of 8. When a murder takes place at a make-up demo party, Sister Boniface strives to solve the mystery. *Repeated 3 pm 8/3.*
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders**
Ghosts of Christmas Past, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 7, episodes 13 & 14 of 14. Barnaby looks forward, with reservations, to entertaining his in-laws for Christmas.
- 10:00 Astrid** (TV-14)
Mandala. Season 5, episode 3 of 8. The commissioner's friend is having a recurring nightmare of a Tibetan monk's murder — a case seemingly solved 20 years earlier. Astrid and Raphaëlle unearth buried truths and a secret the commissioner hid.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Finneas.

2 Sunday

- 7:00 Patience** (TV-14)
Hostage. Season 2, episode 8 of 8. Patience returns to help tackle crimes in York. When new detective Frankie Monroe bursts on the scene, there's initially tension but soon they learn to work as a team. *Repeated 12 am 8/3 & 3 am 8/4.*
- 8:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
 Season 11, episode 8 of 8. As Geordie fights for his life, Alphy's crisis of faith reaches a peak in his hunt for justice. *Repeated 1 am 8/3, 4 am 8/4, 10 pm 8/6 & 3 am 8/7.*
- 9:00 Downton Abbey** (TV-PG) (DVS)
 Season 3, episode 1 of 7. Wedding guests descend on Downton Abbey, where disasters large and small threaten. One is Cora's freewheeling American mother. *Repeated 2 am 8/3.*
- 11:00 The Puzzle Lady** (TV-14)
 Season 2, episode 6 of 6. Cora faces her deadliest case yet; saving Hooper means losing everything.

3 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Maryland Zoo, Hour 2.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Maryland Zoo, Hour 3.
- 9:00 POV** (TV-14) (DVS)
The Gas Station Attendant. See page 11. *Repeated 1:30 am 8/4 & 2:30 am 8/5.*
- 10:30 POV Shorts** (TV-14) (DVS)
Passage. *Repeated 1 am 8/4.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

4 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)
Love & Basketball. Henry Louis Gates Jr. explores the roots of basketball superstars Brittney Griner and Chris Paul. *Repeated 2 pm 8/5 & 4 am 8/6.*
- 8:00 Once Upon A Time In Space** (TV-14)
Friends Forever. Part 4 of 4. Far from their home planet, astronauts living aboard the ISS face the emotional realities of isolation. *Repeated 2 am 8/9, 12 pm 8/9, 3:30 pm 8/14, 9 pm 8/5, 2 am 8/6 & 3 pm 8/7.*
- 9:00 Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed the World** (TV-PG)
The Robot. Learn how robots were first conceptualized in ancient Rome and see how their use has evolved over the centuries, from the calculator to the Roomba. *Repeated 1 am 8/5 & 3 am 8/6.*
- 10:00 Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed the World** (TV-PG)
The Smartphone. Dial in to the fascinating history of the smartphone, from its roots in Morse Code to 2007, when Apple unveiled the first-ever iPhone.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

5 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Big Little Journeys: Bloodlines. Part 3 of 3. In Madagascar, a match-stick sized chameleon goes on an epic journey to find a mate and lay eggs before it's too late. A water vole in the Scottish Highlands swims a lake, climbs a waterfall, and scales a mountain to find a place to raise her pups. *Repeated 2 pm 8/6.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Return to the Moon. A half-century after Apollo, the Artemis missions aim to bring astronauts back to the moon and establish a lunar space station. Follow the Artemis II engineers and crew on the perilous 10-day journey to orbit the moon. *Repeated 2 pm 8/7 & 7 pm 8/12.*
- 9:00 Once Upon A Time In Space** (TV-14)
Friends Forever. Part 4 of 4. See 8 pm 8/4.
- 10:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Universe Revealed: Black Holes. Part 4 of 5.
- 11:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Universe Revealed: Big Bang. Part 5 of 5.

6 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Idaho Backyard Makeover.
- 8:00 A Ride Along the Lincoln Highway**
 Travel across America's first transcontinental highway, with its changing landscape along the route from Times Square to San Francisco. *Repeated 1 am 8/7 & 10 pm 8/7.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Raisins and Almonds. Season 1, episode 5 of 13. A young man is found dead in a bookshop at the Eastern Market. *Repeated 2 am 8/7.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
 Season 11, episode 8 of 8. See 8 pm 8/2.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

7 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Chasing The Moon: American Experience (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Part 3 of 3. Experience the triumph of the first moon landing. But dreams of space dramatically intersect with dreams of democracy, raising questions of national priorities and national identity.
- 10:00 A Ride Along the Lincoln Highway**
See 8 pm 8/6.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

8 Saturday

- 6:00 Reba McEntire Live from Madison Square Garden (TV-G)**
See page 2. *Repeated 2:30 am 8/10 & 2 pm 8/11.*
- 7:30 Dolly Parton: Here I Am (TV-PG)**
See page 2. *Repeated 10:30 pm 8/9, 2 pm 8/10 & 12:30 am 8/13.*
- 9:30 Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration (TV-PG)**
This historic concert event features unforgettable collaborations and once-in-a-lifetime performances by Willie Nelson, 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 12:30 am 8/10.*
- 11:30 Johnny Cash: We Walk The Line (TV-G)**
On April 20, 2012, music stars and friends gathered in Austin, Texas, to celebrate the life of Johnny Cash, marking his 80th birthday. The concert took place at Austin City Limits Live at The Moody. *Repeated 10 pm 8/10.*

9 Sunday

- 7:30 All Creatures Great and Small: Chapter Six (TV-PG)**
Join the cast and creators as they provide behind-the-scenes insights into season 6. *Repeated 1 am 8/12.*
- 9:00 Illinois Country (TV-G)**
See page 3. *Repeated 3:30 pm 8/11.*
- 10:30 Dolly Parton: Here I Am (TV-PG)**
See page 2. See 7:30 pm 8/8.

10 Monday

- 7:00 More Deconstructing The Beatles (TV-PG)**
Acclaimed 'Beatle-ologist' 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. *Repeated 12:30 am 8/11 & 3:30 am 8/16.*
- 8:30 Elvis '56 (TV-PG)**
In 1956, Elvis Presley was a 21-year-old new singing sensation, and both he and his rockabilly sound were unknown outside of the South. Narrated by Levon Helm (The Band), this film opens a time capsule to reveal the legendary performer at the very beginning of his meteoric career. *Repeated 2 am 8/11.*
- 10:00 Johnny Cash: We Walk The Line (TV-G)**
See 11:30 pm 8/8.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

11 Tuesday

- 7:00 The Statue of Liberty (TV-PG)**
Ken Burns traces the development of the Statue of Liberty, from its conception to its complicated and often controversial construction and final dedication.
- 8:30 Declarations: Black Americans and the Revolutionary War (TV-PG) (DVS)**
In 1776, the Founders' promise of 'all men are created equal' remained distant for many. Trace the heroic stories of the enslaved and freed Black Americans who fought to define democracy and their liberty through the Revolutionary War.
- 10:00 Easy Yoga for Arthritis 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 with arthritis or stiffness from age or injury. *Repeated 1:30 am 8/14 & 4 am 8/15.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

12 Wednesday

- 7:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Return to the Moon. See 8 pm 8/5.
- 8:30 '60s and '70s Soul Celebration (My Music Presents) (TV-G)**
The legends of 1960s 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 TJL archive.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

13 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G)**
Speakeasy Hidden Door.
- 8:00 Carpenters: Close to You (My Music Presents) (TV-G)**
This music-filled documentary traces the Carpenters' career through the eyes of Richard Carpenter and the group's friends in the music business, featuring their top recording hits. *Repeated 12 am 8/14, 4:30 pm 8/15, 6 pm 8/15 & 2 am 8/16.*
- 9:30 Our Favorite Things About Grantchester (TV-PG)**
This special unpacks all the favorite moments that have made this MASTERPIECE series and its many beloved characters such a hit over the years.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

14 Friday

7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 Red, White and Rock (My Music) (TV-G)
See page 2. Repeated 11:30 pm 8/15.

10:30 Rock Classics (TV-G)

A powerful concert event celebrating the songs, voices, and rebellious spirit that built rock 'n' roll, this special honors the grit, soul, and storytelling that defined generations and continue to drive the genre forward.

15 Saturday

6:00 Carpenters: Close to You (My Music Presents) (TV-G)
See 8 pm 8/13.

7:30 Barbra Streisand: Timeless — Live In Concert (TV-PG)
Enjoy a magical concert filmed on New Year's Eve in 1999 at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. Staged as an original, Broadway-style musical in which Barbra looks back at her past, the production featured an orchestra conducted by Marvin Hamlisch.

9:30 Great Performances (TV-G)
Josh Groban: An Evening at Union Chapel. Filmed in November 2025, this unforgettable concert film captures a performance by Josh Groban at London's historic Union Chapel.

11:30 Red White and Rock (My Music Presents) (TV-G)
See page 2.

16 Sunday

7:30 The Susan Ryeland Mysteries (TV-PG)
See page 10. Repeated 2:30 pm 8/17.

9:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE (DVS)
Season 3, episode 2 of 7. The fate of Downton Abbey hinges on a letter from a dead man.

10:15 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE (DVS)
Season 3, episode 3 of 7. Two social revolutions arrive at Downton Abbey. Repeated 2 am 8/17.

11:30 Rick Steves Art of Europe: Beauty Through The Ages (TV-PG)
This film explores the wonder of European art from the High Middle Ages to the modern era with visits to the studios of a painter and a sculptor through a selection of Rick's favorite "art bites."

17 Monday

7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
Shelburne Museum, Hour 1.

8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
Shelburne Museum, Hour 2.

9:00 Inside The Court of Henry VIII (TV-PG) (DVS)
Venture beyond the facade of Henry VIII's glamorous court to understand the danger and intrigue that routinely cost courtiers their heads. Repeated 1 am 8/18 & 2 am 8/19.

10:00 Chatsworth Through Time (TV-PG)
Explore the history, architecture, landscape and artwork of Chatsworth House, an English estate and home of one of Europe's most significant collections of fine art. Repeated 1 am 8/19 & 3 pm 8/31.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

18 Tuesday

7:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-PG)
Westward Bound. Henry Louis Gates Jr. traces the family trees of talk show host Sara Haines and playwright Tracy Letts. Repeated 2 pm 8/19 & 4 am 8/20.

8:00 The Evolution of The Barber: The Art, the Craft & the Culture
See page 1. Repeated 3 pm 8/19, 2 am 8/20 & 2 am 8/23.

9:00 Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club: From the Club, For Life
See page 1. Repeated 3 am 8/20, 3 am 8/23 & 3 pm 8/26.

10:00 Candy Foster: A Musical Witness
See page 1.

10:30 The Historic HBCU Photograph (TV-G)
This film explores the important role the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities have served in advancing social justice and equality for African Americans in the face of systemic racism.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

19 Wednesday

7:00 Nature (TV-14) (DVS)
Lions of the Skeleton Coast. Lion researcher Philip Stander follows three orphaned desert lion cubs as they navigate the harsh realities of survival in one of the world's most unforgiving places. Repeated 2 pm 8/20.

8:00 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. Repeated 2 pm 8/21.

9:00 Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien (TV-PG) (DVS)
Wild Climate Fixes from Cows and Beavers. See page 10. Part 1 of 4. Repeated 1 am 8/20, 3 pm 8/30, 1 am 8/23 & 12 pm 8/23.

10:00 A Brief History of the Future (TV-PG)
Beyond the Now. Join Ari Wallach on his journey to seek the individuals and ideas that can shape a better, more sustainable future that each generation can build upon. Repeated 1 pm 8/23.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

20 Thursday

7:00 Mid American Gardener

7:30 Prairie Fire
See page 10. Repeated 11:30 am 8/22 & 11 am 8/23.

8:00 The Legacy of 4-H (TV-G)
See page 10. Repeated 1 am 8/21.

9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14)
Ruddy Gore. Season 1, episode 6 of 13. Phyrne chases clues in Chinatown when an actor is killed during an operetta. Repeated 2 am 8/21, 6 pm 8/23 & 2 pm 8/24.

10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 1, episode 1 of 6. A young and charismatic vicar turns amateur investigator when one of his parishioners dies under suspicious circumstances. Repeated 3 am 8/21.

11:00 Amanpour and Company



PBS KIDS specials explore kindergarten and storm readiness

This month, PBS KIDS premieres a new one-hour special about starting kindergarten as well as a special episode of **Sesame Street** on storm preparedness. Search online at will.illinois.edu/tv/schedule for all air dates and times.

The Day You Begin, premiering at 7 am Friday, Aug. 7, is a beautiful, 2D-animated special based on the bestselling picture book by Jacqueline Woodson. It follows young kindergartners on their first day of school, exploring how they embrace their differences, share their personal stories, and find the courage to connect with others.



A Big Storm Comes to Sesame Street

premieres at 9 am Monday, Aug. 3. The special episode illustrates how the neighborhood prepares for, weathers, and recovers from a severe hurricane. The special focuses on teaching young children about disaster safety, coping with frightening emotions, and working together to rebuild.



21 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances at the Met (TV-PG)**
Eugene Onegin. See page 11. *Repeated 1 am 8/22 & 2 am 8/24.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

22 Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG)**
Toast to the Newly Dead. Season 3, episode 8 of 8. A village resident makes an unexpected and unwelcome cameo at a wedding rehearsal. *Repeated 3 pm 8/24.*
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)**
The Blacktrees Prophecy, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 23, episodes 1 & 2 of 8. Deep in Blacktrees Forest is a bombproof shelter built by a man whose extreme paranoia has drawn other survivalists to the village.
- 9:30 Trolley Park: Great Lakes (TV-G)**
This film reveals the rich histories of two iconic, surviving trolley parks located on the shores of the Great Lakes. *Repeated 10:30 pm 8/25.*
- 10:00 Astrid (TV-14)**
The Last of the Aztecs. Season 5, episode 4 of 8. A famed archaeologist-turned-treasure hunter is found heartless in an Aztec ritual. Astrid and Raphaëlle probe the world of art smuggling and Mexican cartels, on the hunt for El Dorado.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)**
Bonnie Raitt.

23 Sunday

- 7:00 Mr Bates vs The Post Office on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Part 1 of 4. Mysterious financial losses lead the Post Office to fire and prosecute village Subpostmasters, who have no way to prove their innocence. *Repeated 2 am 8/25.*
- 8:00 Mr Bates vs The Post Office on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)**
Part 2 of 4. Alan Bates and the Subpostmasters begin their fight for the truth and justice with new allies in Parliament. *Repeated 12 am 8/24 & 3 am 8/25.*
- 9:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Season 3, episode 4 of 7. The Crawley family faces its most severe test yet.
- 10:00 Fight The Power: How Hip Hop Changed The World (TV-14) (DVS)**
The Foundation. Part 1 of 4. Discover the factors that led to the birth of hip-hop and its first socially conscious hit in 1982.
- 11:00 Fight The Power: How Hip Hop Changed The World (TV-14) (DVS)**
Under Siege. Part 2 of 4. Explore the 1980s and the birth of hip-hop as social commentary with the emergence of artists like Public Enemy, KRS-One, Ice-T, and NWA.

24 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**
Shelburne Museum, Hour 3.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**
New York City, Hour 1.
- 9:00 POV (TV-14)**
How to Build A Library. See page 11.
- 10:30 POV Shorts (TV-PG)**
The People Could Fly.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

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25 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)
Family Harmonies. Henry Louis Gates Jr. explores the family trees of two celebrated musicians: Lizzo and Flea. *Repeated 1 am 8/26, 2 pm 8/26, 4 am 8/27 & 4 am 8/31.*
- 8:00 American Masters** (TV-14) (DVS)
Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World. Celebrate Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Mary Oliver, who published more than 30 collections of poetry and essays on nature, beauty, and love. *Repeated 2:30 am 8/27 & 3:30 am 8/29.*
- 9:30 Britain by the Book** (TV-PG)
Inspired by her passion for books, actor and comedian Mel Giedroyc explores the spectacular scenery and iconic locations made famous by some of Britain's favorite books and films.
- 10:30 Trolley Park: Great Lakes** (TV-G)
See 9:30 pm 8/22.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

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. *Repeated 2 pm 8/27.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-G)
Dog Tales. Researchers reveal how humans tamed fearsome canines over tens of thousands of years, and how modern dogs became indispensable companions. *Repeated 2 pm 8/28*
- 9:00 Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Weathering Change Through Wind and Heat. Part 2 of 4. See page 10. *Repeated 1 am 8/27, 3 pm 8/27, 1 am 8/30 & 12 pm 8/30.*
- 10:00 A Brief History of the Future** (TV-PG)
Chaos & Complexity. Why are many of us feeling overwhelmed and afraid in this historically transformational moment in time? Ari Wallach explores how it offers unprecedented possibilities for new and needed futures we can create together. *Repeated 1 pm 8/30.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

27 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Flower Vase, Smart Garage Opener.
- 8:00 A Hot Dog Program**
From iconic city vendors to hidden small-town gems, this film celebrates the rich history, flavors, and culture of hot dogs in a fun and engaging way. *Repeated 1 am 8/28.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Murder In Montparnasse. Season 1, episode 7 of 13. Ten years after Phryne poses for a famous artist in Paris, his widow arrives in Melbourne. *Repeated 2 am 8/28, 6 pm 8/30 & 2 pm 8/31.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 1, episode 2 of 6. Sidney's former flame throws an engagement party that leads to murder. *Repeated 3 am 8/28.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

28 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-PG)
Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert 2026. See page 11. *Repeated 1 am 8/29 & 2 am 8/31.*
- 9:30 This Moment In America: Artists in the Heartland** (TV-PG)
This is an honest and compelling look at the American experience through the eyes of three dynamic artists who live and work in Southwest Ohio.
- 10:00 Live from the Artists Den** (TV-PG)
See page 2.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

29 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
The Debt of Lies, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 23 episodes 3 & 4 of 8. A new arrival at a gated community for retired police officers is found dead.
- 8:30 Signora Volpe** (TV-14)
An Anxious Aunt. See page 11. Season 1, episode 1 of 3.
- 10:00 Astrid** (TV-14)
Baptism of the Dead. Season 5, episode 5 of 8. Astrid and Raphaele infiltrate a secretive community hiding disturbing truths.
- 11:00 ACL Presents: Willie Nelson & Family** (TV-PG)
Willie Nelson returns to the Austin City Limits stage 50 years after his pilot taping.

30 Sunday

- 7:00 Mr Bates vs The Post Office on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Part 3 of 4. Alan allies with the Post Office in the hope his friends can get justice at last.
- 8:00 Mr Bates vs The Post Office on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Part 4 of 4. Alan and his friends finally get their day in court. *Repeated 12 am 8/31.*
- 9:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Season 3, episode 5 of 7. Things go badly amiss at Downton Abbey. *Repeated 1 am 8/31.*
- 10:00 Fight The Power: How Hip Hop Changed The World** (TV-14) (DVS)
Culture Wars. Part 3 of 4. In the 1990s, hip-hop rises in popularity.
- 11:00 Fight The Power: How Hip Hop Changed The World** (TV-14) (DVS)
Still Fighting. Part 4 of 4. Follow the evolution of hip-hop as its artists turn into multimillionaires and successful entrepreneurs.

31 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
New York City, Hour 2.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
New York City, Hour 3.
- 9:00 POV**
Arrest the Midwife. See page 11.
- 10:30 POV Shorts** (TV-14) (DVS)
Under G-D.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

Latest seasons of 'Midwife' and 'Prof T'

Two binge opportunities this month include the most recent seasons of two popular dramas.

In season 15 of **Call the Midwife**, 1971 brings the dawn of a new era that heralds the launch of the Women's Liberation movement in the UK. More babies are being born in hospital, and the National Health Service is being reorganized. As the year unfolds, the Nonnatus House team handle cases including a premature birth, slavery, carbon monoxide poisoning, male breast cancer, child cruelty, and lupus. Binge season 15 in the PBS App beginning Aug. 6.



Professor T features Professor Jasper Tempest, a Cambridge criminologist who has an obsession with cleanliness, structure, and order and solves crimes that constantly get his hands dirty. In season 5 — available with the PBS App on Aug. 9 prior to its U.S. broadcast debut in October — Jasper is confronted by personal turmoil that clouds his judgement and shakes his focus while the team faces darker, twisting cases.

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AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

The Kimberley: Australia's Wild West, 8/1

Afropop: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange, season 18

- Listen to me, 8/11

Great Performances

- Irving Berlin's Top Hat, 8/1

Independent Lens

- Light of the Setting Sun, 8/16
- Natchez, 8/9
- Third Act, 8/23

Marlow Murder Club on MASTERPIECE, season 1 (8/22)

Once Upon a Time In Space

- America First, 8/29
- Politics as Usual, 8/28
- The Russian Thing, 8/21

Walter Presents (with English subtitles)

- Blanca, season 2, 8/28 (Italian)
- Madam President, 8/7 (Czech)
- Until the Last Heartbeat, 8/14 (Italian)

LEAVING SOON

Ancient Skies

- Finding the Center, 8/1
- Our Place in the Universe, 8/8

Antiques Roadshow

- RECUT: Crocker Art Museum, Part 2, 8/1
- RECUT: Desert Botanical Garden, Part 1, 8/5 | Part 2, 8/12

Expedition

- Expedition Unseen, 8/10
- Socorro: Expedition Shark Island, 8/3

Jamestown, seasons 1–3, 8/11

Mannheim Steamroller 30/40 Live, 8/29

NOVA

- Killer Floods, 8/23
- Killer Hurricanes, 8/23
- Killer Volcanoes, 8/16

POV

- Emergent City, 8/18

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve, 8/1

Walking with Dinosaurs: A Viewer's Guide, 8/9

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PMJA honors IPM News with two awards



IPM News has won two national journalism awards from the Public Media Journalists Association. The annual awards honor the best in public media journalism produced during 2025. The awards were presented at a virtual awards ceremony in July.

"These awards reflect the extraordinary commitment of public media journalists to serving their communities, even as the industry navigates a challenging environment. From covering the human impacts of federal policy shifts to documenting environmental change and celebrating local culture, the work recognized this year demonstrates why local public media matters," said Christine Paige Diers, PMJA executive director, online in announcing the award recipients.

What We Brought, a podcast produced by Kulsoom Khan, Arielle Raveney, Nidhi Shastri, and Arjun Thakkar, won second place for Narrative/Produced Program. Listen at will.illinois.edu/whatwebrought.

The news feature "Tackling Period Poverty in Sierra Leone," reported by student Nour Longi, earned first place for Student News Feature. Read or listen at go.illinois.edu/sl-Nour-Longi. Longi graduated in May 2025.

"Congratulations to everyone involved in these projects," said Lillie Duncanson, director of broadcast operations and content. "To have this work recognized nationally speaks to the strength of IPM News and the importance of investing in local public media journalism. These stories reflect rigorous reporting, deep community connection, and the kind of meaningful storytelling that helps audiences better understand the world around them."



Honored for their podcast, 'What We Brought,' are producers, from left, Kulsoom Khan, Nidhi Shastri, Arielle Raveney, and Arjun Thakkar.



At right, Nour Longi received more honors for her Sierra Leone story.

Hundreds celebrate Juneteenth with Illinois Soul

Illinois Soul celebrated Juneteenth with a free concert at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts' Stage 5 featuring husband-and-wife soul and R&B duo Raphael & Whitney. The event was not just a celebration of freedom, it celebrated Black excellence and community.



Nearly 500 people filled the lobby of the Krannert Center, coming together to celebrate Juneteenth with music, community, and connection. It was an unforgettable evening — thanks to all who took part and celebrated!

"Seeing hundreds of people come together to celebrate culture, music, and community was truly impactful," said Jill Clements, Illinois Soul station manager. "Having Raphael and Whitney return home to perform made the evening even more special. Their homecoming was the perfect Juneteenth celebration our community needed, and the love in the room was undeniable."



From left, meteorologists Ed Kieser and Andrew Pritchard

Meteorologist Ed Kieser rejoins IPM weather team

Meteorologist Ed Kieser marked his return to WILL by surprising listeners with an on-air weather forecast in late June. After a 16-year break, Kieser will team up with Andrew Pritchard to provide weather services to our listeners.

"I'm thrilled to be back at WILL and I am so grateful for the tremendous response from listeners," Kieser said. "I am really looking forward to teaming up with Andrew Pritchard. He is a talented meteorologist and committed to the community. We are excited to take IPM's weather coverage to the next level and work together on some interesting initiatives."

Kieser was chief meteorologist at WILL for 23 years, serving central Illinois until WILL disbanded its weather department in 2010. He provided weather forecasts as well as severe weather coverage and agricultural weather forecasting.

Kieser retired in 2025 as senior meteorologist at American Electric Power, an Ohio-based utility company operating in 11 states.

At IPM, Kieser will provide backup and emergency weather coverage and produce weekday morning forecasts from January through June for local news during NPR's **Morning Edition** on all three radio stations. Pritchard will continue to contribute Friday forecasts during that period.

Kieser will work remotely from Columbus, Ohio. He said it's actually often an advantage to be somewhere else during severe weather. "By not being in the impact zone of a storm, I can continue working when the weather causes disruptions," he said.

Kieser's interest in weather started at an early age. At age 10, he would prepare elaborate weather presentations for his family. His interest in weather led to a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree in meteorology from Pennsylvania State University, where he also studied broadcasting.

During his time at IPM, Kieser also was known for his public engagement, including the weekly **Talk to Ed** where listeners called in with weather and weather-related travel questions. He also spoke to numerous groups each year on a variety of topics. For 20 years, he produced and presented public tornado safety shows attended by hundreds each year, and he also produced and hosted tornado specials for WILL-TV.

Pritchard also fell in love with weather at an early age. He is the son of retired WILL Radio technical director Mike Pritchard, so Kieser has known Andrew since he was a young boy. A young Andrew attended Kieser's first live tornado show at the Champaign Public Library.

"Ed was a family friend and became my biggest mentor and inspiration in the weather world," Pritchard said. "His dedication to the weather craft and his passion for severe weather and tornadoes (and preparedness around them) left a huge mark on me. So much so, that (by a very young age) I knew I was going to be a meteorologist just like Ed.

"I'm so excited for what we're going to be able to provide our listeners together. With the current tracking of recent severe weather, working as a team will help us elevate our coverage."



Mullally Circle donors recognized

For our fourth annual Donald P. Mullally Legacy Circle donor recognition event, members were treated to a Motown-themed brunch in our Collins TV Studio in late June. The celebration featured curated music by Illinois Soul and a live performance from local band Ther'Up.Y playing Motown hits.

Illinois Public Media's co-executive directors, John Steinbacher and Lillie Duncanson, honored former station general manager Don Mullally, the circle's namesake who had a profound impact on public broadcasting across the country, and they thanked attendees for their dedication to the future of the WILL stations. Guests also heard from Director of News and Public Affairs Reginald Hardwick, who introduced a short preview of IPM's documentary **Project 500** as well as Illinois Soul Station Manager Jill Clements, who briefed attendees on the history of WILL's newest radio station.

Members of the Mullally Circle are committed to ensuring quality public radio and TV programming is secure for future generations by providing long-term support to IPM with a planned gift or endowment. To learn more about how to support the WILL stations by leaving a planned gift to Illinois Public Media, visit will.illinois.edu/support/giftplanning.



Pesch retires from IPM business office

Illinois Public Media financial analyst Barb Pesch has left behind the spreadsheets she loves as she retires from a career of accounting — including more than 6 1/2 years at the University of Illinois.

"Barb's careful stewardship of our finances has helped keep Illinois Public Media on solid ground," said John Steinbacher, director of development, budget and resource planning. "Her contributions have left us well-prepared for the future, even during a time of significant change."

Pesch joined the College of Media/IPM business office in 2021 from the University of Illinois Springfield, where she was the business manager for NPR Illinois/WUIS public radio. At IPM, she oversaw the annual Corporation for Public Broadcasting audit and financial reporting and also helped manage the grant and gift portfolio. An accounting graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, she and her husband operated a small business for 30 years prior to joining IPM.

"I will miss the work," Pesch said. "I truly enjoy numbers, spreadsheets, and solving business problems. But most of all, I will miss the wonderful, talented, professional, and helpful people I have had the pleasure of working with over the years."

Her retirement plans include spending time with family (grandchild No. 5 is on the way), traveling to PGA golf tournaments, and going to Illinois football games both home and away.



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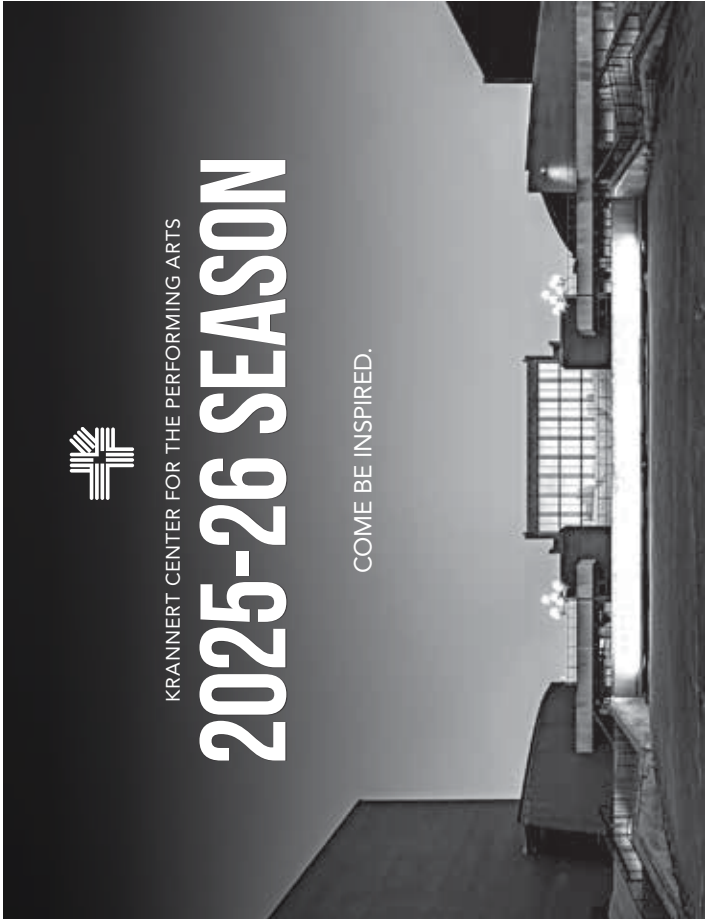
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