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We recently let you know that Illinois Public Media was developing a new strategic plan to guide our work and protect the trusted programming you rely on. I'm glad to share a clearer look at what that means. The plan centers on four priorities, and it outlines what we are actively doing to move forward in each of these areas:

### LOCALISM

We are deepening our commitment to central Illinois. That means expanding local reporting and storytelling shaped by community voices, building stronger partnerships with university faculty and area organizations, and sharing stories across more platforms so they reach people wherever they are. Our goal is simple: keep our WILL stations rooted here and responsive to the communities we serve.

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

We are strengthening the foundation that keeps IPM independent. We are investing more intentionally in donor relationships, growing major and planned giving, pursuing new grant opportunities, and building corporate partnerships that align with our values. These steps help protect editorial integrity while sustaining the programming and student learning experiences that define us.

### DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY

We are improving how you access and engage with our content. We are upgrading systems and workflows for greater efficiency, expanding on demand and interactive offerings, and thoughtfully integrating new tools that support innovation without compromising trust.

### LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We will focus on the people behind the work, clarifying roles, strengthening internal processes, supporting professional growth, and expanding opportunities for students and community collaborators. Strong teams and clear systems ensure that our mission remains steady and sustainable.

You, the Friends of WILL, make this progress possible. Your support does more than fund programs. It helps shape a stronger, more responsive public media organization for central Illinois — today and for the years ahead. Thank you!

*John Steinbacher, director of development, budget and resource planning*

## Exploring music's creative origins



Photo: Arcos Film + Music LLC

This month, **Great Performances** premieres season 7 of **Now Hear This**. In this special miniseries, host Scott Yoo, at left, a renowned violist and chief conductor of the Mexico City Philharmonic, reveals the creative process behind a diverse range of classical music in both historic and modern-day periods. Airing Fridays at 8 pm, season 7 begins April 10 with **Brahms: Free But Not Alone**. Journey through Germany to discover the private world of this composer from the mid-Romantic period. Discover the king of ragtime in **Everyone Loves Joplin** (April 17) as

Yoo uncovers Joplin's lasting impact on today's orchestras. **The Call of Istanbul** (April 24) explores the layered sounds of Istanbul where empires met from classical music to modern jazz. Journey across Iceland in **The Iceland Sound** (May 1) to uncover how volcanoes and tight-knit communities inspire its artists.

## Join us for a global celebration of jazz

As jazz fans worldwide prepare for this year's International Jazz Day on April 30 to be hosted in Chicago, you can watch last year's global concert from host city Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. It brings together countries and communities worldwide to promote peace and unity, dialogue among cultures, and respect for human dignity. Events take place in over 190 countries and all 50 U.S. states. **International Jazz Day from Abu Dhabi** airs at 9 pm Friday, April 24. The event was hosted by Academy Award-winning actor Jeremy Irons and led by Herbie Hancock. The all-star global concert featured world-renowned artists from 14 countries.



Engraved portrait of Antonio Vivaldi (1725)

## Reimagine 'Four Seasons' in a sensory adventure

Music is more than just sound; it's a multisensory journey. **Four Seasons for the Five Senses** is an innovative and electrifying reimagining of "Four Seasons," the masterpiece by Italian composer and godfather of Baroque music, Antonio Vivaldi. Coupled with captivating visuals and interactive elements, this immersive performance is unlike anything an orchestra has ever presented, promising viewers an unforgettable sensory adventure. Vivid projections and richly textured orchestration capture the beauty, drama, and renewal of nature's changing seasons, while inviting audiences to see, hear, and feel Vivaldi's masterpiece like never before. **Four Seasons for the Five Senses** airs at 9 pm Friday, April 17.

## Missouri at a crossroads of creativity, tradition

**Crossroads of a Nation: Missouri's Rhythm, Roads & Roots** explores how Missouri's cultural contributions helped shape the very identity of America. Positioned at the center of the country, the state became not only a crossroads of commerce and migration but also of creativity and tradition. Through vivid stories, archival imagery, and expert voices, the special reveals how the state's culture radiated far beyond its borders. Missouri did not merely reflect the nation; it helped define it, turning crossroads into culture and everyday life into an enduring legacy. **Crossroads of a Nation: Missouri's Rhythm, Roads & Roots** airs at 10 pm Monday, April 27.

## How you can live more sustainably



For those wanting to live more sustainably, our next episode of **State of Change** provides a local guide to help Illinoisans get started. The 30-minute special will air at 7:30 pm Thursday, April 23. Emmy winning host and producer Tinisha Spain returns as host. Watch a rebroadcast of our 2025 episode at 7:30 pm Thursday, April 9.

“Each Earth Day, we’re asked to think about how we can be better stewards of the environment for our planet,” said Reginald Hardwick, IPM director of news and public affairs and executive producer of **State of Change**. “This year, we hope people will be informed and perhaps inspired by stories of our neighbors.

Whether it’s shopping purposely to avoid using single-use plastic bags, helping returning citizens (formerly incarcerated) plant fresh vegetables in a south Chicago food desert, or central Illinoisans giving pollinating insects food and housing, **State of Change** has ideas worth sharing.” Segments include:

- A zero-waste general store in Illinois with eco-friendly products. People can make purchases and refill their goods without generating plastic.
- Central Illinoisans who plant gardens that attract pollinators that are crucial to keeping plants and our food chain active.
- A tour of the Peace Garden at Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation in Chicago.

Filmmakers Ryan Aquino and Jenny Shi shot and edited many of the stories along with IPM video manager DJ Roach.

**State of Change** is funded by a generous gift from the Backlund Charitable Trust.



## Two new series feature our changing world

In a voyage of fear, wonder, and hope, **Our New World** explores our living world as it faces unprecedented planetary upheaval. How are entire ecosystems being reshaped? How are animals and plants adapting? The two-part series airs Wednesdays at 9 pm April 1 and April 8. *Each episode will be available with PBS Passport on its broadcast date.*



Airing Wednesdays at 9 pm beginning April 29, **Shared Planet** reveals untold stories of people and animals flourishing together. This four-part series showcases innovative, hopeful stories of harmony across various ecosystems. *Each episode will be available with PBS Passport on its broadcast premiere date.*

## The disastrous effects of rain bombs



Photo: Mike Oldinski

A powerful downburst (“rain bomb”) releases a column of rain beneath a thunderstorm.

An invisible, unpredictable atmospheric force is wreaking havoc across the globe, sinking super yachts and bringing down planes. Follow scientists as they race to understand these catastrophic weather events, exploring how they form, what causes their devastating impacts, and how we might someday learn to predict them. **Rain Bombs** airs on **NOVA** at 8 pm Wednesday, April 22. *This program is available with PBS Passport on April 22.*



## One couple's fight to restore their land

The BBC documentary, **Wilding**, tells the true story of a young couple that bets on nature for the future of their failing, 400-year-old estate located in West Sussex, England. The couple battles entrenched tradition and dares to place the fate of their farm in the hands of nature. Ripping down the fences, they set the land back to the wild and entrust its recovery to a motley mix of animals both tame and wild. It is the beginning of a grand experiment that will become one of the most significant rewilding experiments in Europe. Based on the bestselling book by Isabella Tree, **Wilding** airs at 9 pm Wednesday, April 22. *This program will be available to stream with PBS Passport on April 22.*

## The arduous journey for today's farmers



Farming in America is harder than ever. Drought, extreme weather, and rising costs are pushing farmers to their limits. Meanwhile, climate change is driving demand for clean energy, transforming farmland into solar fields. Can agrivoltaics, which combines solar power and agriculture on the same land, help save farms while meeting society's energy needs? **Save the Farm Save the Future** examines this modern dilemma at 8 pm Thursday, April 9.

## 90-second program on the environment added

WILL AM 580 has added **Yale Climate Connections** to its schedule. The 90-second series reports on how people are responding to the changing climate. Airing at 5:34 pm and 9:30 pm Monday–Friday, the series covers topics from climate science to renewable energy, national security, public health, food, and agriculture. The goal is to increase public understanding and engagement with climate change, its consequences, and potential solutions in the U.S. and beyond. Creators seek to help listeners understand the reality of climate change and what they can do about it.



The series is staffed by professional journalists, meteorologists, and radio producers who are independent and nonpartisan. **Yale Climate Connections** is an initiative of the Yale Center for Environmental Communication, directed by Anthony Leiserowitz of the Yale School of the Environment at Yale University.

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## WEEKDAYS

### 6 am

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

### 9 am

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

### Noon

#### 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

To be announced

#### Tuesday:

##### Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast

- 4/7 Schumann: Symphony No. 1 in B-flat Major, Op. 38 (Spring)  
Karl Goldmark: In Springtime  
Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde
- 4/14 Caroline Shaw: Boris Kerner  
Adolphus Hailstork: Arabesques  
Mahler: Symphony No. 9
- 4/21 Tchaikovsky: Capriccio italien, Op. 45  
Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme for Cello and Orchestra, Op. 33  
Tchaikovsky: Pezzo capriccioso, Op. 62  
JS Bach: Sarabande from Suite No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008 (encore)  
Alisa Weilerstein, cello  
Tchaikovsky: Suite from The Nutcracker
- 4/28 Dvořák Cello Concerto in B Minor  
Svante Henryson: Black Run from Colors in D Suite for Solo Cello (encore)  
Andrei Ioniță, cello  
Dvořák: Symphony No. 8 in G Major

#### Wednesday:

##### WFMT Orchestra Series: Orchestras of the European Broadcasting Union

- 4/1 Vienna Symphony Orchestra  
Petr Popelka, conductor  
Wagner: A Faust Overture  
Ravel: Piano Concerto for the Left Hand in D  
Anna Vinnitskaya, piano  
Mozart: Symphony No. 41 in C Major, K. 551. "Jupiter"

##### WFMT Orchestra Series: San Francisco Symphony (new season)

- 4/8 Paul Hindemith: Ragtime, from Suite 1922  
Nico Muhly: Piano Concerto  
JS Bach (arr. Edward Elgar): Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537  
Paul Hindemith: Mathis der Maler
- 4/15 Shostakovich: Violin Concerto No. 1 in A Minor  
Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in E Minor
- 4/22 Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 in F Major  
Esa-Pekka Salonen: Cello Concerto.  
Debussy: La Mer

- 4/29 Thomas Adès: Three-Piece Suite from Powder Her Face  
Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor, Opus 23  
Elgar: Enigma Variations, Opus 36

### 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

- 4/3 Schumann: Märchenbilder ("Fairy Tale Pictures") Op. 113: III. Rasch; IV. Langsam, mit melancholischem Ausdruck  
Schumann: Violin Sonata No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 121: I. Ziemlich langsam – Lebhaft  
Schumann: Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 44: IV. Allegro, ma non troppo  
Clara Schumann: Piano Trio in G Minor, Op. 17: I. Allegro moderato
- 4/10 Schubert: Piano Trio No. 1 in B-flat Major, D. 898: III. Scherzo: Allegro  
Schubert: Piano Quintet in A Major, D. 667 ("Trout"): IV. Andantino – Allegretto  
Schubert: Rondo Brillant in B Minor, D. 895  
Schubert: String Quartet No. 14 in D Minor, D. 810 "Death & the Maiden"
- 4/17 Bach: Orchestral Suite No. 3 in G Major, BWV 1068: II. Air  
Brahms: Viola Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1: II. Andante un poco adagio; IV. Vivace  
Edward Elgar: Salut D'Amour, Op. 12
- 4/24 Mozart: Violin Sonata No. 21 in E Minor, K. 304: II. Tempo di Menuetto  
Mozart, arr. Jerrold Rubinstein: Divertimento No. 15 in B-flat Major, K. 287: IV. Adagio  
Mozart: Divertimento in E-flat Major for String Trio, K. 563: I. Allegro; IV. Andante; V. Minuets I & II; VI. Allegro

### 8 pm Friday

#### Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft

- 4/3 **Jungle Jazz**  
Swinging sounds for your tropical paradise.
- 4/10 **The Old West** (encore)  
Hi-Fi music from the worlds of TV & movie Westerns as well as songs about cowboys and gunslingers.
- 4/17 **The Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim**  
We celebrate one of the bossa nova greats!
- 4/24 **Atomic Sampler Spring 2026**  
A musical tasting menu of all the great things you hear on the program!

### 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](mailto: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.

- 4/4 **Bach Conductor Helmuth Rilling, In Memoriam**
- 4/11 **French Violin and Piano Sonatas, with Alfred Cortot and Jacques Thibaud**
- 4/18 **String Symphonies of the Young Mendelssohn**
- 4/25 **Operetta Composer Franz Lehár and His Star Tenor, Richard Tauber**

**Noon****Afternoon at the Opera**

All performances are with the Metropolitan Opera Ensemble

- 4/4 **La Gioconda** (Ponchielli), Fausto Cleva, cond., with Renata Tebaldi (La Gioconda), Carlo Bergonzi (Enzo), Fiorenza Cossotto (Laura), and Cornell MacNeil (Barnaba). *Performance of March 2, 1968*
- 4/11 **Don Giovanni** (Mozart), Yannick Nézet-Séguin, cond., with Ryan Speedo Green (Don Giovanni), Federica Lombardi (Donna Anna), Adam Plachetka (Leporello), Janai Brugger (Donna Elvira), Ben Bliss (Don Ottavio), Hera Hyesang Park (Zerlina), and William Guanbo Su (Masetto).
- 4/18 **Innocence** (Kaija Saariaho), Susanna Malkki, cond., with Jacquelyn Stucker (Bride), Kathleen Kim (Mother-in-Law), Joyce DiDonato (Waitress), and Miles Mykkanen (Bridegroom).
- 4/25 **La Sonnambula** (Bellini), Nadine Sierra (Amina), Xabier Anduaga (Elvino), Alexander Vinogradov (Rodolfo), and Sydney Mancasola (Lisa). *Performance of Oct. 18, 2025*

**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.

- 4/4 **Just One Word**
- 4/11 **Group Project**
- 4/18 **Samba, Rhumba, & Cha Cha Cha**
- 4/25 **Over The Moon**

**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**

- 4/5 Britten: String Quartet No. 2 in C Major, Op. 36  
Britten: Simple Symphony for Strings, Op. 4
- 4/12 Bartók: Contrasts for Clarinet, Violin, and Piano  
Bartók: Quartet No. 5 for Strings, BB 110
- 4/19 Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 for Soprano and Eight Cellos  
Franck: Piano Quintet in F Minor
- 4/26 Krzysztof Penderecki: String Quartet No. 3 "Leaves of an Unwritten Diary"  
Ernest Bloch: Piano Quintet No. 1

**7 pm**

**Fiesta! with Elbio Barilari**

- 4/5 **Island Hopping**  
Host Elbio Barilari takes you on a musical trip to the many islands in Latin America and Spain like the Canary Islands, Puerto Rico, and Cuba.
- 4/12 **Latino Composers in the U.S.**  
There is a rich history and a brilliant presence of Latino composers in the U.S. Included in this program are Roberto Sierra and Lena Frank.
- 4/19 **Aura: A Mexican Opera by Mario Lavista**  
Mexican composer Mario Lavista sets the controversial novel by Carlos Fuentes, "Aura," to music with a beautiful and surrealistic score.
- 4/26 **Guitar Music from Spain, Brazil & Mexico**  
Remarkable compositions for the guitar by Joaquín Turina, Almeida Prado and Manuel Ponce.

**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 with Kimberly Schofield	6:00	R&B/Throwbacks	NPR Weekend Edition
	7:00		
R&B Smooth Jazz Neo-Soul	8:00	Dialogue	The Cut (featuring gospel music)
	9:00		
Funk on Fridays Funk Ride (Fridays at 5 pm)	10:00	R&B/Throwbacks	Illinois Soul Gospel
	11:00		
	Noon		
	1:00		
	2:00		
	3:00		
	4:00		
Code Switch/Life Kit (M), Dialogue (Tu), Reveal (W), Throughline (Th), Funk Ride continues (F)	5:00	The Wind Down with Will Downing	R&B Dusties
	6:00		
The Quiet Storm	7:00	Catch the Flo	Soul of Jazz
	8:00		
	9:00	New Urban Jazz Lounge	Pillow Talk
	10:00		
Overnight: Neo + SMJ	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.



**Zo!** (Lorenzo Ferguson) is a Detroit-born songwriter and producer who is half of the acclaimed duo Zo! & Tall Black Guy. Zo! is known for his sophisticated blend of soul, funk, and electronic R&B. Foremost a keyboardist, Zo! also plays bass, drums, and guitar, and writes, arranges, and produces his own material. His Top 5:

1. Faith Evans
2. Chaka Khan
3. Earth, Wind & Fire
4. The Isley Brothers
5. Stevie Wonder

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## April is Jazz Appreciation Month

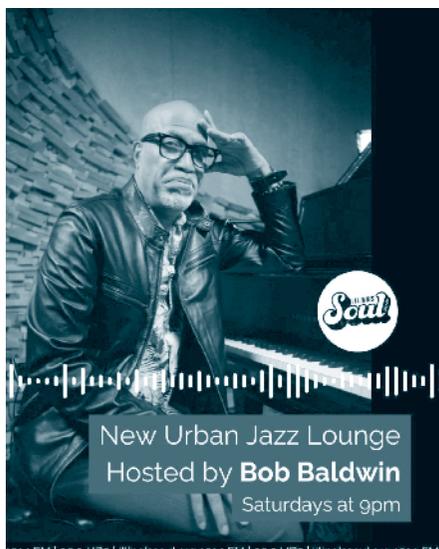


and his warm, engaging on-air presence, Johnson brings listeners closer to the artists, the stories, and the heart of modern jazz.

The weekend jazz experience continues with the **Urban Jazz Network**, hosted by veteran pianist Bob Baldwin. Baldwin's groove-driven playlists highlight both jazz legends and rising stars, blending funk, R&B, and contemporary jazz influences to create a rich, vibrant soundscape. His decades of experience as a performer, composer, and broadcaster allow him to guide listeners through the evolving world of jazz with authority and passion.

Together, Marcus Johnson and Bob Baldwin make Illinois Soul the ultimate weekend destination for smooth contemporary jazz. Not just for April — but every weekend — these two powerhouse hosts keep the music flowing, proving that smooth jazz is alive, vital, and thriving.

On Illinois Soul, we love contemporary smooth jazz. Weekends come alive with **Catch the Flo**, hosted by acclaimed keyboardist Marcus Johnson, who delivers a carefully curated mix of smooth jazz, soul, and global grooves. Johnson's show isn't just music — it's a journey and a lifestyle experience that flows seamlessly from late-night relaxation to Sunday brunch and beyond. With his insider knowledge as a musician



Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
NPR Morning Edition with Kimberly Schofield	5:00	The Middle (encore)	Thoroughline
	6:00	Commodity Week	Inside Europe
	6:30	State Week in Review	
	7:00	<b>NPR Weekend Edition</b>	<b>NPR Weekend Edition</b>
	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	11:00	Weather Realness	Code Switch/Life Kit
Here & Now with Jason Croft	Noon	Statewide	Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me! (repeat)
	The Middle (F repeat)	1:00	This American Life
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	<b>All Things Considered</b>	<b>All Things Considered</b>
	5:00	Hidden Brain	The New Yorker Radio Hour
	6:00	Left, Right & Center	Travel with Rick Steves
The 21st Show (repeat)	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	Moth Radio Hour	Not By the Playbook
	Midnight	Sam Sanders Show	Le Show
	1 am to 5 am	<b>BBC World Service</b>	<b>BBC World Service</b>

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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

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

**Yale Climate Connections**: Monday-Friday at 5:34 and 9:30 pm (See page 3)

**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

Weather forecasts from meteorologist Andrew Pritchard throughout the day.

Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Newsline	5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
Classical Stretch (M,W,F) Sit and Be Fit (T, Th)	5:30	Arthur	Arthur
Wild Kratts	6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
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 Knock\$
Donkey Hodie	10:00	MotorWeek	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack
Rosie's Rules	10:30	Garden SMART 4/18 Prairie Fire	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
Elinor Wonders Why	11:00	Mid American Gardener	Rick Steves' Europe 4/19 Prairie Fire
Alma's Way	11:30	America's Test Kitchen from Cook's Illustrated	Market to Market
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Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	12:30	Cook's Country	
Arthur	1:00	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television	
Odd Squad	1:30	Kitchen Curious with Vivian Howard	
<b>M</b> Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries <b>Tu</b> Antiques Roadshow <b>W</b> Finding Your Roots <b>Th</b> Nature <b>F</b> NOVA	2:00	Sara's Weeknight Meals Christina Cooks (begins 4/18)	
	2:30	Lidia's Kitchen	
<b>M</b> Sister Boniface Mysteries <b>Tu</b> Celebrity Antiques Road Trip <b>W</b> Miscellaneous <b>Th</b> Nature programs 4/9, 16, & 23 Life Unearthed (3:30) 4/30 Peaks to Prairie <b>F</b> 4/3, 10 Our New World 4/17 Secrets of the Dead 4/24 Down the Duck with J. Guider	3:00	Outside: Beyond The Lens	
	3:30	Samantha Brown's Places to Love Weekends with Yankee (begins 4/11)	
Antiques Roadshow	4:00	This Old House	
	4:30	Ask This Old House	
DW News	5:00	Horizons from PBS News	
BBC World News America	5:30	Antiques Roadshow	
PBS News Hour	6:00		
	6:30	As Time Goes By	

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## This local surgeon believes in the healing power of music



This month, **Prairie Fire** will introduce you to Dr. Claudius Conrad, a local surgeon-cum-classical pianist. As a surgical oncologist and

professor at the Carle Illinois College of Medicine, he is known internationally for the minimally invasive surgeries he performs on patients with pancreatic, liver, and biliary tract cancers. As a widely published researcher, he explores innovative cancer treatments and therapies — including pioneering investigations into how music can aide in healing both in the surgical suite and before and after surgery. Conrad shares his music with us as he discusses his illustrious career and his love for his new home in the Midwest. This and other segments will be featured on **Prairie Fire** at 7:30 pm Thursday, April 16. You also can watch **Prairie Fire** episodes on demand on YouTube, the PBS App or on our website at [will.illinois.edu/prairiefire](http://will.illinois.edu/prairiefire).



## A look at the American Revolution from across the pond

Lucy Worsley investigates one of history's most explosive break-ups: the 18th-century split between Britain and its 13 North American colonies. With access to expert insights and original evidence, Worsley explores the motivations behind the Americans' will for independence; uncovers how the American Revolution affected Britain with sabotage, espionage, and political unrest reshaping the empire; and asks "Could this explosive break-up have been avoided?" The two-part **Lucy Worsley Investigates:**

**The American Revolution** airs at 8 pm Tuesday, April 7 and April 14.

In addition, the recent six-part Ken Burns' documentary, **The American Revolution**, will be rebroadcast — with two episodes airing weekly at 8 pm Monday and Tuesday beginning April 20 and concluding in May. *Each episode will be available with PBS Passport on its initial broadcast date.*



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## A personal story of dwarf identity and its complex transformation



Filmmaker Julie Wyman embarks on a quest to find her place within the little people community at a moment when dwarf identity is on the brink of radical transformation. As she unpacks rumors of "partial dwarfism" in her family, Wyman discovers that hers is the last of a body type she has inherited. She teams up with a group of dwarf artists to confront the legacy of being fetishized and put on display. Together, they create films that reclaim a complicated history and challenge the echoes of eugenics, especially in light of emerging pharmaceutical interventions aimed at making

little people taller. Through its personal and expanding perspective, **The Tallest Dwarf** offers audiences a new way of seeing. The film airs on **Independent Lens** at 9 pm Monday, April 6. *The film also will be available in PBS Passport on April 6.*

## Nurturing orphaned elephants to return to the wild

Set in the remote wilds of northern Kenya, **Nature's** new two-part series, **Becoming Elephant: The Orphans of Reteti**, follows the remarkable journey of orphaned elephants at Reteti, the first community-owned elephant sanctuary in Africa. Raised by Samburu keepers who act as surrogate parents, these elephants — many rescued from poaching, drought, or human-wildlife conflict — are nurtured back to health and prepared for life in the wild. From tiny calves taking their first bottle to older elephants facing release, the series captures intimate moments of struggle, healing, and transformation. Alongside the elephants, it also tells the story of the local community, especially the women known as “milk mamas,” whose care, knowledge, and resilience are reshaping conservation from the ground up. **Becoming Elephant** airs on **Nature** Wednesdays at 7 pm April 8 and April 15.



## New ‘Walter Presents’ mystery premieres

Follow the dedicated investigators of the picturesque Austrian resort town of Kitzbühel in **Murder in the Mountains**. They tackle complex murder cases where secrets unravel and danger lurks behind every mountain vista, including a racer's death, a poisoned champion, and other crimes. Season 1 airs Sundays at 11 pm, beginning April 5. From Walter Presents, the series is in German with English subtitles. *Season 1 and more are available with WILL Passport.*

## An up-close look at space exploration

This month, two documentaries offer an intimate look at space travel and its future.

Drawing from over 250 hours of exclusive footage and video diaries filmed on the International Space Station, **Space Explorers: Moonrise on the ISS** (10 pm Tuesday, April 28) was inspired by Felix and Paul Studios' Emmy Award-winning virtual reality series, “Space Explorers: The ISS Experience” — the largest production ever filmed in space. Featuring astronauts Anne McClain, Victor Glover, and David Saint-Jacques, the program offers an intimate look at life aboard the ISS and the future of space exploration.



**NOVA** premieres **Return to the Moon** at 8 pm Wednesday, April 29. A half-century after Apollo astronauts walked on the moon, NASA and its international partners are taking the dream of Apollo a giant step further. In the coming years, the Artemis missions — named after Apollo's twin sister in Greek mythology — aim to bring astronauts back to the moon and establish a lunar space station for scientific and commercial exploration. Follow the four members of the Artemis II crew as they embark on a perilous 10-day journey to orbit the moon. *Watch with PBS Passport beginning April 29.*

## 1 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*Raptors: A Fistful of Daggers: Extreme Lives.* Part 2 of 2. See the extreme ways in which raptors conquer the toughest habitats on Earth. *Repeated 2 pm 4/2.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Your Brain: Perception Deception.* Part 1 of 2. Is what you see real? Join neuroscientist Heather Berlin on a quest to understand how your brain shapes your reality, and why you can't always trust what you perceive. *Repeated 2 pm 4/3.*
- 9:00 Our New World** (TV-PG)  
*The Pulse of Change.* Part 1 of 2. See page 2. *Repeated 1 am 4/2, 3 pm 4/3 & 1 am 4/5.*
- 10:00 Big Adventures: Into The Amazon with Robson Green** (TV-PG)  
Part 1 of 3. Robson begins his adventure in Alter do Chao, often referred to as the Amazon's Caribbean gateway.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 2 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)  
NOLA (New Orleans) Shutters, Hardwired Alarms.
- 8:00 WW2 Women on the Frontline**  
*Boots on the Ground.* Part 3 of 3. In this episode, the little-known feats of journalists, nurses and guerilla fighters take center stage. *Repeated 1 am 4/3.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)  
*Framed for Murder.* Season 2, episode 9 of 13. A journey into the twilight world of silent movies where a production is in jeopardy. *Repeated 2 am 4/3 & 6 pm 4/5.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 3, episode 4 of 7. Sidney and Geordie must determine the connection between a murder and a number of post office robberies. *Repeated 3 am 4/3.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 3 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Martha Graham Dance Company: We Are Our Time** (TV-PG)  
*Athletes of God.* Part 2 of 2. Step behind the curtain and tour the world with the Martha Graham Dance Company. Follow the dancers from studio to stage in stunning dance sequences. Graham's words, voiced by Meryl Streep, reveal the devotion and sacrifice of a dancer's world. *Repeated 12:30 am 4/4 & 2 am 4/6.*
- 9:30 Great Performances** (TV-PG)  
*The Magic of Nureyev.* This fascinating behind-the-scenes film features extensive excerpts from the legendary 1964 production of "Swan Lake" with dancer's personal insights on Nureyev as well as contemporary experts' look back at Nureyev's groundbreaking technique. *Repeated 2 am 4/4 & 3:30 am 4/6.*
- 10:30 History with David Rubenstein** (TV-PG)  
*Benn Steil.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 4 Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)  
*St George's Defence.* Season 2, episode 5 of 10. Convinced that events catastrophic to the Cold War are being planned at the British Open Chess Championships, Sister Boniface must brush up her chess skills and join the tournament. *Repeated 3 pm 4/6.*
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)  
*The Debt of Lies, Parts 1 & 2 of 2.* Season 23, episodes 3 & 4 of 8. Gated estate Challis Court is a tight-knit community for retired police officers, but when a new arrival is found dead, the other residents regard the murder as an affront.
- 9:30 The Puzzle Lady** (TV-14)  
Episode 3 of 6. Cora's birthday turns deadly when she's hired to investigate an old murder case.
- 10:30 TradFest** (TV-G)  
*a tri.* An Irish musical journey filmed in Dublin Castle during the Tradfest music festival.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)  
*Noah Kahan/Flor De Toloache.*

## 5 Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 15, episode 3 of 8. Joyce supervises the antenatal clinic at the hospital, where she meets a worried single mother diagnosed with placenta previa and concerned about raising her child alone. *Repeated 2 am 4/7.*
- 8:00 The Forsytes on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
Episode 3 of 6. Jo hopes to fulfill newfound obligations while James' attempts to sabotage him intensify. *Repeated 12 am 4/6 & 3 am 4/7.*
- 9:00 The Count of Monte Cristo on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*The Treasure.* Episode 3 of 8. After escaping from the Castle Edmond sails to Monte Cristo to seek the rumored treasure. *Repeated 12 am 4/6 & 3 am 4/7.*
- 10:00 Seaside Hotel** (TV-14)  
*Homesick.* Season 10, episode 1 of 9. Guests and staff are back at the hotel. Madsen meets a wealthy Danish-American and immediately sees an opportunity for profit.
- 11:00 Murder in the Mountains** (TV-14)  
*In The Dead Spot.* Episode 1 of 13. See page 11.

## 6 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
Castle Farms, Hour 2.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Hour 3.
- 9:00 Independent Lens** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*The Tallest Dwarf.* See page 10. *Repeated 2 am 4/8.*
- 10:30 Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer** (TV-PG)  
A Native American girl from an isolated Blackfeet reservation uses her basketball skills as a ticket to a college education and the opportunity to give back to her people.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 7 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-PG)**  
*Song of the South.* Henry Louis Gates Jr. explores the family secrets of actor Danielle Deadwyler and musician Rhiannon Giddens. Repeated 2 pm 4/8, 4 am 4/9 & 4 am 4/13.
- 8:00 Lucy Worsley Investigates: The American Revolution (TV-14)**  
*The Break Up.* Part 1 of 2. See page 10. Repeated 3 am 4/9.
- 9:00 Frontline**  
*The Deal: Trump, Bukele & the Gangs of El Salvador.* Repeated 1 am 4/8.
- 10:00 Frontline**  
*Status Venezuelan.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 8 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)**  
*Becoming Elephant: The Orphans of Reteti.* Part 1 of 2. See page 11. Repeated 2 pm 4/9.
- 8:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS)**  
*Your Brain: Who's In Control?* Part 2 of 2. Dive into the latest research on the subconscious with neuroscientist Heather Berlin to see what's really driving the decisions you make. Repeated 2 pm 4/10.
- 9:00 Our New World (TV-PG)**  
*A Wild Renaissance.* Part 2 of 2. See page 2. Repeated 1 am 4/9, 3 pm 4/10 & 1 am 4/12.
- 10:00 Big Adventures: Into The Amazon with Robson Green (TV-PG)**  
Part 2 of 3. Robson boards a traditional boat, his home for the next few days as he navigates the inky waters of the Rio Negro.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 9 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 State of Change (2025) (TV-G)**
- 8:00 Save The Farm, Save The Future (TV-PG)**  
See page 3. Repeated 1 am 4/10 & 12 pm 4/12.
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14)**  
*Death on the Vine.* Season 2, episode 10 of 13. Phryne investigates a suspicious past death and a recent murder at an idyllic vineyard. Repeated 2 am 4/10 & 6 pm 4/12.
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)**  
Season 3, episode 5 of 7. A young woman's death is covered up, and Sidney and Geordie try to hold those responsible accountable for their actions. Repeated 3 am 4/10.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 10 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances (TV-G)**  
*Now Hear This: Brahms: Free But Not Alone.* See page 1. Part 1 of 4.
- 9:00 Beethoven's 9th — Ode to Joy (TV-G)**  
In this performance documentary, internationally renowned Maestro Gerard Schwarz leads a thrilling ensemble of more than 200 youthful performers from the University of Miami. The film includes a discussion of Beethoven's life, his struggle with deafness, and the ultimate triumph of his greatest symphony.
- 10:30 American Anthems (TV-PG)**  
*Life Is Sweet.* Part 1 of 6. Grammy-winner Jennifer Nettles meets Seth Grumet, founder of Stomp the Monster, which he started during chemotherapy. Jennifer writes and performs a soaring anthem about Seth's life that leaves a surprised audience without a dry eye in the house.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 11 Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG)**  
*A Tight Squeeze.* Season 2, episode 6 of 10. As adviser on set of the latest 'Oh — Do Behave!' picture, Felix is soon called to action to investigate the murder of the abrasive director. Repeated 3 pm 4/13.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)**  
*A Grain of Truth, Parts 1 & 2 of 2.* Season 23, episodes 5 & 6 of 8. A trendy organic bakery in a restored mill is causing resentment among several villagers.
- 9:30 The Puzzle Lady (TV-14)**  
Episode 4 of 6. The Puzzle Lady discovers a dark conspiracy at the hart of Bakerbury.
- 10:30 TradFest (TV-G)**  
*a ceathair.* An Irish musical journey filmed in Dublin Castle during the TradFest music festival.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)**  
*Lil Yachty/Sudan Archives.*

## 12 Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife (TV-14) (DVS)**  
Season 15, episode 4 of 8. Sister Catherine is distressed when a newborn baby is taken from the maternity home. Repeated 2 am 4/14.
- 8:00 The Forsytes on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)**  
Episode 4 of 6. Jo recommits to his family, James is furious with Soames. Repeated 12 am 4/13 & 3 am 4/14.
- 9:00 The Count of Monte Cristo on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)**  
*The Red Room.* Episode 4 of 8. Five years after reinventing himself as the Count of Monte Cristo, Edmond tracks down the men who betrayed him. Repeated 12 am 4/13 & 3 am 4/14.
- 10:00 Seaside Hotel (TV-14)**  
*No Business Like Show Business.* Season 10, episode 2 of 9. Madsen is determined to hold on to Seerup long enough to secure a deal.
- 11:00 Murder in the Mountains (TV-14)**  
*Vintage Love.* Episode 2 of 13. See page 11.

**13** Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
*Castle Farms, Hour 3.*
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
*Santa Fe's Museum Hill, Hour 1.*
- 9:00 Independent Lens** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Backside: The Unseen Hands of Horse Racing.* Set at Churchill Downs, this film is a portrait of the immigrant grooms who care for Kentucky Derby racehorses year-round. *Repeated 1 am 4/14 & 2 am 4/15.*
- 10:00 The Legacy of Black Horsemen** (TV-PG)  
Explore the stories and contributions of Black jockeys, trainers, owners, grooms, and exercise riders in the 1800s who were instrumental in laying the foundation of the Thoroughbred industry in America.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**14** Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)  
*Rags to Riches.* Henry Louis Gates Jr. maps the roots of actor Kate Burton and media mogul Barry Diller. *Repeated 2 pm 4/15, 4 am 4/16 & 4 am 4/20.*
- 8:00 Lucy Worsley Investigates: The American Revolution** (TV-14)  
*A Messy Divorce.* Part 2 of 2. See page 10. *Repeated 3 am 4/16.*
- 9:00 Frontline**  
*Caught in the Crackdown.* *Repeated 1 am 4/15.*
- 10:00 Frontline**  
*Documenting Police Use of Force.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**15** Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Becoming Elephant: The Orphans of Reteti.* Part 2 of 2. See page 11. *Repeated 2 pm 4/16.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Athens: Birth of Democracy.* Follow archaeological investigations into the dramatic origins of democracy in Greece 2,500 years ago. *Repeated 2 pm 4/17.*
- 9:00 Secrets of the Dead** (TV-PG)  
*The Civil War's Lost Massacre.* The search for remains of formerly enslaved Black Union soldiers brutally murdered by angry Southerners as the Civil War was ending. *Repeated 1 am 4/16, 3 pm 4/17 & 1 am 4/19.*
- 10:00 Big Adventures: Into The Amazon with Robson Green** (TV-PG)  
Part 3 of 3. Robson explores the beautiful Anavilhanas Archipelago in his canoe.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**16** Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Prairie Fire**  
See page 10. *Repeated 10:30 am 4/25 & 11 am 4/26.*
- 8:00 An Invitation to Wonder** (TV-G)  
Guided by the wisdom of his grandfather, a young filmmaker journeys through the mysterious wetland in his grandparents' backyard. Navigating the challenges of this environment, the film uncovers the life, secrets, and importance of wetlands, and reminds us of our connection to all living things. *Repeated 1 am 4/17 & 12 pm 4/19.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)  
*Dead Air.* Season 2, episode 11 of 13. There's murder on the airwaves when Dot's favorite radio show is interrupted by an on-air panic. *Repeated 2 am 4/17 & 6 pm 4/19.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 3, episode 6 of 7. Sidney tries to right a wrong; so does Geordie. *Repeated 3 am 4/17.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**17** Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-G)  
*Now Hear This: Everyone Loves Joplin.* See page 1. Part 2 of 4.
- 9:00 Four Seasons for the Five Senses** (TV-G)  
See page 1.
- 10:00 The Everglades: A Symphony of Life** (TV-G)  
This film reimagines the story of the everglades, brought to life through music, imagery and the voices of those who live and work there.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**18** Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)  
*Stiff Competition.* Season 2, episode 7 of 10. A magician is killed performing a deadly trick during a run-through for the village talent show. *Repeated 3 pm 4/20.*
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)  
*Dressed to Kill, Parts 1 & 2 of 2.* Season 23, episodes 7 & 8 of 8. Parish chairwoman Lois Springfield is found dead in a local theatre.
- 9:30 The Puzzle Lady** (TV-14)  
Episode 5 of 6. A rock star's visit sparks chaos in Bakerbury while Cora meets a mysterious suitor.
- 10:30 TradFest** (TV-G)  
*a cuig.* An Irish musical journey filmed in Dublin Castle during the TradFest musical festival.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)  
*Tanya Tucker/Brittney Spencer.*

## 19 Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 15, episode 5 of 8. When tragedy strikes the Poplar family due to a severe illness, Dr. Turner's actions come under scrutiny. *Repeated 2 am 4/21.*
- 8:00 The Forsytes on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Episode 5 of 6. Disaster strikes at Forsyte & Co. as Soames puts an end to Irene's Parisian dreams. *Repeated 12 am 4/20 & 3 am 4/21.*
- 9:00 The Count of Monte Cristo on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*The Ball.* Episode 5 of 8. As Edmond continues to infiltrate the lives of his betrayers, he discovers more dark secrets that could destroy their reputations. *Repeated 12 am 4/20 & 3 am 4/21.*
- 10:00 Seaside Hotel** (TV-14)  
*Secrets.* Season 10, episode 3 of 9. The best kept secret in the hotel is suddenly revealed.
- 11:00 Murder in the Mountains** (TV-14)  
*Under Surveillance.* Episode 3 of 13. See page 11.

## 20 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
*250 Years of Americana.*
- 8:00 The American Revolution** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*In Order to Be Free.* Part 1 of 6. Continues tomorrow at 8 pm. Political protest escalates into violence. War gives 13 colonies a common cause.
- 10:00 Lafayette: The Lost Hero** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
This film tells the story of the Marquis de Lafayette and his quest to bring democracy to America and France, through the eyes of Sabine Renault Sabloniere, a 21st century descendant. *Repeated 1 am 4/21 & 3 pm 4/22.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 21 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)  
*Puritans and Pioneers.* Actors Ted Danson, Mary Steenburgen and William H. Macy trace their nonconformist ancestors through American conflicts. *Repeated 2 pm 4/22, 4 am 4/23 & 4 am 4/27.*
- 8:00 The American Revolution** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*An Asylum for Mankind.* Part 2 of 6. Continues 4/27. Washington takes command of the Continental Army. Congress declares American independence.
- 10:06 A More Perfect Union: Inspiring Civic & Civil Conversations Across America** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
Ken Burns, Jeffrey Rosen, and others discuss essential themes of liberty, equality, democracy and separation of powers. The ideas and values articulated 250 years ago during America's founding remain relevant to conversations about governance today. *Repeated 1 am 4/22.*
- 11:03 Amanpour and Company**

## 22 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Legendary Tigers of India.* Ranthambore National Park in northern India is known for its spectacular wildlife and, specifically, its magnificent tigers and these big cats have an extraordinary story to tell. *Repeated 2 pm 4/23.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
Rain Bombs. See page 2. *Repeated 2 pm 4/24.*
- 9:00 Wilding** (TV-PG)  
See page 3. *Repeated 1:30 am 4/23, 1 am 4/26 & 12 pm 4/26.*
- 10:30 Peaks to Prairie: A Holistic Regenerative Approach** (TV-G)  
This film follows an innovative ecological project in Colorado using mushrooms to turn forest wood waste into a resource for nearby degraded prairie land. *Repeated 1 am 4/23, 1:30 pm 4/26 & 3:30 pm 4/30.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 23 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 State of Change (2026)**  
See page 2.
- 8:00 Prairie Prophecy** (TV-G)  
Meet visionary scientist and farmer Wes Jackson, co-founder of The Land Institute. Blending science, soul, and storytelling, the film traces Jackson's lifelong mission to create sustainable farming systems that restore ecological balance and offer hope in the face of climate change. *Repeated 1 am 4/24 & 2 pm 4/26.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)  
*Unnatural Habits.* Season 2, episode 12 of 13. The halfway house for girls sets the scene for the death of an escaping teenager. *Repeated 2 am 4/24 & 6 pm 4/26.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 3, episode 7 of 7. A boy goes missing and the entire village heads out in search of him. *Repeated 3 am 4/24.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 24 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-G)  
*Now Hear This : The Call of Istanbul.* See page 1. Part 3 of 4.
- 9:00 International Jazz Day from Abu Dhabi** (TV-G)  
See page 1. *Repeated 1 am 4/25.*
- 10:00 Bird: Not Out of Nowhere** (TV-PG)  
This film looks back at the 21 years Charlie "Bird" Parker spent at home in Kansas City and on his long-lasting impression on Kansas City Jazz.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 25 Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)  
*Dead Air*. Season 2, episode 8 of 10. Peggy is delighted when her favourite pirate radio station brings their trendy transmissions to Great Slaughter. Repeated 3 pm 4/27.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)  
*A Talent for Life, Parts 1 & 2 of 2*. Season 6, episodes 1 & 2 of 14. When two corpses are discovered alongside one another by the river, Barnaby and Troy embark on an investigation which uncovers a deep vein of resentment running through the village.
- 10:00 The Puzzle Lady** (TV-14)  
Episode 6 of 6. Cora faces her deadliest case yet but saving Hooper means losing everything.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)  
*Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit*.

## 26 Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 15, episode 6 of 8. An expectant father receives a life-threatening diagnosis. Dr. Turner learns shocking news that implicates the future of the maternity house. Repeated 2 am 4/28.
- 8:00 The Forsytes on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
Episode 6 of 6. Soames commissions a country house, despite Irene's distress. Repeated 12 am 4/27 & 3 am 4/28.
- 9:00 The Count of Monte Cristo on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*Providence*. Episode 6 of 8. Now deeply entrenched in Paris high society, Edmond meddles in the lives of those he wishes to destroy. Repeated 12 am 4/27 & 3 am 4/28.
- 10:00 Seaside Hotel** (TV-14)  
*Rain, Rain, Rain*. Season 10, episode 4 of 9. On a rainy day, Madsen is expecting a visit from Seerup and his distinguished American wife.
- 11:00 Murder in the Mountains** (TV-14)  
Marburg Fever. Episode 4 of 13. See page 11.

## 27 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
Grants Farm, Hour 1.
- 8:00 The American Revolution** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*The Times That Try Men's Souls*. Part 3 of 6. Continues tomorrow at 8 pm. Washington abandons New York City and flees across New Jersey, before attacking Trenton.
- 10:00 Crossroads of a Nation: Missouri's Rhythm, Roads & Roots** (TV-PG)  
See page 1. Repeated 1 am 4/28 & 3 pm 4/29.b
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 28 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Hidden in the Genes*. Henry Louis Gates Jr. helps Rebecca Hall and Lee Daniels solve family mysteries through DNA detective work. Repeated 2 pm 4/29 & 4 am 4/30.
- 8:00 The American Revolution** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*Conquer by a Drawn Game*. Part 4 of 6. Continues 5/5. Philadelphia falls, but the American victory at Saratoga allows France to enter the war.
- 10:00 Space Explorers: Moonrise on the ISS** (TV-PG)  
See page 11. Repeated 1 am 4/29.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 29 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-G) (DVS)  
*Woodpeckers: The Hole Story*. With over 240 species of woodpeckers identified, explore their unique evolutionary journey and the powerful ecological role they play. Repeated 2 pm 4/20.
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Return to the Moon*. See page 11.
- 9:00 Shared Planet** (TV-PG)  
Cities. Part 1 of 4. See page 2. Repeated 1 am 4/30.
- 10:00 The Green Planet** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Tropical Worlds*. Part 1 of 5. Sir David Attenborough takes a plant's-eye view of life in a rainforest, a world of stunning beauty but also fierce competition.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 30 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)  
*Flower Vase, Smart Garage Opener*.
- 8:00 Our Vanishing Americana: Florida** (TV-G)  
This film reflects on a time when small-town institutions like general stores, barber shops, and local theaters were at the heart of daily life and community connections.
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)  
*A Christmas Murder*. Season 2, episode 13 of 13. It's a race against time for Phryne and Jack to find a murderer at a picturesque chalet.
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 4, episode 1 of 5. Sidney is swept up in the civil rights movement when Reverend Todd and his daughter arrive.

## New seasons of 'Mademoiselle Holmes,' 'Mountain Detective' available

All six episodes of season 2 of **Mademoiselle Holmes** will be available for binge-watching on April 10 with PBS Passport. The series follows Charlie, a timid French police officer whose deductive brilliance and bold spirit of her famous ancestor, Sherlock Holmes, is awakened after an accident. In season 2, Charlie and Samy will have to follow their instincts on cases that *seem* straightforward, as they learn that their victims and murder suspects all have various and sometimes complicated motives and lives. Season 1 also is available to watch. The series is in French with English subtitles.



In addition, with WILL Passport, members can catch up on seasons 1–3 of **Mountain Detective** now with season 4 (three episodes) premiering April 24. Samuel Le Bihan plays Alex Hugo, the titular character, who is a former police officer who desperately wants to escape the violence of the city by starting a life in the Hautes-Alpes mountains, only to find himself using his special skills to solve local crimes. In season 4, the detective witnesses a man fall from a summit in a way that leads Alex to believe it was not accidental. The series is in French with English subtitles.

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- American Spirit, 4/25

#### Climate California

- The Reclamation, 4/14
- The Song of Strangers, 4/21
- Second Language, 4/28

#### Great Performances

- Movies for Grownups Awards with AARP the Magazine 2025, 4/9

#### History with David Rubenstein

- Marie Arana, 4/30

#### Nature

- Parenthood: The Greatest Adventure, 4/2

#### Walter Presents

- Inspector Ricciardi, season 3, 4/17 (Italian)
- Mademoiselle Holmes, season 2, 4/10 (French)
- The Mountain Detective, season 4, 4/24 (French)

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#### 10 That Changed America

- 10 Homes that changed America, 4/6
- 10 Parks that Changed America, 4/13
- 10 Towns that Changed America, 4/19

#### America ReFramed

- Sapelo, 4/7

#### Antiques Roadshow

- New Orleans, Hour 2, 4/11; Hour 3, 4/18
- St. Louis, Hour 1, 4/25
- Grounds for Sculpture, Hour 2, 4/25

#### Independent Lens

- One With the Whale, 4/22

#### Nature

- Hippo King, 4/6
- American Arctic, 4/13
- Portugal: Wild Land on the Edge, 4/27

#### Next at the Kennedy Center

- Ballet Hispánico's Doña Perón
- Continuum: Jason Moran & Christian McBride, 4/21

#### Ozone Hole: How We Saved the Planet, 4/10

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## Students place in Top 20 in Hearst awards

Winners have been announced in the 2025-26 Hearst Journalism Awards Program's Audio News and/or Features Competition. Two journalism students from Illinois Student Newsroom at Illinois Public Media placed in the Top 20. There were a record 78 entries from 51 universities submitted in this competition. The Hearst awards are known as "the Pulitzer prizes" of collegiate journalism.

**Sam Rink**, a U. of I. junior in journalism from Tolono, placed 12th for their story on trans people seeking safety and community in Champaign County. **Giuliana Means**, a sophomore journalism student at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign from the California Bay Area, tied for 19th with her story on how the possible closure of Champaign County's only low-barrier shelter would affect those who rely on it.

Rink joined the Illinois Student Newsroom in 2025, and they follow stories involving environmental science and LGBTQ+ issues. Outside of the newsroom, Rink is the senior photographer for The Daily Illini and Illio Yearbook.

"Sam's Hearst submission included powerful reporting on how some transgender people who have moved to Illinois from less inclusive states have found a new home — plus community, connection, and support — in east-central Illinois," said Christine Herman, IPM editor and co-director of the student newsroom. "The reporting is intimate, sound-rich, and a great example of taking a national issue and localizing it."



Means joined Illinois Student Newsroom in the spring of 2025. Outside of IPM, she is the assistant program director at WPGU 107.1 and a features reporter for The Daily Illini.

"Giuliana visited the shelter multiple times to connect directly with people who would be personally impacted by the closure of the shelter," said Charles "Stretch" Ledford, University of Illinois journalism professor and co-director of the Illinois Student Newsroom at IPM. "That's the kind of tenacity that sets great journalism apart from good journalism."



The Hearst Journalism Awards Program, now in its 66th year, added broadcast journalism competitions in 1988. The program is open to accredited undergraduate journalism programs from 104 universities within the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

## Gleason to be recognized with ACES alumni award



Farm Broadcaster Todd Gleason will be honored this month by the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for his service to agriculture and to the college.

Each year, the College of ACES recognizes the remarkable accomplishments of its alumni through four awards. Gleason, a Farm Broadcaster for Illinois Public Media and Illinois Extension, and other award recipients will be honored with the 2026 ACES Alumni Award of Merit at the college's Alumni Awards Gala on April 13.

Gleason earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications in 1986. He has been broadcasting from the University of Illinois campus across five decades. Gleason's work has always been in the public sector and in the service of agriculture. He joined Illinois Public Media in 1989 as a full-time ag reporter, transitioned to producing University of Illinois Extension's Illini Farm Report in 1994, and has hosted WILL AM-580's **Closing Market Report** and **Commodity Week** since July 2003. He and the late Charles Lindy co-founded Illinois Public Media's All Day Ag Outlook meeting for the region's farmers in 1991, earning them a CPB Award for public engagement that first year.

The ACES Alumni Award of Merit recognizes alumni with an outstanding record of personal and professional accomplishments, extraordinary humanitarian contributions, and a history of serving the college.

# Illinois Public Media's 2025 Annual Report

In 2025 public media throughout the country faced an unprecedented challenge with the rescission of federal funding. Reductions of \$1.5 million have directly impacted the operations of our IPM stations. Throughout the year, we said farewell to several remarkable colleagues — reporters, communicators, content creators, and behind-the-scenes staff — whose creativity and dedication helped shape who we are. Their work continues to inspire us and reminds us why public media matters more than ever.

**Despite these challenges, we are not going anywhere.** We will continue to be part of this community, sharing local stories that reflect our region's diversity, providing trusted and independent news, celebrating Illinois voices through meaningful programs, sharing a wide variety of music, and offering free educational resources to help children learn. We are here for the good of all.

Below you will find a sample of the 2025 Illinois Public Media Annual Report. The full annual report will be available on April 1 at: [go.illinois.edu/2025AnnualReport](http://go.illinois.edu/2025AnnualReport).



Our beloved classical station, WILL-FM 90.9 Classical, underwent a refresh with a new name, **Illinois Classical**, alongside an updated look.

While some elements have changed, the role of Illinois Classical as a cultural touchstone for communities throughout central Illinois has not

altered. Illinois Classical continues to offer listeners a thoughtful mix of classical music, expert curation, and educational enrichment.

February 1, 2025, marked the one-year anniversary of the official launch of **Illinois Soul**, IPM's not-



for-profit public radio station focused on Black voices, music, and culture throughout central Illinois. Illinois Soul celebrated by

doing what it does best — hosting a perfectly curated evening of music and culture while bringing together fans as a community. The Illinois Soul team followed up this one-year celebration with countless community engagement and cultural events throughout 2025.

Illinois Public Media's local magazine program, **Prairie Fire**, was awarded five regional Emmy awards — out of nine nominations — by the Mid-America chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Among the awards, Prairie Fire was named Best Magazine program at the awards event Oct. 25 in St. Charles, Missouri. The team also earned regional Emmys for four Prairie Fire segments.



In July, IPM released an all-new weekly radio program and podcast, a partnership with the Department of Climate, Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences in the School of Earth, Society & Environment at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**Weather Realness** brings the best weather and climate scientists in Illinois to help the public understand weather and climate by providing scientific facts and enlightening conversation, including up-to-date information about recent and ongoing weather and climate events.



Funding for "Weather Realness" is partially provided by the Backlund Charitable Trust.

Alongside these highlights, IPM continued to provide important local news and services audiences rely on every day. Across our radio, television, and digital platforms, we connected central Illinois to PBS and NPR programming. Our **Book Mentor Project** continued to expand learning opportunities for young readers, and dozens of community outreach events strengthened partnerships with organizations throughout central Illinois.

## Bottar joins newsroom as ag, environmental reporter

Abigail Bottar joined IPM News last month as a news reporter covering agriculture and the environment.

Her beat includes reporting for Harvest Public Media, which is a collaboration of public radio stations that report on food production and sustainability throughout the Midwest. She will help with general assignment reporting and occasionally fill in as a newscast host. Bottar also will work with videographers to turn her audio stories into video for our annual **State of Change** TV series.

"As a person who grew up in rural Ohio, I feel particularly close to farming, environmental, and rural issues," Bottar said. "I'm excited to learn more about the community here and the agriculture and environmental issues that are most important to them."

"We're thrilled that Abigail has joined us," said Reginald Hardwick, director of news and public affairs. "She grew up in the rural Midwest and started working in a greenhouse at the age of 14. She understands the issues farmers face, whether it's water issues or health concerns. She also brings curiosity and empathy to her reporting."

"On her first day at IPM, Abigail attended the annual Ag outlook in Covington, Indiana, organized by Todd Gleason, so she's off to a great start!"

She most recently worked for Ideastream Public Media in Cleveland, Ohio, covering the Akron/Canton area. In 2023, she covered the East Palestine, Ohio, train derailment with her reports airing nationally, including on NPR. She was on the scene for weeks as health concerns and the environmental crisis grew.

Bottar earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Kent State University, and she has received several Ohio Excellence in Journalism awards. In 2023, she received a national Gracie Award from the Alliance for Women in Media for Best Crisis Coverage/Breaking News for her reporting on the grand jury decision in the police shooting of Jayland Walker.

She and her husband are settling into their apartment in Urbana. "We're excited to explore the farmers markets, parks, and libraries in the area," she said.

This position is made possible by generous support from the Backlund Charitable Trust, which helps fund environmental journalism here in Illinois.



Even as our WILL stations face the impact of federal funding losses on our operating budget, your generosity ensures that Illinois Public Media can continue to connect, inform, and inspire our community. This month, IPM staff and community members are sharing heartfelt messages of thanks for your dedication during this critical time for public media. Because of you, local voices stay on the air, and trusted programming continues uninterrupted.

From April 20–23, during our spring radio fund drive, Illinois Public Media will focus on something just as essential as the news, arts, education, and music you enjoy every day — the support that makes it all possible. This drive is a vital opportunity to help keep our stations financially strong and ready for the years ahead.

With federal funding cuts in place, your support matters now more than ever. By contributing to this fund drive, you help put Illinois Public Media on stable ground and ensure continued access to the local journalism, music, and cultural programming you value. Our goal is to raise \$100,000, and every gift brings us closer to that goal.



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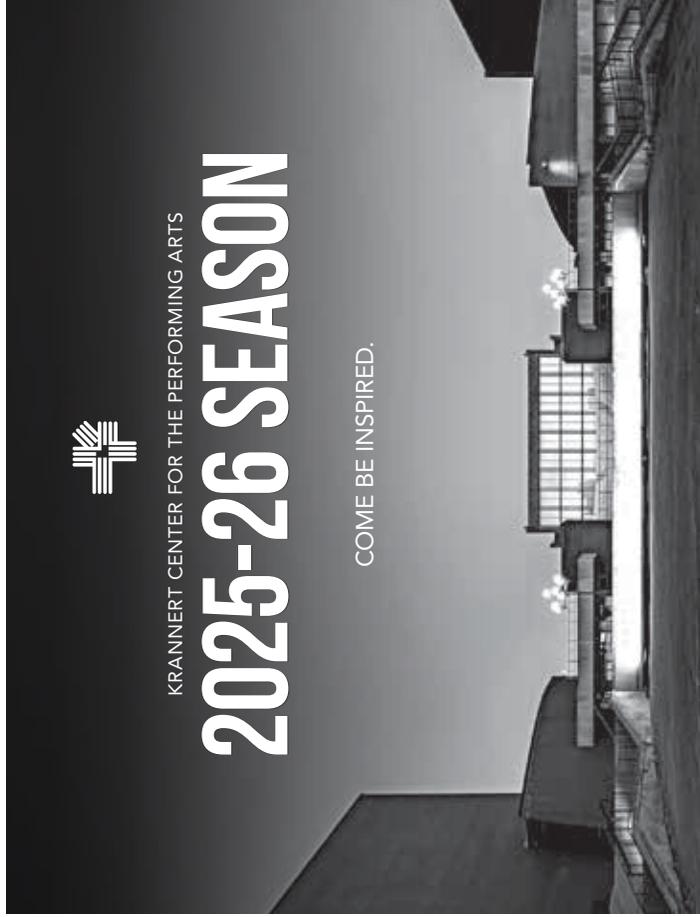
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