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In this issue of *Patterns*, you'll find highlights from our 2023 Annual Report. In 2022, we spent time celebrating the origins of WILL while looking forward to what we want our legacy to be in the next century. In 2023, we rolled up our sleeves and got to work laying the foundations for what we envision as the future of public media in central Illinois.

One of this past year's priorities has been broadening our audience: identifying who we may not have served extensively in the past and how we can reach them now. We spent a great deal of time out in the community having conversations and surveying residents to find out what kind of programming appeals to them. This groundwork led to the exciting launch of Illinois Soul in 2024, as well as expanding the topics at our 2023 **News, Brews & Beatz** events. We also launched the 24/7 Classical Stream to help make classical music accessible to new listeners who are more tuned in to the digital space. We have also been working on reaching a younger audience through new video formats that highlight our programming in different social media spaces.

See page 19 for highlights of our annual report. We hope you'll enjoy learning more about how we continue to work on making our programming, events, and news an inclusive space for all to enjoy.

We appreciate our Friends of WILL that help us continue to grow and improve our services.

Moss Bresnahan, Executive Director  
Twitter: @MossILMedia



Photo by Nathan Keay

The opening monolog of "CETACEAN" included The Valley of the Whales, where 60-foot-long whale skeletons can be found in Egypt's Western Desert. These whale skeletons have legs and feet.

## Production on whales, oceans featured

This month a special one-hour **Prairie Fire** provides a close-up look at the creation and presentation of "CETACEAN (The Whale)," a multimedia performance that does a deep dive on whales and their environmental plight.



**Prairie Fire Presents: 'CETACEAN'** airs at 7 pm Thursday, April 18. It includes interviews with artists Deke Weaver and Jennifer Allen, who talk about why they created the show, why it's important, and how it came together. The special also features excerpts from last fall's live performance of "CETACEAN (The Whale)." The performance segment was made possible by a collaboration with students in the fall Cinematography and Sound Design course in the College of Media taught by lecturer Victor Font.

"CETACEAN" is the sixth entry in Weaver's lifelong project called "The Unreliable Bestiary." He and Allen are creating performances for every letter of the alphabet, each representing an endangered animal or habitat. Weaver is a professor of new media in the School of Art and Design. Outside of teaching, he co-creates multidisciplinary performance pieces with his partner, Allen, who is a choreographer, director, and acupuncturist.

"Using our human relationships with these creatures as a lens, the Bestiary project focuses on the severely challenged life systems of the planet," Weaver said. "We do this through contemporary stories, myth, and immersive unusual events. We work with humor and the absurd. Music and silence. People and wonder. Like water and air, the human imagination is elemental to natural systems. It transforms things."

**Prairie Fire** host and producer Sarah Edwards thought it was important to give audiences a glimpse into Weaver and Allen's artistry, complete with behind-the-scenes footage to introduce the show.



Photo by Nathan Keay

The show included stories from an outdoor leadership school trip that went wrong, echoing broader, dangerous behaviors that have caused chronic environmental problems.

Cover photo: A moment from the start of "CETACEAN (The Whale)." Photo by Nathan Keay

"I've been intrigued by Deke Weaver's large-scale performances since I joined Illinois Public Media in 2018," Edwards said. "So when Victor Font expressed interest in giving his cinematography students real-world experience by having them plan and execute a large-scale shoot of 'CETACEAN,' we jumped at the chance to collaborate."

"CETACEAN" featured a large cast, huge-scale video projection, dance, and live sound design, while interweaving tales of the sea and its failing ecosystems. The project was rooted in a year of student workshops about oceans, whales, eco-anxiety, and interconnectivity. Performed last fall at the U. of I. Stock Pavilion, the free show attracted 400-500 people for each performance during its five-night run.





### ‘State of Change’ specials to encore

Illinois Public Media will re-broadcast the first three specials of our annual award-winning **State of Change** on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. In each episode, Illinois Public Media environmental reporter Tinisha Spain highlights some of the challenges facing the environment in Illinois.

“Illinois Public Media is committed to empowering as well as informing the public on Illinois’ environment,” said IPM News and Public Affairs Director Reginald Hardwick, who also is executive producer of the series. “Our stories are not just the ‘bad’ news. Each special has shown how Illinoisans are making changes to save the environment, whether it is how neighbors have rallied to help bring back bald eagle populations or a brewery that operates solely on solar or Black communities adding greenery to upgrade the quality of life.”

Our 2021 special (April 4) includes a divisive debate on fossil fuels in a mostly Black rural community and a look at the increase of invasive plant and animal species. The 2022 special (April 11) focuses on carbon, including concerns over coal ash in one of Illinois’ natural areas. The 2023 special (April 25) highlights how the climate crisis is impacting communities of color and climate change is threatening one town that has five EPA superfund sites.

Look for a new **State of Change** special to premiere in November. Production funding is provided by the Backlund Charitable Trust.

### Saving coral reefs before it’s too late

In **Changing Planet: Coral Special**, Dr. M. Sanjayan visits the Maldives to take an in-depth look at coral reefs and the urgent efforts to help them survive climate change. Featured: alternative treatments for stony coral tissue loss disease, how a remotely operated vehicle helps streamline coral larval restoration efforts, and how sounds can aid young coral populations to settle in ideal locations. Part of a seven-year project that examines the issues facing the planet’s most threatened ecosystems, this episode airs at 7 pm Wednesday, April 24.



### ‘Independent Lens’ looks at forests, whales



The U.S. is the world’s largest producer of wood and paper products, and each year the industry relies almost entirely on foreign guest workers who plant over one billion trees to replenish harvested forests. **A Thousand Pines**, airing at 9 pm Monday, April 1, follows a crew of Mexican guest workers doing the grueling work of planting trees and shows the physical and emotional demands. The film is presented by **Independent Lens** and Latino Public Broadcasting’s VOCES.

At 9 pm Tuesday, April 23, **Independent Lens** presents **One With the Whale**, showing how hunting whales is a matter of life or death for the residents of St. Lawrence, Alaska.

## Can rethinking tomorrow bring real change?

**A Brief History of the Future** is a unique six-part nonfiction documentary series about our futures and how we can reimagine them. The series airs Wednesdays at 8 pm beginning April 3. Hosted by futurist Ari Wallach, the series invites viewers to imagine a world that is full of discovery, hope, and possibility — inspiring each of us to understand our power to shape the future so future generations can flourish. The series weaves together history, science, and unexpected storytelling to expand our understanding about the impact that the choices we make today will have on our tomorrows. Each episode follows those who are working to solve our greatest challenges with valuable insights from a wide range of thinkers, scientists, developers, and storytellers.



Host Ari Wallach and Bren Smith pulling up Kelp.

## Exploring the legacy of Love Canal

Unfolding like a compelling mystery, **American Experience** presents the real story of the residents in a small neighborhood near Niagara Falls that became the center of one of the largest and most impactful public health and environmental crises in American history. The two-hour documentary

**Poisoned Ground: The Tragedy at Love Canal** begins in 1977, when residents first suspect something is wrong, to the battle for justice for those sickened by the toxic waste beneath their homes. Led mostly by women, the work of citizen scientists informed the policies of the federal Superfund program that today oversees the remediation of more than 1,300 dangerous hazardous waste sites. **Poisoned Ground: The Tragedy at Love Canal** airs at 8 pm Monday, April 22.



## PBS KIDS Earth Month specials

Two special movies this month from PBS KIDS demonstrate the importance of caring for our planet.

In **Wild Kratts: Our Blue and Green World**, premiering at 7:30 am Monday,

April 1, the Kratt brothers disagree on what's better: blue oceans or green forests. Aviva takes on the role of referee to demonstrate how oceans and forests work together to make our living planet. New episodes of **Wild Kratts** premiere April 2.



And in **Nature Cat's Nature Movie Special Extraordinaire**, debuting at 11:30 am Monday, April 22, Nature Cat and his friends try to figure out what their movie special is about when Sir Galahad begins taking things from nature to make his castle look beautiful. It's up to the gang to show him a better way to appreciate the natural beauty of their world before he does more damage to their favorite place.



## WEEKDAYS

## 6 am

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

## 9 am

**Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo**

Join Vic for music and companionship and make each morning a classic morning!

## Noon

**Afternoon Classics**

**NPR News Headlines** at 12:01, 1:01, and 3:01.

## 5 pm

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

## 6 pm

**The 21st Show** with Brian Mackey

## 7 pm Monday-Thursday

**The Evening Concert**

Great performances from the great concert venues. Monday-Thursday at 7 pm and 5–9 pm Sundays. Listings may change.

**Monday:****The New York Philharmonic This Week**

- 4/1 Mahler: Symphony No. 3  
 4/8 Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2 in E Minor  
 Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Minor  
 Yefim Bronfman, piano  
 4/15 Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A Major  
 Debussy: La Mer  
 4/22 Mahler: Symphony No. 5  
 Sebastien Currier: Time Machines  
 Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin  
 4/29 Beethoven: Missa solemnis, Op. 123

**Tuesday:****Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

- 4/2 Schumann: Symphony No. 1 (spring)  
 Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde  
 4/9 Mahler: Symphony No. 5  
 John Corigliano: Tournaments Overture  
 4/16 Sibelius: Violin Concerto in D Minor  
 Dvořák: Cello Concerto in B Minor  
 4/23 Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme  
 Tchaikovsky: Suite from The Nutcracker  
 4/30 Smetana: Má vlast (the complete Symphonic Poem cycle)

**Wednesday:****WFMT Orchestra Series: San Francisco Symphony**

- 4/3 Mahler: Symphony No. 2 in C Minor  
 Trevor Weston: Push (world premiere)  
 4/10 Stravinsky: The Firebird  
 Sibelius: Luonnotar – The Spirit of Nature  
 4/17 Carl Nielsen: Helios Overture  
 Bartók: Concerto for Orchestra  
 4/24 Liszt: Totentanz  
 Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique

**Thursday:**

**The Sound of 13** with Loki Karuna (formerly Garrett McQueen)

- 4/4 **The Sounds of 14 and 15.** Music from the movie “Selma.”  
 4/11 **Blind Tom.** He was born autistic and blind.  
 4/18 **Negro Melodies.** A revisit to post-reconstruction era America.  
 4/25 **Take Me to Church.** The unique role of the Black church.

## 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

**Prairie Performances**

Concerts from central Illinois are featured. This month’s performances will be announced.

## 9 pm Friday

**Atomic Age Cocktail Party**

with Jason Croft

- 4/5 **Floral Arrangement.** A bouquet of hi-fi songs about flowers.  
 4/12 **Strangers in the Night.** (encore) Tunes about all that can happen when the sun goes down.  
 4/19 **Harold Arlen.** Spotlight one of the songwriters behind “Over The Rainbow,” “Blues In The Night,” “The Man That Got Away,” and more.  
 4/26 **Atomic Sampler Spring 2024.** A musical cocktail shaker of Atomic Age tunes mixed up and poured out just for you!

## 10 pm

**Night Music**

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

## SATURDAYS

## 7 am

**NPR Weekend Edition**

with Scott Simon

## 9 am

**Classics By Request**

Send requests to Vincent Trauth at [classreq@illinois.edu](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.

- 4/6 **Conductor/Composer Howard Hanson and American Music.**  
 4/13 **Soviet Pianist Emil Gilels.**  
 4/20 **American Violinist Isaac Stern.**  
 4/27 **Conductor Bruno Walter.**

## Noon

**Afternoon at the Opera**

Matinee broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera.

- 4/6 **L’Elisir d’Amore** (Donizetti). Max Rudolph, cond., with Luciano Pavarotti (Nemorino), Judith Blegin (Adina), John Reardon (Belcore), Ezo Flagello (Dr. Dulcamara). *April 6, 1974*  
 4/13 **Die Fledermaus** (J. Strauss II). Jeffrey Tate, cond., with Kiri Te Kanawa (Rosalinde), Håkan Hagegård (Eisenstein), Judith Blegen (Adele), Tatiana Troyanos (Prince Orlovsky). *A performance from Dec. 31, 1986, in honor of the opera’s 150th anniversary.*  
 4/20 **La Rondine** (Puccini). Speranza Scappucci, cond., with Angel Blue (Magda), Jonathan Teteman (Ruggero), Emily Pogorelc (Lisette), Bekhzod Davronov (Prunier).  
 4/27 **Fire Shut Up in My Bones** (Terence Blanchard). Evan Rogister, cond., with Ryan Speedo Green (Charles), Latonia Moore (Billie), Brittany Renee (Destiny/Loneliness/Greta). *From spring 2024.*



# Meet Clef Notes editor Katie Buzard

*Clef Notes*

Classical music lovers, join us on April 6 at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts to meet Katie Buzard, editor of our monthly classical music e-newsletter,



Clef Notes. Buzard, a freelance writer and musician based in Chicago, will be outside Foellinger Great Hall from 6:30 pm through intermission of the performance by Cellist Yo-Yo Ma and Pianist Kathryn Stott. Clef Notes features local music makers and upcoming concerts, and expands what we know about classical music. Meet Buzard and get free Clef Notes swag and enter a drawing. If you can't join us, visit [will.illinois.edu/clefnotes](http://will.illinois.edu/clefnotes) to sign up for the e-newsletter.

**4 pm**

**NPR All Things Considered**

**5 pm**

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

**7 pm**

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

**9 pm**

**American Parlor Songbook** with JP Houston and Julie Van Dusen

Clever songs, charming stories, and hilarious sketches.

**NPR News Headlines** at 9:01.

**10 pm**

**Jazz Night In America** with Christian McBride

**11 pm**

**Atomic Age Cocktail Party** with Jason Croft  
(See Friday at 9 pm.)

**midnight**

**Classics All Night**

## SUNDAYS

**7 am**

**NPR Weekend Edition**  
with Ayesha Rascoe

**9 am**

**Sunday Baroque**

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

**1 pm**

**Feminine Fusion**

Host Diane Jones highlights the influence of women in classical music.

**2 pm**

**Performance Today Weekend**

**4 pm**

**NPR All Things Considered**

**5 pm**

**The Evening Concert**

**Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival** (new)

4/7 Tchaikovsky: Piano Trio in A Minor, Op. 50

Zoltán Fejérvári, piano

4/14 David Popper: Requiem, Op. 66

Beethoven: Septet in E-flat Major, Op. 20

4/21 Ravel: Introduction and Allegro

Schubert: Piano Quintet in A Major, "Trout"

4/28 Bach: Violin Concerto in E Major, BWV 1042

Marc Neikrug: Oboe Quartet in Ten Parts

**6 pm**

**The Evening Concert**

**The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center**

4/7 Schubert: Quintet in C Major for Two Violins, Viola, and Two Cellos, D. 956, Op. 163

4/14 Beethoven: Octet for Winds, Op. 103

Brahms: Trio for Horn, Violin, and Piano, Op. 40

4/21 Janáček: String Quartet No. 2 for Strings

Prokofiev: Violin Sonata, Op. 94a

4/28 Barber: Souvenirs for Piano, Four Hands, Op. 28

Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue for Piano, Four Hands (arr. Henry Levine)

**7 pm**

**Fiesta! with Elbio Barilari**

4/7 **Mexican Composer Gutiérrez Heras.**

4/14 **Medieval and Renaissance Spanish Music.**

4/21 **New Tango Music.**

4/28 **A Mexican Concert.**

**8 pm**

**The Evening Concert**

**Gateways Radio** with Loki Karuna (formerly Garrett McQueen)

4/7 Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: 5 Fantasiestücke for String Quartet, Op. 5: No. 2, Serenade

4/14 Florence Price: Symphony No. 3

4/21 Duke Ellington: The River Suite (excerpts)

4/28 Billy Childs: The Distant Land

**9 pm**

**Jazz Night In America** with Christian McBride

**10 pm**

**Classical Music**

**11 pm**

**Harmonia** with Angela Mariani

Baroque and early music. **NPR News Headlines** at 11:01

**overnight**

**Classical Music**



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



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— RAFAL from Rzeszow, Poland

"**I'm excited** about the new Illinois Soul Channel!"

— Matthew, Urbana

"Guess what is cranking in my office right now?!! **Congratulations!**"

— Julie, Champaign

"Thankful the universe aligned for this moment in time. **History made!**"

— Cindy, Champaign

"**IL Soul is killing it!**"

— Mitch, Champaign



# Community, media welcome Illinois Soul

Thank you to everyone who has attended an event hosted by Illinois Soul or sent us comments about our new station. We also appreciate every media outlet that helped us share our story. We are so thrilled to share information about our new station with community members — whether you already are a fan of Illinois Public Media or not. Here are a few images that showcase Illinois Soul's first month on the air, from the launch on Feb. 1 to signature events out in the community.



On launch day, Tinisha Spain appeared on cLiving to discuss Illinois Soul. Spain is host of **Mid-American Gardener** and **State of Change** on WILL-TV and part of the Illinois Soul team.



The debut program also featured interviews with, from left, Minnie Pearson, president of the NAACP Champaign County Branch, and Tracy Parsons, Community Coalition Facilitator. They talked about the importance of local Black media. Both serve as members of a Community Advisory Board for Illinois Soul.



Nadirah Shakoor performs in front of a record-breaking crowd of more than 500 people at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. During February, Illinois Soul sponsored Krannert Center's Uncorked live music events held in their lobby every Thursday evening.



From left, Champaign Mayor Deborah Frank Feinen and Urbana Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin declared Feb. 1 as Illinois Soul Day in both cities. The mayors joined us in the studio to read the proclamation.



Jill Clements, IPM assistant corporate support director, talked about Illinois Soul as a guest on FOX 32 Chicago the day before the station's launch.

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

**Bold Listing** = National/International News



## AGRICULTURE

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

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

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## IPM NEWS

Reginald Hardwick, news and public affairs director, Illinois Public Media

The news from Illinois Public Media's award-winning staff of reporters, hosts, and producers can be heard during **Morning Edition**, **The 21st Show**, **Here & Now**, and **All Things Considered**:

Mae Antar, Nick Boivin, Jason Croft, Christine Hatfield, Emily Hays, Owen Henderson, Linda Kenyon, Brian Mackey, Jim Meadows, Steve Morck, Stephanie Mosqueda, David Pierce, Kimberly Schofield, Tinisha Spain, Kennedy Vincent, and Jose Zepeda.

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



## WEATHER

Monday-Friday

Weather forecasts from meteorologist Andrew Pritchard throughout the day.

Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Newsline	5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
Classical Stretch (M,W,F) Sit and Be Fit (T, Th)	5:30	Arthur	Arthur
Molly of Denali	6:00	Molly of Denali	Molly of Denali
Alma's Way	6:30	Alma's Way	Alma's Way
Lyla in the Loop	7:00	Lyla in the Loop	Lyla in the Loop
Wild Kratts	7:30	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
Rosie's Rules	8:30	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
Sesame Street	9:00	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
Work It Out Wombats!	9:30	Work It Out Wombats!	Work It Out Wombats!
Donkey Hodie	10:00	MotorWeek	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack
Pinkalicious & Peterrific	10:30	State of Change 4/20 Prairie Fire	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
Elinor Wonders Why	11:00	Mid-American Gardener	State of Change 4/21 Prairie Fire
Nature Cat	11:30	Garden SMART	Market to Market
Curious George	Noon	America's Test Kitchen	<b>4/7</b> Noon Epic Train Journeys from Above
Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	12:30	Cook's Country	1:00 Great Performances at the Met
Arthur	1:00	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television	3:00 Around The World In 80 Days on MASTERPIECE
Odd Squad	1:30	Homemade Live!	5:00 PBS NewsHour Weekend
<b>M</b> Sister Boniface Mysteries	2:00	Sara's Weeknight Meals	5:30 Samantha Brown's Places to Love
<b>Tu</b> Antiques Roadshow	2:30	Dooky Chase Kitchen: Leah's Legacy	6:00 Doc Martin
<b>W</b> Finding Your Roots			
<b>Th</b> Nature 4/25 Changing Planet	3:00	Lidia's Kitchen	<b>4/14</b> Noon Epic Train Journeys from Above
<b>F</b> NOVA	3:30	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	1:00 Nadiya Ukraine: The National Ballet Live from Steinmetz Hall
<b>M</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot	4:00	This Old House	2:30 Rick Steves' Europe
<b>Tu</b> 4/2 & 4/9 Antiques Roadshow 4/16, 4/23 & 4/30 Scouting for Toys			3:00 Around The World In 80 Days on MASTERPIECE
<b>W</b> Julius Caesar: Making of a Dictator 4/24 Am. Experience: Love Canal			5:00 PBS NewsHour Weekend
<b>Th</b> 4/4 Age of Nature 4/11 & 4/18 The Green Planet 4/25 Troubled Waters	4:30	Ask This Old House	5:30 Samantha Brown's Places to Love
<b>F</b> Human Footprint			6:00 Doc Martin
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<b>Tu</b> Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	5:30	Antiques Roadshow	1:00 Sabbath
<b>W</b> Rise of the Nazis			3:00 Around The World In 80 Days on MASTERPIECE
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BBC World News America			<b>4/28</b> Noon Epic Train Journeys from Above
PBS NewsHour			1:00 Facing The Laughter: Minnie Pearl



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## ‘NOVA’ explores the ‘Great American Eclipse’



On April 8, the moon’s shadow is sweeping from Texas to Maine, as the U.S. witnesses its last total solar eclipse until 2044. This extraordinary astronomical event is plunging locations in the path of totality into darkness for more than four minutes — nearly twice as long as the last American eclipse in 2017. A section of southern Illinois is once again in the path for a total eclipse, with Carbondale said to be close to the eclipse centerline. There are nearly 600,000 people in Illinois that live inside the path. **NOVA** explores this spectacular cosmic phenomenon in **Great American Eclipse** at 7 pm Wednesday, April 3. Learn how to watch safely, and follow scientists as they work to unlock secrets of our sun — from why its atmosphere is hundreds of times hotter than its surface, to what causes solar storms, and how we might one day predict them.



## French crime drama premieres April 7

Police profiler Chloé Saint-Laurent solves the most puzzling cases with the Paris homicide division, working with Detective Rocher, a hard-nosed cop with a cranky disposition and no time for small talk. **The Paris Murders** airs Sundays at 10 pm beginning April 7. The suspenseful fast-paced series is based on actual criminal cases. Saint-Laurent’s exceptional sensitivity enables her to read the minds of killers and victims alike. From Walter Presents, the series is in French with English subtitles.

## ‘Finding Your Roots’ fans featured

Long known for digging into the family secrets of celebrity guests through cutting-edge DNA research and old-school genealogical sleuthing, **Finding Your Roots** host Henry Louis Gates Jr. welcomes three everyday Americans in the final episode of season 10. The move comes after years of overwhelming requests from viewers. These special

guests were chosen as part of a nationwide search in 2022 that garnered over 9,000 submissions from hopeful fans, who had to submit an application and video for consideration. Although the search initially sought to find one lucky viewer, three dynamic guests were ultimately chosen. Gates sat down with each of them, presenting them their book of life and sharing mysteries from their family trees. **Viewers Like You** airs on **Finding Your Roots** at 7 pm Tuesday, April 9.



Joyce Willis

Megan Robertson

Terrie Morrow

# A town divided by residents' differing views



**Reel Midwest: Carbondale: The Little Blue Dot** follows the polarizing story between a city's identity and its past, present, and future. In Carbondale, a center for reproductive health, which includes abortions and gender-



affirming care, has not been welcomed by residents.

Through socioeconomic differences and interpersonal challenges, the film explores the city's diverse pathway to new leadership, including its first transgender woman running for a city council seat, along with its first woman of color running for mayor. Presented by Illinois Public Media's **Reel Midwest**, the film airs at 10 pm Tuesday, April 16, and at 10:30 pm Tuesday, April 23. "I'm grateful for IPM's support that provides me the creative space and flexibility to tell stories within the great state of Illinois that ripple and touch lives of the entire Midwest. It is an opportunity I'll forever cherish," said filmmaker Sam Mirpoorian. "I'm confident this film can reach a vast and diverse audience in so many ways. The story that is rapidly unfolding in Carbondale is just a small microcosmic footprint on the direction in which America is moving in."

# British computer errors cause false arrests



Following one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in British legal history, **Mr Bates vs the Post Office** premieres on **MASTERPIECE** at 8 pm Sunday, April 7. Starring BAFTA-winner Toby Jones, the four-part drama series was created with direct input from the innocent people caught up in the scandal. When money started to seemingly disappear from its local branches, the government-owned Post Office falsely blamed their own managers. For more than a decade, hundreds were accused of theft and fraud, and many were even sent to prison, ruining lives. The issue was actually caused by errors in the Post Office's own computer system, which it denied for years.

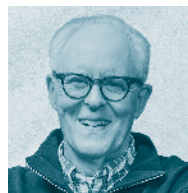
# Exploring art and art education

**The Express Way with Dulé Hill** is a documentary series that explores the power of the arts. Led by renowned actor, dancer, and singer Dulé Hill, the series captures diverse artists' stories from across America, celebrating community, humanity, and the transformative potential of creative expression. Each episode of the four-part series serves as a bridge, connecting diverse backgrounds and celebrating the universal power of the arts to illuminate the human experience. In the series, Hill visits artists in California, Appalachia, Texas, and Chicago. **The Express Way with Dulé Hill** airs at 8 pm Tuesdays beginning April 23.



Dulé Hill

A new one-hour special features actor John Lithgow going back to school to demonstrate the transformative power of arts education. Premiering at 9 pm Friday, April 26, **Art Happens Here With John Lithgow** features Lithgow immersing himself in the moment with teachers and students to explore four arts disciplines, including dance, ceramics, silk-screen printing, and vocal jazz ensemble. The program celebrates how arts education nurtures and inspires the hearts and minds of students of all ages.



John Lithgow

# A special episode of 'Sesame Street'

Join Julia and the crew on **Sesame Street** for a special new episode that celebrates our friends on the autism spectrum during Autism Awareness/Acceptance Month. The red-haired, green-eyed 4-year-old muppet joined **Sesame Street** in 2017, giving children on the spectrum a role model and helping parents and peers understand the condition. The special episode premieres at 9 am Thursday, April 4.



## 1 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
*North Carolina Museum of Art, Hour 1.*
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
*Santa Clara, Hour One.*
- 9:00 Independent Lens** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*A Thousand Pines.* See page 2. Repeated 1 am 4/2 & 2 am 4/3.
- 10:00 America's First Forest: Carl Schenck and the Asheville Experiment** (TV-G)  
Based on Dr. Carl Alwin Schenck's memoir, this film examines the pivotal role played by pioneering forestry educator Carl Schenck and his founding of America's first school of forestry, the Biltmore Forest School.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 2 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)  
*In The Blood.* Henry Louis Gates Jr. uncovers the surprising roots of two people who were raised by artists: actor Michael Douglas and writer/director Lena Dunham. Repeated 2 pm 4/3, 4 am 4/4 & 4 am 4/8.
- 8:00 Julius Caesar: The Making of a Dictator** (TV-14)  
*High Priest.* Caesar enters into dangerous alliances and bends the rules of the Republic in his bid to become Consul: the highest political position in Rome. Repeated 3 pm 4/3 & 3 am 4/4.
- 9:00 Frontline**
- 10:00 Amazing Human Body** (TV-G) (DVS)  
*Survive.* Discover the miracles the human body goes through every day to stay alive and healthy. From fighting infections to repairing damage, human bodies have remarkable arsenals that allow survival against all kinds of outside threats.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 3 Wednesday

- 7:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)  
*Great American Eclipse.* See page 10. Repeated 4 am 4/5 & 2 pm 4/5.
- 8:00 A Brief History of the Future** (TV-PG)  
*Beyond The Now.* See page 3. Repeated 3 am 4/5, 4 pm 4/5 & 12 am 4/7.
- 9:00 NOVA** (TV-G)  
*Secrets of the Forbidden City.* For five centuries, the Forbidden City was the power center of imperial China and survived wars, revolution, fires, and earthquakes. How did the Ming Emperor's workforce construct its sprawling array of nearly 1,000 buildings and dozens of temples in a little over a decade? Repeated 1 am 4/4, 2 am 4/5 & 1 am 4/7.
- 10:00 Epic Train Journeys from Above** (TV-G)  
*Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.* The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway is an engineering classic in the lap of the Himalayas, traveling through precarious terrains and five climatic zones. Repeated 12 pm 4/7.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 4 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid-American Gardener**
- 7:30 State of Change**  
*Episode 1 (2021).* See page 2. Repeated 10:30 am 4/6 & 11 am 4/7.
- 8:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)  
*Love and Other Puzzles.* Season 1, episode 3 of 10. After spending the night with a pipe-smoking gentleman caller, a woman is found dead with a jigsaw puzzle and a face full of cold cream. Repeated 7 pm 4/6 & 2 pm 4/8.
- 9:00 Doc Martin** (TV-PG)  
*Farewell, My Lovely.* Season 8, episode 3 of 8. Louisa's stress is compounded when she must take a group of students on a sailing trip. Repeated 6 pm 4/7.
- 10:00 Death In Paradise** (TV-PG)  
Season 4, episode 3 of 8. DI Goodman tries to stay focused on the job while wrestling with his feelings for Camille.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**



## 5 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 American Masters (TV-PG) (DVS)**  
*The Incomparable Mr. Buckley.* Discover the intellectual evolution and political legacy of William F. Buckley Jr. See how the author and commentator, one of the foremost public intellectuals in American history, galvanized the modern conservative movement. *Repeated 1 am 4/6 & 2 am 4/8.*
- 10:00 Inside The Warren Commission (TV-14)**  
This film provides a riveting account of the people who worked tirelessly to discover the truth behind the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This documentary offers viewers insight into the content of the Warren Report, the commission who authored it, and their investigation.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 6 Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG)**  
*Love and Other Puzzles.* Season 1, episode 3 of 10. See 8 pm 4/4.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)**  
*Dead Man's Eleven (Parts 1 & 2 of 2).* Season 3, episodes 1 & 2 of 8. DCI Barnaby's plans to move to the village of Fletcher's Cross are disrupted when the wife of a landowner is bludgeoned to death with a cricket bat while out walking her dog.
- 10:00 Agatha Christie's Poirot**  
*The Peril at End House (Part 1 of 2).* Season 2, episode 1 of 10. While Poirot is staying at an exclusive Cornish resort, he meets a beautiful heiress whose life is in danger. *Repeated 3 pm 4/8.*
- 11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)**  
*Allison Russell/The Weather Station.*

## 7 Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife (TV-14) (DVS)**  
Season 13, Episode 4 of 8. An urgent phone call received by an anxious Trixie leads to dire consequences for a patient. *Repeated 3 am 4/9.*
- 8:00 Mr Bates vs The Post Office on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)**  
Part 1 of 4. See page 11. *Repeated 12 am 4/8, 4 pm 4/8 & 4 am 4/9.*
- 9:00 Alice & Jack on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)**  
Episode 4 of 6. Alice disappears from Jack's life until years later Celia seeks her out to get some answers about Jack. Their relationship inspires Alice to think about her future.
- 10:00 The Paris Murders (TV-14)**  
*The Shooting Star.* See page 10. Season 1, episode 1 of 12.
- 11:00 RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service (TV-14)**  
Season 2, episode 3 of 8. Pete and Eliza are forced to work together in a critical retrieval of a 4-year-old boy.

## 8 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**  
*Vintage Tampa 2019.*
- 8:00 Elton John & Bernie Taupin: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song (TV-PG)**  
An all-star tribute to Elton John and Bernie Taupin, one of the great songwriting duos of all time. *Repeated 3 am 4/10 & 2 am 4/14.*
- 9:30 Independent Lens (TV-14) (DVS)**  
*Matter of Mind: My Parkinson's.* Navigate the lives of three people in the face of Parkinson's disease. An optician pursues deep brain stimulation surgery; a mother becomes an advocate for exercise; and a cartoonist contemplates continuing to draw as his motor control declines. *Repeated 1 am 4/9 & 2 am 4/10.*
- 10:30 Empowered By Parkinson's (TV-G)**  
Stories of people with Parkinson's disease who are using a holistic approach.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 9 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-PG)**  
*Viewers Like You.* See page 10. *Repeated 2 pm 4/10, 4 am 4/11 & 4 am 4/15.*
- 8:00 Julius Caesar: The Making of a Dictator (TV-14)**  
*Veni Vidi Vici.* Events beyond Caesar's control threaten to unravel his plans and leave him isolated. *Repeated 3 pm 4/10 & 3 am 4/11.*
- 9:00 The Invisible Shield (TV-PG)**  
*Follow The Data.* Learn how data collection has been an essential public health tool for centuries, increasing understanding and mitigating the spread of disease. *Repeated 1 am 4/10 & 1 am 4/12.*
- 10:00 Amazing Human Body (TV-G) (DVS)**  
*Learn.* See how experience shapes the brain and body together, allowing them to adapt to the outside environment and develop new skills.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 10 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature (TV-14) (DVS)**  
*Raptors: A Fistful of Daggers: Meet The Raptors.* From giant eagles to miniature falconets, meet the many species of raptors. *Repeated 2 pm 4/11, 3 am 4/12 & 12 am 4/14.*
- 8:00 A Brief History of the Future (TV-PG)**  
*Chaos & Complexity.* See page 3. *Repeated 2 am 4/12, 4 pm 4/12 & 1 am 4/14.*
- 9:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS)**  
*Ancient Maya Metropolis.* The ancient Maya built large complex cities with towering pyramids and temples that served as centers for a thriving civilization. Follow archaeologists as they explore these abandoned ancient cities. *Repeated 1 am 4/11, 4 am 4/12 & 2 pm 4/12.*
- 10:00 Epic Train Journeys from Above (TV-G)**  
*Australia's Outback Railway.* Crossing the harsh terrain of the Australian outback, the Ghan, a luxury train, and its 3,000 kms of track need constant and skilled maintenance. *Repeated 12 pm 4/14.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 11 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid-American Gardener**
- 7:30 State of Change**  
*Episode 2 (2022).* See page 2. Repeated 10:30 am 4/13 & 11 am 4/14.
- 8:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG)**  
*My Brother's Keeper.* Season 1, episode 4 of 10. Sister Reginald's ex-con brother Alfie abruptly turns up at the convent after being released from prison. Repeated 7 pm 4/13 & 2 pm 4/15.
- 9:00 Doc Martin (TV-PG)**  
*Faith.* Season 8, episode 4 of 8. Morwenna's missionary parents pay her a surprise visit and are taken aback by her relationship with Al. Repeated 6 pm 4/14.
- 10:00 Death In Paradise (TV-PG)**  
Season 4, episode 4 of 8. When a bride-to-be is killed on the last night of her hen party, DI Goodman tries to unravel a seemingly impossible murder. Meanwhile Camille has a big decision to make.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 12 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances (TV-PG)**  
*Now Hear This: Rising Stars.* Repeated 1 am 4/13 & 2 am 4/15.
- 9:00 Next at the Kennedy Center (TV-PG)**  
*Ben Folds Presents DECLASSIFIED.* Ben Folds invites the virtuosic Jacob Collier, rising jazz superstar Laufey, and chart-topping English singer-songwriter dodie, to join him and the National Symphony Orchestra to reimagine their music through an orchestral lens. Repeated 2 am 4/13 & 3 am 4/15.
- 10:00 Scouting for Toys (TV-PG)**  
The Teesside toy auctioneers prepare for a major sale of TV and film memorabilia, and pride of place is given to a vast Star Wars collection. Repeated 3 am 4/13 & 3 pm 4/16.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 13 Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG)**  
*My Brother's Keeper.* Season 1, episode 4 of 10. See 8 pm 4/11.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)**  
*Blue Herrings (Parts 1 & 2 of 2).* Season 3, episodes 3 & 4 of 8. With a week off from work, DCI Barnaby aims to redecorate his house and visits his elderly aunt, Alice Bly in the Lawnside residential nursing home. She prompts him to investigate a series of suspicious deaths after people have changed their wills.
- 10:00 Agatha Christie's Poirot**  
*The Peril at End House (Part 2 of 2).* Season 2, episode 2 of 10. While Poirot is staying at an exclusive Cornish resort, he meets a beautiful heiress whose life is in danger. Repeated 3 pm 4/15.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)**  
*Lil Yachty/Sudan Archives.*

## 14 Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife (TV-14) (DVS)**  
Season 13, Episode 5 of 8. It's summertime in Poplar, and during Violet's first event as mayor, a young mother goes into labor. Repeated 3 am 4/16.
- 8:00 Mr. Bates vs. The Post Office on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)**  
Part 2 of 4. See page 11. Repeated 12 am 4/15, 4 pm 4/15 & 4 am 4/16.
- 9:00 Alice & Jack on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)**  
Episode 5 of 6. Jack and Alice meet again. Their joy is cut short by devastating news that forces Alice and Jack to re-evaluate what they're doing with their lives.
- 10:00 The Paris Murders (TV-14)**  
Panic. Season 1, episode 2 of 12. See page 10.
- 11:00 RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service (TV-14)**  
Season 2, episode 4 of 8. Word that Eliza will lead the review into the White Cliffs incident sends Pete reeling.

## 15 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**  
*North Carolina Museum of Art, Hour 2.*
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**  
*Santa Clara, Hour Two.*
- 9:00 Rachel Carson: American Experience (TV-PG)(DVS)**  
Meet the scientist whose groundbreaking writings revolutionized our relationship to the natural world. Mary-Louise Parker is the voice of Rachel Carson in this moving and intimate portrait. Repeated 1 am 4/16.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 16 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-14)**  
*Born to Sing.* Henry Louis Gates Jr. explores the remarkable roots of singers Alanis Morissette and Ciara, revealing his guest's hidden connections to history and to music. Repeated 2 pm 4/17, 4 am 4/18 & 4 am 4/22.
- 8:00 Julius Caesar: The Making of a Dictator (TV-14)**  
*Ides of March.* A handful of senators plot to end his rule in the only way they can: by taking his life. But will it be enough to save the Republic? Repeated 3 pm 4/17 & 3 am 4/18.
- 9:00 Rick Steves Art of Ancient Rome (TV-PG)**  
The Romans gave Europe its first taste of a common culture and awe-inspiring art that tells the story of Europe's greatest empire. Rick Steves explores this fascinating period of Roman art and architecture. Repeated 1 am 4/17 & 2 am 4/18.
- 10:00 Reel Midwest: Carbondale: The Little Blue Dot**  
See page 11. Repeated 2 am 4/17, 10:30 pm 4/23 & 1 am 4/24. (TV-PG)
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 17 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*Raptors: A Fistful of Daggers: Extreme Lives.* See the extreme ways in which raptors conquer the toughest habitats on Earth. From snowy owls in the high Arctic to honey buzzards raiding hornet nests in Taiwan, raptors can hunt prey in any climate. Repeated 2 pm 4/18, 3 am 4/19 & 12 am 4/21.
- 8:00 A Brief History of the Future** (TV-PG)  
*Once Upon A Time.* See page 3. Repeated 2 am 4/19, 4 pm 4/19 & 1 am 4/21.
- 9:00 NOVA** (TV-G)  
*Making North America: Origins.* See the epic 3-billion-year story of how our continent came to be. From palm trees that once flourished in Alaska to huge eruptions that nearly tore the Midwest in two, discover how forces of almost unimaginable power gave birth to North America. Repeated 1 am 4/18, 1 am 4/19, 4 am 4/19, 2 pm 4/19 & 2 am 4/21.
- 10:00 Epic Train Journeys from Above** (TV-G)  
*Norway's Bergen Railway.* The Bergen line is a triumph of engineering in the face of extraordinary natural obstacles: fjords, freezing conditions and rogue wildlife. Repeated 12 pm 4/21.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 18 Thursday

- 7:00 Prairie Fire Presents: CETACEAN**  
See cover story on page 1. Repeated 10:30 am 4/20 & 11 am 4/21.
- 8:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)  
*Scoop.* Season 1, episode 5 of 10. The body of a high-level government official's secretary is found at the bottom of a staircase. Repeated 7 pm 4/20 & 2 pm 4/22.
- 9:00 Doc Martin** (TV-PG)  
*From The Mouths of Babes.* Season 8, episode 5 of 8. With James teething, Martin and Louisa are desperate for more sleep. Repeated 6 pm 4/21.
- 10:00 Death In Paradise** (TV-PG)  
Season 4, episode 5 of 8. The team is introduced to the crazy world of rock and roll when the lead singer of a band is murdered.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 19 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-PG)  
*Now Hear This: Virtuosos.* Repeated 1 am 4/20 & 2 am 4/22.
- 9:00 Next at the Kennedy Center** (TV-PG)  
*Joshua Redman, Where Are We.* See page 18. Repeated 2 am 4/20 & 3 am 4/22.
- 10:00 Scouting for Toys** (TV-PG)  
The auctioneers try to value a remarkable set of toy theaters — some more than 150 years old — with expert advice from Pollock's Toy Museum, London's oldest historical toy museum. Repeated 3 am 4/20 & 3 pm 4/23.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

## 20 Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)  
*Scoop.* Season 1, episode 5 of 10. See 8 pm 4/18.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)  
*Judgement Day (Parts 1 & 2 of 2).* Season 3, episodes 5 & 6 of 8. The residents of the village of Midsomer Mallow fear for their chances of winning the Perfect Village competition when a local thief and womanizer is brutally killed with a pitchfork.
- 10:00 Agatha Christie's Poirot**  
*The Veiled Lady.* Season 2, episode 3 of 10. Poirot becomes a criminal himself when he agrees to help a beautiful woman recover a letter written in her youth that is being used to blackmail her. Repeated 3 pm 4/22.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-14)  
*St. Vincent/Joy Olakokun.*

## 21 Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 13, Episode 6 of 8. As the summer ends, the pupil midwives prepare for their final while two little brothers are abandoned at a church. Repeated 3 am 4/23.
- 8:00 Mr. Bates vs. The Post Office on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Part 3 of 4. See page 11. Repeated 12 am 4/22, 4 pm 4/22 & 4 am 4/23.
- 9:00 Alice & Jack on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Episode 6 of 6. Over a decade since their great romance started, Jack and Alice face their greatest obstacle.
- 10:00 The Paris Murders** (TV-14)  
*Crossed Destinies.* Season 1, episode 3 of 12. See page 10.
- 11:00 RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service** (TV-14)  
Season 2, episode 5 of 8. Tensions flare between Eliza and Pete while transporting a highly contagious patient.

## 22 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
*North Carolina Museum of Art, Hour 3.*
- 8:00 American Experience** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*Poisoned Ground: The Tragedy at Love Canal.* See page 3. Repeated 3 am 4/24, 2 pm 4/24 & 2 am 4/27.
- 10:00 Invisible Corps**  
Who protects the health of the citizens of the United States? This program explains the evolution of the Public Health Service and the PHS Commissioned Corps, the only uniformed service in the world dedicated to public health.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**



**23** Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-14)  
*Forever Young.* Henry Louis Gates Jr. meets actors Valerie Bertinelli and Brendan Fraser. Repeated 2 pm 4/24, 4 am 4/25 & 4 am 4/29.
- 8:00 The Express Way with Dulé Hill** (TV-PG)  
*California.* See page 11. Repeated 3 am 4/25.
- 9:00 Independent Lens** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*One With the Whale.* See page 2. Repeated 1:30 am 4/24 & 2 am 4/28.
- 10:30 Reel Midwest: Carbondale: The Little Blue Dot**  
See page 11. Repeated 1 am 4/24.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**24** Wednesday

- 7:00 Changing Planet: Coral Special** (TV-PG)  
See page 2. Repeated 2 am 4/25, 2 pm 4/25, 3 am 4/26 & 12 am 4/28.
- 8:00 A Brief History of the Future** (TV-PG)  
*Human.* See page 3. Repeated 2 am 4/26, 4 pm 4/26 & 1 am 4/28.
- 9:00 NOVA** (TV-G)  
*Making North America: Life.* Discover the intertwined story of life and the landscape — from origins to iconic dinosaurs to giant marine reptiles swimming in an ancient sea. Repeated 1 am 4/25, 4 am 4/26 & 2 pm 4/26.
- 10:00 Epic Train Journeys from Above** (TV-G)  
*The Glacier Express.* This engineering marvel travels over treacherous gorges and through huge mountain ranges in the Swiss Alps. Repeated 12 pm 4/28.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**25** Thursday

- 7:00 Mid-American Gardener**
- 7:30 State of Change**  
*Episode 3 (2023).* See page 2. Repeated 10:30 am 4/27 & 11 am 4/28.
- 8:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)  
*Song for the Dead.* Season 1, episode 6 of 10. The frontman of a rock 'n' roll band is found dead. Repeated 7 pm 4/27 & 2 pm 4/29.
- 9:00 Doc Martin** (TV-PG)  
*Accidental Hero.* Season 8, episode 6 of 8. Penhale decides to have a police open house to raise community awareness. Repeated 6 pm 4/28.
- 10:00 Death In Paradise** (TV-PG)  
Season 4, episode 6 of 8. A volleyball player is murdered.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**26** Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-PG)  
*Now Hear This: Old Friends.* Repeated 2 am 4/29.
- 9:00 Art Happens Here with John Lithgow** (TV-G)  
See page 11. Repeated 1 am 4/27 & 3 am 4/29.9
- 10:00 Scouting for Toys** (TV-PG)  
Iconic American doll brand Barbie goes head-to-head with UK rival, Sindy. Repeated 3 pm 4/30.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**27** Saturday

- 7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)  
*Song for the Dead.* Season 1, episode 6 of 10. See 8 pm 4/25.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)  
*Death of a Stranger (Parts 1 & 2 of 2).* Season 3, episodes 7 & 8 of 8. DCI Barnaby returns from a holiday in France to discover an unidentified tramp has been beaten to death in the woods near the village of Marshwood.
- 10:00 Agatha Christie's Poirot**  
*The Lost Mine.* Season 2, episode 4 of 10. A Chinese businessman with a map to a long lost silver mine is found dead in Chinatown. Repeated 3 pm 4/29.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)  
*Sarah Jarosz/Billy Strings.*

**28** Sunday

- 7:00 Call the Midwife** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Season 13, Episode 7 of 8. Repeated 2 am 4/20.
- 8:00 Mr. Bates vs. The Post Office on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
Part 4 of 4. See page 11. Repeated 12 am 4/29, 4 pm 4/29 & 3 am 4/20.
- 9:00 Guilt on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)  
*The Clothes On Our Backs.* Season 3, episode 1 of 4.
- 10:00 The Paris Murders** (TV-14)  
*Radio Silence.* Season 1, episode 4 of 12. See page 10.
- 11:00 RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service** (TV-14)  
Season 2, episode 6 of 8. On the day of Timmy's funeral, Wayne is confronted with the person he deems responsible.

**29** Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
*Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Hour 1.*
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)  
*Santa Clara, Hour Three.*
- 9:00 American Experience** (TV-G) (DVS)  
*Billy Graham.* Explore the life of one of the best-known and most influential Christian leaders of the 20th century.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

**30** Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)  
*Fathers and Sons.* Henry Louis Gates Jr. meets actors LeVar Burton and Wes Studi, who both grew up without their fathers.
- 8:00 The Express Way with Dulé Hill** (TV-14)  
*Appalachia.* See page 11.
- 9:00 Frontline**
- 10:00 Program TBA**
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

# Must-see new programs for our Friends

April includes two exclusive binge opportunities for Friends of WILL.

**Guilt on MASTERPIECE** returns with its third and final season. Max and Jake become desperate for solutions to their problems in the face of enemies old and new. The brothers come back together to dig deep into their past in search of a future free of danger. Seasons 1 and 2 are streaming now with WILL Passport. Friends of WILL can binge all four episodes of season 3, beginning the night of the broadcast premiere on April 28.

**Mr Bates vs The Post Office on MASTERPIECE**

follows wrongly accused, decent people in their seemingly insurmountable battle against a powerful corporation. For more than a decade, hundreds of British Post Office managers were blamed — and many imprisoned — for theft and fraud that was actually the result of a flaw in the Post Office’s own computer system. Friends of WILL can binge all four episodes of the series with Passport starting the evening of its broadcast premiere on April 7. See page 11 for more on this series.



‘Guilt on MASTERPIECE’ is a darkly funny Scottish thriller.

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- Equus: The Story of the Horse (2 parts)

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- The Cancer Detectives

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- Moynihan

**NOVA**

- Polar Extremes

**Poetry in America**

- Phillis Wheatley: To the University

**POV**

- Brief Tender Light

**Walter Presents** (English subtitles)

- The Crimson Rivers, season 4 (French)
- The Mountain Detectives, season 2 (French)
- The Nordic Murders, season 4 (German)

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**American Masters**

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- Oliver Sacks: His Own Life

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- AWARE: Glimpses of Consciousness
- Bedlam

**Inside the Vatican**

**Nature**

- Forest of the Lynx
- Remarkable Rabbits

**NOVA**

- Eagle Power
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**The Windermere Children**

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Jazz Appreciation Month

## Jazz lovers: JAM with us!

April is Jazz Appreciation Month, also fondly known as "JAM." Created by the National Museum of American History in 2001, the goal of the designation is to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz. JAM is intended to stimulate and encourage people of all ages to participate in jazz. We invite you to listen and watch jazz programs across our channels.

Below, renowned jazz saxophonist Joshua Redman is featured on **Next at the Kennedy Center** at 9 pm Friday, April 19, on WILL-TV. Redman performs songs from his new album, "where are we," as he explores the myths and realities of life in America. He is accompanied by soulful vocalist Gabrielle Cavassa.



**Jazz Night in America** airs on both Illinois Soul (101.1) and FM 90.9. Tune to Illinois Soul to start or end your day with **Jazz Network**, and stick around as the station also offers **Jazz After Hours**, **NewUrbanJazz Lounge**, **Roots of Smooth**, and **The Soul of Jazz**.

For air times, consult the FM 90.9 listings on pages 4-5 and the Illinois Soul grid on page 6.

## Nominate an Early Childhood Champion

Illinois Public Media wants to recognize Early Childhood Champions in the central Illinois area. Early Childhood Champions are committed, talented people who work with young children, from birth to second grade. From certified Pre-K, Head Start, and early elementary teachers, to child care providers in centers and programs, to family, friends, and neighbors who offer care in their homes. Champions are passionate about their work and active contributors to our local community. Nominate the Early Childhood Champion in your life at [go.illinois.edu/Champions2024](http://go.illinois.edu/Champions2024). Nominations are due by April 5.



EARLY CHILDHOOD  
CHAMPIONS

Our Education Department will honor early childhood educators and volunteers from central Illinois at its Early Childhood Champions reception on May 14.

This program is our local effort in support of the national PBS KIDS Early Learning Champions.

## 2001 quirky romantic comedy still timely

**Arthouse**  
EXPERIENCE



Although the next feature in the Arthouse Experience Film Series debuted more than 20 years ago, "Amelie" seems as relevant today as it was in 2001.

The acclaimed, fanciful comedy features a young woman who discretely orchestrates the lives of the people around her, creating a world exclusively of her own making. The film, photographed in over 80 Parisian locations, is in French with English subtitles.

"Amelie" will be shown at 7 pm Friday, April 26, at the Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign. Hosted by Illinois Public Media and the Champaign Park District, films in the series are limited-release, high-quality titles that have captured the imagination of movie lovers.

Movie-goers can participate in a post-show discussion.

General admission tickets (\$7 per film) are available at the Virginia Theatre box office, online at [thevirginia.org](http://thevirginia.org), or charge by phone at 217-356-9063.



# ILLINOIS PUBLIC MEDIA 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Coming off our centennial celebration, Illinois Public Media began to ask: What kind of public media organization do we want to be in this next century? And even more importantly, what kind of public media station *should* we be to continue to best serve our communities and meet our mission in an ever-evolving world? In many ways, 2023 was a year of intentional, foundation-building work to help all aspects of Illinois Public Media become our local public media station of the future.

Below is a brief snapshot of what you can find in the 2023 Illinois Public Media Annual Report. The full report can be viewed and downloaded at [will.Illinois.edu/about/annualreports](http://will.Illinois.edu/about/annualreports). If you would like to receive a free print copy of our annual report, please email [will-membership@illinois.edu](mailto:will-membership@illinois.edu).

## Growing smarter, stronger, and kinder together

In August, Illinois Public Media participated in CU Days at Douglass Park, bringing along Costume Character Elmo. Our favorite **Sesame Street** monster danced, played, and posed for photos with kids and families, and our Education Department gave out 250 Pre-K learning bags. We saw so many smiling faces throughout the day and had a blast. This was Illinois Public Media's second year at CU Days, and we love this opportunity to better serve our diverse audiences across east central Illinois. Thank you to PNC Grow Up Great® and Sesame Workshop for making Costume Character Elmo's visit possible!



## National conversations from Campbell Hall

Illinois Public Media was proud to serve as the host and a partner station for **The Middle with Jeremy Hobson** when it returned to the airwaves in the fall. The award-winning journalist headed back to Campbell Hall and the WILL radio studios here in Urbana, Illinois, to launch his new national, now weekly, live call-in show, which premiered on Sept. 28.



**The Middle** is produced in partnership with Illinois Public Media, Nashville Public Radio, and iHeart Media and can be heard on more than 400 NPR stations from coast to coast, thanks to our distribution of the program from here at Campbell Hall.

## Community conversations expand



The year's first installment of **News, Brews & Beatz** welcomed University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Chancellor Robert J. Jones and two associate chancellors — Christopher

Span, Chief of Staff, Associate Chancellor for Administration and PreK-12 Initiatives, and Wanda E. Ward, Executive Associate Chancellor for Public Engagement — into the Collins Studio for a discussion about enrollment, tuition, agriculture, race, and the campus' relationship with the Champaign-Urbana Black community. **News, Brews & Beatz** has always strived to provide a space for diverse voices to engage in breakthrough conversations regarding pressing community issues and allow for realistic solutions to be identified. The inaugural year of events focused on the gun violence crisis here in Champaign-Urbana but since has expanded into quarterly community conversations on a variety of topics impacting the Black community here in central Illinois.

## Reviving an old favorite for a modern audience

In 1992 a new program debuted on WILL-TV called **Prairie Fire**. This half-hour magazine show painted a rich picture of the people, places, music, and quirks that make Illinois a vital, creative, innovative, and beautiful nucleus of the American Midwest. The show went on to become a long-running darling among viewers and friends alike. Some 31 years later, Illinois Public Media was excited to welcome **Prairie Fire** back to our airwaves in its newly re-imagined form. This modern take on a fan favorite is still rooted in storytelling, bringing you profiles, places, and performances from around the downstate area.



To view a complete audited financial statement, please visit [will.Illinois.edu/about/compliance](http://will.Illinois.edu/about/compliance).



## Former intern returns as digital producer

A former Illinois Public Media intern joined the staff recently, expanding his role in creating digital content to support our stations.

As a digital producer, Damian Contreras creates graphics and videos for our social media channels and website. Primarily, he creates short videos from segments of **The 21st Show** for Instagram, Tik Tok, and other platforms. The video shorts provide a lighthearted snapshot of the full segment and directs people to listen to the program's podcast. He also will provide digital content for Illinois Soul.

"I'm excited to be able to hone my skills that revolve around content creation," Contreras said. "I strive to improve and experiment on every video I publish, whether that means I increase the quality of my scripts or try out a new editing technique."

"Damian represents the next generation of visual storytellers," said Reginald Hardwick, IPM news and public affairs director. "We're excited to have him on board to create video versions of our radio segments from **The 21st Show**."

Contreras earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2023, majoring in psychology and media and cinema studies. He was an intern at IPM his last semester. He works remotely from his home in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

"I think public media is important as it provides unbiased news so everyone can educate themselves while forming their own opinions on our world and what's occurring in it," Contreras said. "It also provides entertainment for all ages and backgrounds, which is pretty neat to me."

What does he do in his spare time? "I'm a huge movie buff, and one of my goals in life is to sell a screenplay one day and subsequently become a director!"



## New political reporter has you covered

Illinois Public Media is committed to local news coverage, and an election year provides additional challenges. Reporter and documentary producer David Pierce joined IPM News in February to ensure we provide comprehensive coverage of candidates, local issues, race results, and more.

Pierce will create content for TV, radio, and digital platforms, covering the 2024 primaries and general election for the 2nd, 13th, and 15th districts. He also will produce a feature series each month. In **Voice of the Voter**, Pierce will speak with young people about the importance of this election, issues they believe are impacting them, and concerns surrounding democracy.

"David also will develop and produce a TV special about the first Black students at UIUC," said Reginald Hardwick, IPM news and public affairs director. "He will collaborate with the documentary filmmakers who helped us create **State of Change**. He's extremely connected here and enthusiastic about telling stories."

"My goal is to provide accurate and people-focused stories to keep our audience informed," Pierce said. "Having a local reporter is critical. As part of this community, I know what issues are important, and I will ask candidates the right questions on behalf of our residents. I'm most excited about adding my expertise in TV reporting for Illinois Public Media, so our audience can receive their news where they want it."

Pierce earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2017, and returned to Champaign-Urbana to be a producer and reporter at Fox Illinois. Early in his career he produced his own show, "The Intellect," for YouTube. It also aired on online news outlet Chicago Access Network Television (CAN TV). He covered popular culture events — such as the Chicago Auto Show and the grand opening of the world's largest Starbucks — and showed their impact on Chicago residents.

Pierce enjoys dancing and spending time with his family.



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