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'Nature' hosts Elmo and friends for an unforgettable journey to Africa! SEE PAGE 1



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This month Elmo, Abby Cadabby, and their **Sesame Street** friends head to Kenya for **Sesame Street and the Great Elephant Adventure**, a special **Nature** crossover that brings together two beloved PBS programs. I am incredibly excited to watch this with my teenage children and to share it with our larger community.

It's a wonderful example of what makes PBS's educational programming so special: making learning seem like an adventure.

Here in central Illinois, this educational mission reaches a remarkable number of children. Each month, about 45,000 children in our region engage with Illinois Public Media's PBS KIDS digital content, while tens of thousands more watch PBS KIDS programs over the air on WILL-TV.

That reach matters because PBS KIDS offers something that stands out in an increasingly crowded media landscape. Most children's programming is designed by an algorithm to simply capture a child's attention long enough to sell them products, but our shows encourage curiosity, creativity, problem-solving, and a love of learning. And parents and grandparents alike can trust that their children are spending time with content created with those goals in mind.

IPM's educational work goes beyond the screen, too. This fall, we're beginning the 22nd year of our Book Mentor Program, connecting volunteers with young children to build literacy skills and a love of reading with our local Head Start partners. Through this program and other educational outreach, we work with schools, libraries, and community organizations to bring trusted resources directly into our communities.

Whether a child is discovering the natural world with Elmo, learning social skills with Daniel Tiger, or sharing a book with a mentor, these experiences are proven to make a real and lasting difference.

Thank you for helping make this important work possible. Your support helps us ensure that all children across central Illinois have access to high quality educational programming and resources, regardless of background or income level.

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



COVER STORY

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Elmo and friends travel to Kenya with ‘Nature’

Get ready for a once-in-a-lifetime African safari as Elmo and his **Sesame Street** friends travel to Kenya in a special prime-time crossover event with **Nature**.

Sesame Street and the Great Elephant Adventure premieres on **Nature** at 7 pm Wednesday, Oct. 14 and will also be available with WILL Passport and on the PBS KIDS app. The episode kicks off the 45th season of **Nature** and is a production of Sesame Workshop and The WNET Group.

After adopting an orphaned elephant online, Elmo, Abby Cadabby, and Nina travel to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Kenya to meet the young elephant and her keepers. In their first-ever safari, the **Sesame Street** friends embark on a journey that takes them from the caring confines of the elephant sanctuary to the unpredictable African bush, where they come face to face with some of nature’s most iconic wildlife, including lions, zebras, giraffes, and hippos.

“Collaborating with Sesame Workshop on this special **Nature** episode is an incredible opportunity to introduce young audiences to the wonder of the natural world,” said Fred Kaufman, executive producer for **Nature**. “Through Elmo and Abby’s adventure, we hope families will be inspired to explore together and to discover why protecting wildlife is so important.”

“Bringing Elmo and the **Sesame Street** friends into the world of **Nature** allows us to tell a unique story filled with adventure, discovery, and heart,” said Sal Perez, executive producer for Sesame Workshop. “We hope this special event sparks curiosity in children and encourages them to see themselves as explorers and problem solvers, while reminding viewers of every age that some of life’s greatest lessons come from experiencing nature.”



Explore the evolution, diversity of animals



All the incredible diversity of animal life on Earth sprang from a single organism. Behind each species is an incredible story of the millions of generations that evolved to give rise to them. In a new five-part landmark series, **NOVA: Evolution** features passionate scientists, gorgeous photography, and stunning animations of long-lost ancestors. Discover how every animal we know and love today sprang from creatures that looked nothing like them.

NOVA: Evolution airs Wednesdays at 8 pm beginning Oct. 14.

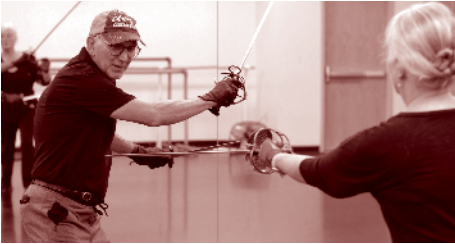
A cemetery tour and a fight choreography teacher featured



Coming up in our **Prairie Fire** episode that will air at 7:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 15:

Librarian and Illinois history expert John Kokoris joins

host Sarah Edwards for a daylong tour of select historic cemeteries in central Illinois. Kokoris introduces us to a few of the the famous residents, architecture, and lore at Peoria's Springdale Cemetery, Moffit Cemetery, Oak Hill Cemetery in Lewiston, Old Concord Cemetery, and Lincoln's Tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield.



And meet fight director Paul Dennhardt, who for 35 years has been designing and choreographing staged physical violence in theaters across the country, most recently in Bloomington, Illinois. He uses his expertise to train the next generation of actors to integrate storytelling and movement. Dennhardt shares how he discovered his passion for combat, demonstrates his teaching techniques, and reflects on his legacy as a teacher.

The history and culture of America's favorite pastime

Americans love baseball. The game is core to our history. It has been our national pastime for over 170 years. Generations of Americans have found great meaning in the game. And the stories of baseball's past are preserved in a tiny village called Cooperstown, New York, where the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is baseball's spiritual home. **Baseball: Echoes From the Bleachers** celebrates the stories found



within the museum. The bats, baseballs, gloves, spikes, and uniforms tell important stories about the game's history. But the collections not only document the game on the field but also its impact on American culture. **Baseball: Echoes From the Bleachers** airs at 10 pm Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Explore the true origin of Halloween



Michael Londra, host of the popular travel series "Ireland with Michael," embarks on a spine-tingling journey through Ireland to uncover Samhain, the ancient Celtic festival behind Halloween. Blending rich history, haunting folklore, and modern traditions, the film reveals how this ancient celebration evolved into a holiday now observed in many parts of the world. **Samhain: The Birth of Halloween** airs at 10 pm Wednesday, Oct. 28

THE POWER AND BEAUTY OF MUSIC

Olivia Rodrigo returns to 'ACL'



Olivia Rodrigo returned to **Austin City Limits** in July for a live taping that will air at 8 pm Friday Oct. 9 and at 11 pm Saturday, Oct. 10. The performance marked five years since her first-ever full concert on the **Austin City Limits** stage during season 47 in 2021. During the recent taping, she performed songs from her album "You Seem Pretty Sad For a Girl So in Love" alongside fan favorites like "drivers license" and "déjà vu."

Musical tributes on 'Great Performances'

Great Performances features a tribute concert to Nashville legend Tammy Wynette and a musical documentary on songwriter Jimmy Webb.

Known as the First Lady of Country Music, singer/songwriter Tammy Wynette helped pave the way for women in the genre. Her signature hits from the 1960s and '70s include "Stand By Your Man" and "I Don't Wanna Play House." From Nashville's Ryman Auditorium and the stage of The Grand Ole Opry, a diverse mix of talents pay tribute to her life, legacy, and music in **Tammy Wynette: Forever Yours**. The special airs on **Great Performances** at 8 pm Friday, Oct. 23.



Jimmy Webb

Legendary songwriter Jimmy Webb's hits read like a who's who of music giants. Glen Campbell, Linda Ronstadt, Richard Harris, Donna Summer, and more icons have topped the charts with Webb's songs such as "Wichita Lineman" and "MacArthur Park." Webb is joined onstage by an outstanding array of special guests, who will perform his chart-topping hits and share personal memories and insights into the stories behind the songs. **Jimmy Webb: American Songwriter** airs on **Great Performances** at 8 pm Friday, Oct. 30.



Tammy Wynette

Documentary series features violin greats

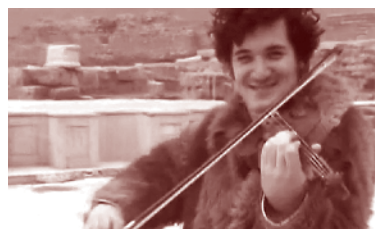
Great Musicians of Our Time features remastered classic artist documentaries. Premiering this month:



Itzhak Perlman

Shot between 1975 and 1977, **Itzhak Perlman: Virtuoso Violinist** (9 pm Friday, Oct. 9) is an intimate portrait that follows Perlman in his early 30s, at the dawn of stardom. From overcoming polio as a child to becoming one of classical music's greatest violinists, his talent and resilience shine.

From rising star to celebrated musical master, **Pinchas Zukerman: Here to Make Music** (9 pm Friday, Oct. 16) is a remastered 1975 portrait that captures the early brilliance and charisma of the Israeli-American violinist and conductor. Zukerman's legacy continues to inspire after more than five decades.



Pinchas Zukerman



WEEKDAYS

6 am

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

9 am

Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo

Vic makes each morning a classic morning!

Noon

Performance Today

2 pm

Classical Music

5 pm

NPR All Things Considered with Ailsa Chang, Scott Detrow, Mary Louise Kelly, and Juana Summers

6 pm

The 21st Show with Brian Mackey

7 pm Monday-Wednesday

The Evening Concert

Monday–Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm and 6 and 7 pm Sundays. Listings may change.

Monday:

The New York Philharmonic This Week

To be announced

Tuesday:

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast

10/6 **Klaus Mäkelä & Yunchan Lim**

Unsub Chin: subito con forza

Robert Schumann: Piano Concerto in A Minor

Jörg Widmann: Con brio, Concert Overture

Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A

10/13 **Musicians of the Orchestra**

Ralph Vaughan Williams: Tuba Concerto

Robert Schumann: Konzertstück for Four Horns

Richard Strauss: Don Quixote, Op. 35

10/20 **Alsop Conducts Adams, Copland & Marsalis**

John Adams: The Rock You Stand On

Aaron Copland: Suite from Appalachian Spring

Wynton Marsalis: Selections from The Jungle

(Symphony No. 4)

10/27 **Harding Conducts The Planets**

Robert Schumann: Overture to Manfred

Johannes Brahms: Schicksalslied, Op. 54

Gustav Holst: The Planets, Op. 32

Wednesday:

WFMT Orchestra Series: Los Angeles

Philharmonic (new season)

10/7 Ellen Reid: Earth Between Oceans

(world premiere, LA Phil commission)

Richard Strauss: An Alpine Symphony, Op. 64

10/14 John Adams: Frenzy: a short symphony

(U.S. premiere)

Igor Stravinsky: The Firebird Suite (1919

version)

Igor Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring

10/21 Gustav Mahler: Symphony No. 2 in C Minor,

"Resurrection"

Public Radio Music Day (see page 20)

10/28 7 pm **Atomic Age Cocktail Party:**

Home Sweet Home

8 pm **Prairie Performances** (encore)

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

10/2 Mendelssohn: Song Without Words, Op. 109

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel: Piano Trio in

D Minor, Op. 11: III. Lied. Allegretto

10/9 J.S. Bach: Violin Partita No. 3 in E Major, BWV

1006: III. Gavotte

Piazzolla: Le Grand Tango

Fritz Kreisler: Tambourin Chinois

Brahms: Viola Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Op.

120, No. 1: III. Allegretto grazioso & IV. Vivace

Alexander Glazunov: Violin Concerto in A Minor

10/16 Sarasate: Fantasy on Mozart's Magic Flute

Janáček: Pohádka (Fairy Tale)

10/23 Haydn: String Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 76,

No. 4, "Sunrise" Allegro con spirito

Beethoven: String Quartet No. 1 in F Major

10/30 Schubert: Quartettsatz in C Minor, D. 703

Beethoven: String Quartet No. 4 in C Minor

8 pm Friday

Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft

10/2 **The Song Is You (encore)**

Hi-fi era songs about songs, music, and melodies.

10/9 **Table for One**

Songs for the lonely and alone.

10/16 **Burlesque**

From burlesque houses to the Broadway

stage! Selections from "Gypsy," "Guys and

Dolls," and others.

10/23 **Shall We Dance** (encore)

Put on your dancing shoes for an hour of tunes about moving your feet.

10/30 **Halloween 2026**

Grooving tunes for all your ghosts and ghouls.

9 pm Friday

Classical Music

SATURDAYS

7 am

NPR Weekend Edition

with Scott Simon

9 am

Classics By Request

Send requests to Vincent Trauth at classreq@illinois.edu or leave a message at **217-265-5064**.

11 am

Classics of the Phonograph

John Frayne's weekly exploration of memorable recordings from the 20th century.

10/3 **Kurt Weill, from Berlin to Broadway**

10/10 **Daniel Barenboim Returns to the Podium**

10/17 **Sir Edward Elgar and Gustav Holst Conduct their own music**

10/24 **Franz Schubert's Song Cycles, Sung by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau**

10/31 **Classic Opera Recordings: Richard Strauss: Der Rosenkavalier, Excerpts, with Lotte Lehmann as the Marschallin**

Noon**Afternoon at the Opera**

All performances are from the WFMT opera series:

- 10/3 **Das Rheingold** (Wagner). Lü Jia, cond., with Egils Silins (Wotan), Tomas Tomasson (Alberich), Arnold Bezuyen (Mime), and the Ensemble of China's National Centre for the Performing Arts.
- 10/10 **La Traviata** (Verdi). Yu Long, cond., with Ekaterina Bakanova (Violetta), Shi Yijie (Alfredo), Liao Changyong (Giorgio), and the Ensemble of China's National Centre for the Performing Arts
- 10/17 **Tosca** (Puccini). Xu Zhong, cond., with Monica Zanettin (Tosca), Han Peng (Mario), Ambrogio Maestri (Scarpia), and the Ensemble of China's National Centre for the Performing Arts.
- 10/24 **Die Walküre** (Wagner). Pietari Inkinen, cond., with Daniel Brenna (Siegmund), Manuela Uhl (Sieglinde), Ewa Vesin (Brünnhilde), Egils Silins (Wotan), and the Ensemble of China's National Centre for the Performing Arts.
- 10/31 **Pagliacci** (Leoncavallo). Sir Emanuele Andrizzi, cond., with Jonathan Burton (Canio), Michelle Allie Drever (Nedda), Jonathan Wilson (Silvio), and the Ensemble of Opera Festival of Chicago Orchestra & Chorus.

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.**SPECIAL**

10/31 "We Interrupt This Program" (see page 18)

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.10/3 **Pleasurable Pianos**10/10 **The Old West**10/17 **The EYES Have It**10/24 **In the Background**10/31 **Halloween 2023**

Midnight**Classical Music**10/31 "We Interrupt This Program" (encore)
(see page 18)

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**

10/4 Heitor Villa-Lobos: Assobio a Jato (The Jet Whistle) for Flute and Cello

Igor Stravinsky: Five Easy Pieces for Piano, Four Hands

Antonin Dvořák: String Quartet, Op. 51

10/11 Nino Rota: Trio for Flute, Violin, and Piano

Erich Wolfgang Korngold: Suite for Piano Left Hand, Two Violins, and Cello, Op. 23

10/18 Charles Ives: "Dreams" for Voice and Piano
William Bolcom: Three Rags for String Quartet
Harry T. Burleigh: Southland Sketches for Violin and Piano

Ellen Taaffe Zwilich: Double Quartet for Strings

10/25 Joseph Haydn: Trio in A Major for Piano, Violin, and Cello, Hob. XV:18

Felix Mendelssohn: Double Concerto in D Minor for Violin, Piano, and Strings

7 pm**Fiesta! with Elbio Barilarí**10/4 **Cuban Composer Julián Orbón**

Some of Orbón's most beloved music, including his Preludio and Danza for guitar.

10/11 **Sonic Chemistry**

Pieces with a particular sonic chemistry, including music by Cuban Paquito D'Rivera, Brazilians Radames Gnattalli and Heitor Villa-Lobos, and Mexican Federico Ibarra.

10/18 **Romantic Nationalism**

The fascinating musical period of the late 19th and early 20th century when many Latin American composers wrote pieces in a romantic and nationalistic style.

10/25 **Spanish Composer Matilde Salvador**

Fiesta will feature her solo guitar work Homenatge a Mistral as well as some rarely heard pieces by this amazing artist.

8 pm**Prairie Performances** (encore)

9 pm**Jazz Night In America** with Christian McBride

10 pm**Classical Music****NPR News Headlines** at 11:01

Overnight**Classical Music**



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



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‘Dialogue’ stories named NABJ finalists



Two segments featured on **Dialogue** earlier this year were named a finalist for a National Association of Black Journalists 2026 Salute to Excellence Award. The stories were honored in the Podcast: Lifestyle category, with contributors Kennedy Vincent, Arielle Raveney, and Reginald Hardwick recognized.

Winners were announced during the organization's convention in Atlanta in August.

IPM stories recognized:

- “The Hidden Spectrum: Uncovering Autism in Communities of Color” explores autism spectrum disorder within Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities. *Listen at go.illinois.edu/dialogue-autism.*
- “Exploring Blerd culture” featured stories on how Black nerd culture offers both escape and empowerment. *Listen at go.illinois.edu/dialogue-blerd.*

Dialogue is Illinois Soul's weekly news and culture program that highlights issues important to the Black communities in central Illinois. **Dialogue** airs Saturdays at 11 am and Tuesdays at 6 pm on Illinois Soul FM 101.1. It also streams live at illinoissoul.org and can be heard Wednesdays at 8 pm on WILL-AM 580.

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

Bold Listing = National/International News

Lillie Duncanson, Director of Broadcast Operations & Content



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

Opening Market Report: 8:49 am; **Market Update:** 10:58 am; **Midday Market Report:** 12:58; **Closing Market Report:** 2:06. **Fridays: Commodity Week:** 2:30; **Grain Market Summary:** 4:32.

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

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



WEATHER

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

Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday	
Newsline	5:00	Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood	Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood	
Classical Stretch (M,W,F) Sit and Be Fit (Tu, Th)	5:30	Arthur (ends 10/3) Cyberchase (begins 10/10)	Arthur (ends 10/4) Cyberchase (begins 10/11)	
Wild Kratts	6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	
Weather Hunters	6:30	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters	
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Work It Out Wombats	10:00	MotorWeek	Live from the LBJ Library	
Donkey Hodie	10:30	Garden SMART	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe	
Rosie’s Rules	11:00	Mid American Gardener	Start Up 10/18 Prairie Fire	
Elinor Wonders Why	11:30	Follow the Blooms 10/17 Prairie Fire	Market to Market	
Alma’s Way	Noon	America’s Test Kitchen	Oct. 4 Noon Unknown Destination: A Love Story 1:00 Professor T (season 3, episodes 1–4) Oct. 11 Noon Tom Daley: Illegal to Be Me 1:00 Professor T (season 3, episodes 5–6) 3:00 Professor T (season 4, episodes 1–2) Oct. 18 Noon General Dodge and the Transcontinental Railroad 1:00 Professor T (season 4, episodes 3–6) Oct. 25 Noon Great Performances: George Jones: Still Playin’ Possum 1:30 Great Performances: Tammy Wynette: Forever Yours 3:00 Great Performances at the Met: El Ultimo Sueno De Frida Y Diego	
Molly of Denali	12:30	Cook’s Country		
Arthur	1:00	Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street Television		
Odd Squad	1:30	Dook Chase: A Chef’s Journey		
M Miss Fisher’s Murder Mysteries	2:00	Pati’s Mexican Table		
Tu Antiques Roadshow	2:30	food. curated.		
W Finding Your Roots				
Th 10/1, 8 Big Cats 24/7 10/15, 22, 29 Nature	3:00	To Dine For with Kate Sullivan		
F NOVA				
M 10/5 & 12 Marlow Murder Club 10/19 & 26 Professor T	3:30	Les Stroud’s Survivorman		
Tu Celebrity Antiques Road Trip				
W 10/7 Finding Your Roots 10/14 AmExp: Jesse James 10/21 AmExp: Annie Oakley 10/28 Pati Jinich Explores PanAmericana	4:00	This Old House		
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DW News	5:00	Horizons from PBS News	Compass Points from PBS News	
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	6:30	As Time Goes By		

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CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

‘VOCES’ returns with stories of Latino people, culture



Produced by Latino Public Broadcasting, the acclaimed PBS documentary series **VOCES** returns this month with two new independent films.

ASCO: Without Permission (9 pm Friday, Oct. 2) challenges the limits of documentary conventions to tell the story of a revolutionary Chicano art group that turned 1970s LA into its defiant canvas. Merging activism with

radical art-making, ASCO challenged the established order of Hollywood, museums, and media and are now considered among the 20th century's most significant artists.

Paquito D’Rivera: From Carne Y Frijol to Carnegie Hall (9 pm Monday, Oct. 12) traces the remarkable life and career of the 16-time Grammy and Latin Grammy-winning artist. A virtuoso clarinetist, saxophonist, and composer, D’Rivera left Cuba in 1980 at great personal risk, forging an immigrant success story defined by brilliance, humor, and reinvention. Filmed across New York, Boston, Miami, and Uruguay, the film features intimate performances and collaborations with his longtime friend Chucho Valdes and world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma.



The genius and legend of Luis Valdez



A new film presented by **VOCES** and **American Masters** chronicles how Luis Valdez illuminated the Mexican-American experience on stage and screen, transforming the American cultural landscape. In 1965, Valdez created the Chicano theater company El Teatro Campesino alongside the United Farm Workers. In 1979, Valdez became the first Chicano director to have a play presented on Broadway when “Zoot Suit” premiered in New York. He then went on to write and direct the hit 1987 film “La Bamba.” Winner of the Library of Congress

Lavine/Ken Burns Prize for Film, **American Pachuco: The Legend of Luis Valdez** features extensive interviews with Valdez and is narrated by Edward James Olmos, who starred in the original production of “Zoot Suit.” The film airs on **American Masters** at 8 pm Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Hispanic Heritage Awards air Oct. 2

For the first time in its 39-year history, the Hispanic Heritage Foundation hosted the historic Hispanic Heritage Awards outside Washington, DC, with this year’s ceremony taking place in Minneapolis. The **39th Hispanic Heritage Awards** that airs at 8 pm Friday, Oct. 2, highlights the ceremony held last month. In addition to honoring the people of Minnesota with the Humanitarian Award, the event also will recognize honorees whose excellence, cultural pride, and visionary leadership continue to elevate and empower communities nationwide. Established by the White House in 1988 and supported by 40 national, Latino-serving institutions, the Hispanic Heritage Awards are often recognized as America’s Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.



Season 2 of ‘Maigret’ premieres

An epic power struggle is happening in season 2 of **Maigret on MASTERPIECE**. Chief Inspector Maigret (Benjamin Wainwright) and his team of detectives investigate a series of complex crimes. Maigret’s boss, director of police Xavier Guichard, has become suspicious of Maigret’s methods and decides to “take him down a peg.” As Maigret investigates new crimes, the line between guilt and innocence is blurred. The unconventional detective will have to work out his own unique form of justice for victims and perpetrators alike. **Maigret** airs Sundays at 8 pm, premiering Oct. 18 on **MASTERPIECE**. You can watch each episode with WILL Passport the same day of its broadcast premiere.



‘Professor T’ looking for love in season 5



In season 5 of **Professor T**, Jasper and Helena escape to a secluded spa to test their fragile spark — until an “accidental” death rekindles his detective instincts and threatens their new romance. Wrestling with intimacy, duty, and the relentless pull of his OCD, Jasper is soon confronted by personal turmoil that clouds his judgement and shakes his focus. As Zelda and Miss Snares meddle to secure his happiness, the team faces ever darker cases. **Professor T** airs Sundays at 7 pm beginning Oct. 18. All six episodes of season 5 are now available to stream with WILL Passport.

‘The Gold’ season 2: Where is the money??

Following the conviction of some of those involved in the theft and handling of the Brink’s-Mat gold, the police realized that those criminals only ever had half of the gold. Hugh Bonneville returns alongside Jack Lowden and Dominic Cooper in season 2 of **The Gold on MASTERPIECE**. As the police investigation continues, it becomes a tense, high-stakes journey into international money laundering and organized crime. Season 2 of **The Gold on MASTERPIECE** airs Sundays at 9 pm beginning Oct. 18. Binge all six episodes of the series on the night of its broadcast premiere with WILL Passport.



Lessons of American leadership

A new documentary special produced by Retro Report is based on More Perfect’s ambitious history-based nonpartisan storytelling project, “In Pursuit.” The groundbreaking initiative is a curated series of essays by leading American public figures and scholars distilling one leadership lesson from each American president and several first ladies. **In Pursuit: Lessons of American Leadership** weaves together new interviews and archival material with documentary storytelling to explore what we can learn from the past. The film airs at 9 pm Tuesday, Oct. 27.



1 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Adobe Bricks and Miter Tricks.
- 8:00 World's Most Scenic River Journeys** (TV-PG)
The Potomac, USA. Part 5 of 6. From its headwaters in West Virginia to its estuary in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay, the Potomac River became a front line during the Civil War, ripping the nation in two. *Repeated 1 am 10/2.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Murder in the Dark. Season 1, episode 12 of 13. Phryne's cousins and Aunt Prudence's entire household come under suspicion when a young girl is found drowned in her aunt's fountain on the eve of a lavish fancy dress party. *Repeated 2 am 10/2, 6 pm 10/4 & 2 pm 10/5.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 2, episode 1 of 6. Sidney is suspected of murder, but so is a fellow priest among others. *Repeated 3 am 10/2.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

2 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 39th Hispanic Heritage Awards** (TV-PG)
See page 10. *Repeated 2 am 10/3, 4 am 10/4 & 2 am 10/5.*
- 9:00 Voices — ASCO: Without Permission** (TV-14) (DVS)
See page 10. *Repeated 3 am 10/3, 2:30 am 10/4 & 3 am 10/5.*
- 10:30 Cinema Nomad** (TV-PG)
Cuba. As an independent filmmaker in Cuba, Daiyan is a rebel with a heart: sacrificing all he has to make cinematic art in hopes that the muse continues to inspire.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

3 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
Painted In Blood, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 6, episodes 5 & 6 of 10. When Joyce Barnaby finds a dead woman while painting watercolors of Midsomer Florey, she unwittingly uncovers a nest of plots and double-dealings.
- 9:00 Signora Volpe** (TV-14)
Death of a Ghost. Season 2, episode 3 of 3. Sylvia must draw on her formidable reserves of physical and mental resilience to escape an old foe.
- 10:30 The Caverns Sessions** (TV-PG)
Christoph 'kingfish' Ingram.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Sienna Spiro.

4 Sunday

- 7:00 The Marlow Murder Club on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
An Appetite for Murder, Part 1 of 2. Season 3, episode 5 of 6. The trio investigates the chaotic murder of a notoriously tempestuous chef. *Repeated 12 am 10/5, 3 pm 10/5 & 2 am 10/6.*
- 8:00 Marble Hall Murders on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Part 5 of 6. Susan desperately tries to find the real murderer as tension ratchets up and threats are made. *Repeated 3 am 10/6.*
- 9:00 Trespasses** (TV-14)
Part 3 of 4. Cushla discovers Michael has lied about his family and confronts him. *Repeated 1 am 10/5 & 4 am 10/6.*
- 10:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Season 4, episode 3 of 8. Love is in the air at Downton Abbey and darker emotions too.
- 11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress** (TV-14)
Season 3, episode 4 of 6. Emperor and empress are reunited in the South of France.

5 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage First Finds, Hour 3. *Repeated 1 am 10/6, 2 pm 10/6, 4 am 10/9, 4 pm 10/9 & 5:30 pm 10/10.*
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage Milwaukee 2020. *Repeated 4 pm 10/8.*
- 9:00 Independent Lens** (TV-14) (DVS)
My Omaha. Filmmaker Nick Beaulieu explores his hometown's racial justice movement while trying to reconnect with his terminally ill, conservative father. *Repeated 3 am 10/7.*
- 10:30 Bucks County, USA** (TV-PG)
Duck Soup. Part 3 of 5. While the efforts to find common ground gain traction, a federal investigation over allegations of discrimination, a controversial new library policy, and escalating campaign tactics push Bucks County closer to the edge.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

6 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Tragedy + Time = Comedy. Uncover a history of tragedies and triumphs in the families of funny men Jimmy Kimmel, Norman Lear, and Bill Hader. *Repeated 2 pm 10/27, 4 am 10/28, 4 am 10/30, 4 pm 10/30 & 5:30 pm 10/31.*
- 8:00 American Masters** (TV-14) (DVS)
American Pachuco: The Legend of Luis Valdez. See page 10. *Repeated 2:30 am 10/8 & 2:30 am 10/12.*
- 9:30 Finding Your Roots** (TV-14) (DVS)
Mexican Roots. Guests Mario Lopez and Melissa Villaseñor look at the Mexican American experience as seen through the lens of two families. *Repeated 2 am 10/7, 3 pm 10/7 & 1 am 10/10.*
- 10:30 Re-Evolution: The Cuban Dream** (TV-PG)
Diving into the streets of Havana, this film introduces a social worker, an ethnographer, and three artists, whose stories provide unique perspectives on how Cuba is shaped.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

New 'Super Why' supports early literacy

Super Why's Comic Book Adventures joins the PBS KIDS lineup airing daily at 8:30 am beginning Monday, Oct. 5. The animated series builds on the legacy and success of the beloved Emmy-nominated "Super Why!" series and its shorts. The new series will empower preschoolers and kindergartners by supporting early literacy skills through exciting seven-minute stories that launch them into a colorful comic book universe that brings reading to life.

In addition, new **Super Why's Comic Book Adventures** games and digital storybooks will launch following the series premiere, available on pbskids.org and in the PBS KIDS Game app.



7 Wednesday

- 7:00 Big Cats 24/7** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Part 6 of 6. As lion numbers rise, the competition for food becomes fierce. *Repeated 2 pm 10/8.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Space Wars. Once purely a realm of scientific wonder, space is now a critical battleground, as global military powers race to weaponize it. *Repeated 2 pm 10/9.*
- 9:00 Secrets of the Dead** (TV-PG)
Cleopatra's Last Temple. A French explorer makes an unprecedented discovery in Alexandria's harbor that could reveal vital new information about Cleopatra. *Repeated 1 am 10/8, 3 pm 10/9 & 1 am 10/11.*
- 10:00 Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Part 1 of 2. In honor of the centennial of King Tut's tomb opening, explore the mysteries of his life and burial.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

8 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Pull-Chain Upgrade; Sod Repair.
- 8:00 World's Most Scenic River Journeys** (TV-PG)
Guadalquivir, Spain. Part 6 of 6. Journey down the mighty Guadalquivir, Spain's only major navigable river, from the ice cold waters of the high Sierras de Cazorlas to the great plains of Andalusia. *Repeated 1 am 10/9.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
King Memses' Curse. Season 1, episode 13 of 13. Murdoch Foyle is at large and has been connected with the mysterious death of antique dealer Albert Monkton. *Repeated 2 am 10/9, 6 pm 10/11 & 2 pm 10/12.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 2, episode 2 of 6. A government agent warns Geordie to back off a case and Sidney is warned off an old flame. *Repeated 3 am 10/9.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

9 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Olivia Rodrigo. See page 3. *Repeated 2 am 10/10 & 11 pm 10/10.*
- 9:00 Great Musicians of Our Time** (TV-PG)
Itzhak Perlman: Virtuoso Violinist. See page 3. *Repeated 3 am 10/10.*
- 10:30 Cinema Nomad** (TV-PG)
Bolivia. Journey to colorful La Paz to meet Alejandro, a photographer-turned-director.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

10 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders**
Tale of Two Hamlets, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 6, episodes 7 & 8 of 10. A young film star dies at the opening of a "satanic experience."
- 9:00 Signora Volpe** (TV-14)
An Anxious Aunt. Season 1, episode 1 of 3. Disillusioned with her work at MI6, spy Sylvia Fox travels to Italy for her niece's wedding.
- 10:30 The Caverns Sessions** (TV-PG)
The Kyle Tuttle Band.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Olivia Rodrigo. See page 3.

11 Sunday

- 7:00 The Marlow Murder Club on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
An Appetite for Murder, part 2 of 2. Season 3, part 6 of 6. There is a shocking development. *Repeated 12 am 10/12, 3 pm 10/12 & 2 am 10/13.*
- 8:00 Marble Hall Murders on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Episode 6 of 6. Blakeney tries to solve the murder by writing the end of the book. *Repeated 3 am 10/13.*
- 9:00 Trespasses** (TV-14)
Part 4 of 4. Cushla confides in Gerry and Gina. *Repeated 1 am 10/12 & 4 am 10/13.*
- 10:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Season 4, episode 4 of 8. Questions of estate management cause conflict.
- 11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress** (TV-14)
Season 3, episode 5 of 6. Sisi learns that Franz has taken Rudolf out of the army.

12 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage First Finds, Hour 4. Repeated 2 pm 10/13, 4 am 10/14, 4 am 10/16 & 5:30 pm 10/17.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage Mobile. Repeated 3 am 10/14 & 4 pm 10/15.
- 9:00 Voices — Paquito D'Rivera: from Carne Y Frijol to Carnegie Hall** (TV-PG) (DVS)
See page 10. Repeated 1 am 10/13, 2 am 10/14 & 1 am 10/17.
- 10:00 Bucks County, USA** (TV-PG)
Peace Valley. Part 4 of 5. As the school board elections reach a crescendo, the conflict gets personal.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

13 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Visionaries. Discover the ancestors of business mogul Richard Branson and architects Maya Lin and Frank Gehry. Repeated 2 pm 10/14 & 4 am 10/15.
- 8:00 American Experience** (TV-PG)
Jesse James. The story of Jesse James remains one of America's most cherished tales ... and one of its most fictitious. With a life steeped in violence and bloodshed, America's Robin Hood robbed the poor and rich alike, though his victims were almost always unarmed. Repeated 3 pm 10/14 & 3 am 10/15.
- 9:00 Frontline**
American Voices 2026. The changing views and experiences of Americans from the 2020 election to today. How the hopes and fears of voters first filmed six years ago have changed amid another polarizing election season.
- 10:00 American Creed: Citizen Power 101**
What it means to be an American citizen today.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

14 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-G) (DVS)
Sesame Street and the Great Elephant Adventure. See page 1. Repeated 6 am 10/16, 1 pm 10/16, 8:30 am 10/18, 6:30 am 10/19, 7:30 am 10/20 & 10 am 10/21.
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Evolution: Brain Power. Part 1 of 5. See page 1. Repeated 2 pm 10/16.
- 9:00 Secrets of the Dead** (TV-PG)
Africa's Golden City. In the heart of southern Africa lies a mysterious forgotten city. Known as Great Zimbabwe, it was once home to 20,000 people. Today, after five centuries, archaeologists are finding new clues about this sophisticated civilization. Repeated 1 am 10/15, 3 pm 10/16 & 1 am 10/18.
- 10:00 Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Part 2 of 2. Uncover further mysteries behind King Tut's life and burial with Egyptian Archeologist Dr. Yasmine El-Shazly.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

15 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Prairie Fire**
See page 2.
- 8:00 Britain by the Book** (TV-PG)
Actor and comedian Mel Giedroyc explores the spectacular scenery and iconic locations made famous by some of Britain's favorite books and films. Repeated 1 am 10/16.
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Murder Most Scandalous. Season 2, episode 1 of 13. Phryne goes undercover at a gentleman's club. Repeated 2 am 10/16, 6 pm 10/18 & 2 pm 10/19.
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 2, part 3 of 6. A false alarm turns into a murder investigation. Repeated 3 am 10/16.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

16 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-PG)
The Magic of Nureyev. Repeated 2 am 10/17.
- 9:00 Great Musicians of Our Time** (TV-PG)
Pinchas Zukerman: Here to Make Music. See page 3. Repeated 3 am 10/17 & 3 am 10/19.
- 10:30 Cinema Nomad**
Mexico.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

17 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders**
Birds of Prey, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 6, episodes 9 & 10 of 10. Troy and Constable Pearce are in Midsomer investigating a wildlife crime while Barnaby follows up on a local man's car (and body) found in the river.
- 9:00 Signora Volpe** (TV-14)
Secrets & Sacrifices. Season 1, episode 2 of 3. Sylvia helps a friend at her archaeological dig, where she unearths a skeleton.
- 10:30 The Caverns Sessions** (TV-PG)
The Band of Heathens.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Ari Lennox.

18 Sunday

- 7:00 Professor T** (TV-14) (DVS)
Natural Causes. Season 5, episode 1 of 6. See page 11. Repeated 12 am 10/19, 3 pm 10/19 & 2 am 10/20.
- 8:00 Maigret on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
The Hanged Man, part 1 of 2. Season 2, episode 1 of 6. See page 11. Repeated 1 am 10/19 & 3 am 10/20.
- 9:00 The Gold on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 2, episode 1 of 6. See page 11. Repeated 2 am 10/19 & 4 am 10/20.
- 10:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Season 4, episode 5 of 8. Pride and prejudice mark Robert's surprise birthday party.
- 11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress** (TV-14)
Season 3, episode 6 of 6. Sisi learns that her son has been kidnapped by a laborer.

19 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage First Finds, Hour 5. Repeated 2 pm 10/20, 4 am 10/21, 4 pm 10/23, 4 pm 10/23 & 5:30 pm 10/24.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage Philadelphia. Repeated 3 am 10/21 & 4 pm 10/22.
- 9:00 Declarations: Black Americans and the Revolutionary War** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Trace the heroic stories of the enslaved and freed Black Americans who fought to define democracy and their liberty through the Revolutionary War. *Repeated 1 am 10/20 & 2 am 10/21.*
- 10:00 Bucks County, USA** (TV-PG)
What Will Your Story Be? Part 5 of 5. Election results arrive in an emotional wave of joy, tears, and fresh allegations.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

20 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG) (DVS)
War Stories. Uncover a long history of military service in the families of Patricia Arquette, Julianne Moore, and John McCain. Repeated 2 pm 10/21 & 4 am 10/22.
- 8:00 Annie Oakley: American Experience** (TV-PG)
Meet the Ohio sharpshooter who won fame and fortune in a man's world for never missing a shot. *Repeated 3 pm 10/21 & 3 am 10/22.*
- 9:00 Frontline**
- 10:00 To Be Announced**
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

21 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Tiger Island, Part 1 of 2. In the forests of western Nepal, a team of cinematographers and big cat experts undertake an expedition to follow the lives of two tiger mothers and reveal how these solitary cats are raising cubs on an island full of threats. Repeated 2 pm 10/22.
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Evolution: Need to Feed. Part 2 of 5. See page 1. Repeated 2 pm 10/23.
- 9:00 Secrets of the Dead** (TV-PG)
Raising Lady Liberty. With unseen documents and new sources, witness the story of how France and the United States came together to produce an iconic symbol of freedom. Repeated 1 am 10/22, 3 pm 10/23 & 1 am 10/25.
- 10:00 Secrets of the Dead** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Eiffel's Race to the Top. Discover the untold story behind Paris' most famous landmark. Through dramatic recreations, official renderings and personal archives, see how the Eiffel Tower became an icon.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

22 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Sticking Front Door; Insulation.
- 8:00 Rick Steves Poland** (TV-G)
This special that begins in Krakow, presents the best of Poland. *Repeated 1 am 10/23.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Death Comes Knocking. Season 2, episode 2 of 13. A message from beyond the grave leads to the death of a war veteran. Repeated 2 am 10/23, 6 pm 10/25 & 2 pm 10/26.
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 2, episode 4 of 6. Sidney performs an exorcism. *Repeated 3 am 10/23.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

23 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-PG)
Tammy Wynette: Forever Yours. See page 3. Repeated 1 a 10/24, 1:30 pm 10/25 & 3 am 10/26.
- 9:30 Great Performances** (TV-PG)
George Jones: Still Playin' Possum. This all-star tribute concert features Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, Wynonna, Jelly Roll, Tanya Tucker, Travis Tritt, Lorrie Morgan, Justin Moore, Trace Adkins, and more. Repeated 2:30 am 10/24 & 12 pm 10/25.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

24 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
The Green Man, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 7, episodes 1 & 2 of 14. Sgt. Troy wins a promotion to inspector.
- 9:00 Signora Volpe** (TV-14)
Truffles & Treachery. Season 1, episode 3 of 3. The son of a Russian politician is arrested in Rome for the murder of a fellow student.
- 10:30 The Caverns Sessions** (TV-PG)
Wynonna.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Red Clay Strays.

25 Sunday

- 7:00 Professor T** (TV-14) (DVS)
The Ring. Season 5, episode 2 of 6. See page 11. Repeated 12 am 10/26, 3 pm 10/26 & 2 am 10/27.
- 8:00 Maigret on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
The Hanged Man, part 2 of 2. Season 2, episode 2 of 6. See page 11. Repeated 1 am 10/26 & 3 am 10/27.
- 9:00 The Gold on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 2, episode 2 of 6. See page 11. *Repeated 2 am 10/26 & 4 am 10/27.*
- 10:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 4, episode 6 of 8. Downton's drove of pigs arrive, Robert departs, and illness descends.
- 11:00 Bergerac** (TV-14)
Season 1, episode 1 of 6. See Passport, page 17.

26 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage First Finds, Hour 6. Repeated 2 pm 10/27, 4 am 10/28, 4 pm 10/30, 4 pm 10/30 & 5:30 pm 10/31.
- 8:00 Pati Jinich Explores PanAmericana** (TV-PG)
Montana & Wyoming — Small Acts, Wide Ripples. Season 2, part 1 of 3. Pati enters the United States through Montana and Wyoming. *Repeated 1 am 10/27 & 3 pm 10/28.*
- 9:00 Independent Lens** (TV-14) (DVS)
Seeds. A visual and cultural exploration of centennial farmers in the southern U.S., this film examines the decline of generational Black farmers and the significance of owning land. *Repeated 2 am 10/28.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

27 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG) (DVS)
The Pioneers. Discover how Neil Patrick Harris, Gloria Steinem, and Sandra Cisneros are connected to pioneers who paved the way for their modern-day descendants. *Repeated 2 pm 10/28 & 4 am 10/29.*
- 8:00 Breaking The Deadlock** (TV-PG)
AI: Who's in Control? Artificial intelligence and its growing role in our lives. *Repeated 3 am 10/29.*
- 9:00 In Pursuit: Lessons of American Leadership** (TV-PG) (DVS)
See page 11. *Repeated 1 am 10/28 & 2 am 10/29.*
- 10:00 Baseball: Echoes from the Bleachers** (TV-G)
See page 2.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

28 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Tiger Island. Part 2 of 2. In Nepal, the crew uses thermal cameras to film tigers at night, revealing previously unseen behavior. A new tiger mom must keep her growing cub out of trouble, while another tigress' cubs are stalked by the returning male 'king' of Tiger Island. *Repeated 2 pm 10/29.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Evolution: Body Builders. Part 3 of 5. See page 1. *Repeated 2 pm 10/30.*
- 9:00 Secrets of the Dead** (TV-PG)
Field of Vampires. A terrifying discovery: Evidence from a skeleton dating from 1650 indicates she was buried as a vampire. Who was she? What did all of the burial rituals mean? *Repeated 1 am 10/29 & 3 pm 10/30.*
- 10:00 Samhain: The Birth of Halloween** (TV-G)
See page 2. *Repeated 3 pm 10/29.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

29 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
- 8:00 Rick Steves Best of Rome** (TV-PG)
This special conquers Rome's biggest travel destinations: the Colosseum, Forum, Pantheon, St. Peter's Basilica, and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling. *Repeated 1 a 10/30.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Dead Man's Chest. Season 2, episode 3 of 13. When Aunt Prudence insists Phryne help an old school chum whose holiday mansion has been burgled, Phryne and Jack discover the summer paradise is not so perfect. *Repeated 2 am 10/30.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 2, episode 5 of 6. Are Sidney and Georgie's crime-fighting days over? *Repeated 3 am 10/30.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

30 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-PG)
Jimmy Webb: American Songwriter. See page 3. *Repeated 1 am 10/31.*
- 9:30 The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum** (TV-G)
Join Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, and Willie Nelson for this live concert recorded in 1990. *Repeated 2:30 am 10/31.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

31 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
Bad Tidings, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 7, episodes 3 & 4 of 14. Sergeant Dan Scott arrives to work with Barnaby and is thrown straight into a murder investigation in Midsomer Mallow.
- 9:00 Signora Volpe** (TV-14)
A Debt of Honour. Season 2, episode 1 of 3. A pillar of the local community is found dead at the charity he runs.
- 10:30 The Caverns Sessions** (TV-PG)
New Dangerfield.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Ty Myers.



New and returning mysteries featured

Season 5 of **Murder in Sweden** premieres on WILL Passport on Oct. 9. This season follows the exciting and mind-bending crimes that take place on the island of Gotland as detective Maria Wern investigates. The four-episode season involves chilling cases, including an investigation of a young woman found dead in the water during Visby's infamous Stockholm Week. Over the season we get two separate cases that shock Gotland as well as Wern herself. From Walter Presents, the series is in Swedish with English subtitles.



In addition, **Bergerac** comes to WILL Passport this month with episodes released weekly. Premiering on Oct. 15, the series features ex-cop Jim Bergerac, a broken man, battling his demons and on leave after the death of his wife. He returns to work after a member of one of Jersey's wealthiest families is murdered and another is kidnapped. This case is far from straightforward as he tries to find the kidnapped victim in time. **Bergerac** also airs on WILL-TV Sundays at 11 pm beginning Oct. 25.

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

American Experience

- JFK, parts 1 & 2, 10/9 & 10/16

Finding Your Roots

- In Search of Freedom, 10/28

Independent Lens

- Flood, 10/11
- True North: Canadian Myths and Black Power, 10/4

Joffrey Ballet: The Next Movement, 10/17

MASTERPIECE

- Maigret, season 2, 10/18

NOVA

- Stone Age Masterpiece, 10/29

Pacific Heartbeat

- Mahu: A Trans-Pacific Love Letter, 10/2

POV

- The Gas Station Attendant, 10/3
- How to Build a Library, 10/24

Sing Democracy 250, 10/24

Walter Presents (with English subtitles)

- Belcanto, 10/30 (Italian)
- Classified, season 2, 10/23 (French)
- No Time for Goodbye, 10/2 (French)
- One Step From Heaven, 10/9 (Italian)

LEAVING SOON

9/11 Inside the Pentagon, 10/5

Moveable Feast

- Asian Cuisine in San Diego, 10/14
- Mexican Cuisine in San Diego, 10/14
- Salt Lake City, Utah, 10/14

Nature

- Running with the Beast, 10/19
- Siberian Tiger Quest, 10/9

Next at the Kennedy Center

- Embracing Duality: Modern Indigenous Culture, 10/20
- Robert Glasper's Black Radio, 10/13

Not Done: Women Remaking America, 10/27

Secrets of the Dead

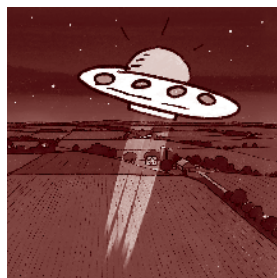
- The Sunken Basilica, 10/11

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WILL radio to broadcast play with ‘War of the Worlds’ twist

Illinois Public Media is a partner in the premiere of a new stage play by four-time Emmy Award-winning writer Bill Odenkirk. “We Interrupt This Program” will be followed by a conversation afterward hosted by Sarah Edwards, producer and host of **Prairie Fire**. IPM will record the performance and air it on Illinois Classical at 5 pm and midnight, Saturday, Oct. 31.



From left, Bill Odenkirk and Sarah Edwards at the Virginia Theatre.

“The play involves a small Illinois radio station covering the arrival of aliens and I originally saw it as a simple radio play,” Bill Odenkirk said. “It has long since evolved into a full theatrical production featuring wild and expensive technical visuals. Still, it will be a fun listen for a radio audience, who can provide their own visuals free of charge. I’m thrilled and honored that WILL has agreed to carry it. It is the perfect radio outlet for this show!”

The show and discussion will be presented at 7 pm Oct. 15 and Oct. 16 at the Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign. In the play, a small Midwestern radio station is set to rebroadcast Orson Welles’ “War of the Worlds” but is interrupted with the news that an actual alien ship has been spotted above an Illinois cornfield. The radio broadcast coincides with the anniversary of the 1938 premiere of “War of the Worlds.”

The show is a hilarious family-friendly presentation featuring Bill’s brother, actor Bob Odenkirk. It also features actors Ahmed Best, Avi Loeb, Jill Talley, and singer Ryan Groff. Bill Odenkirk, Sarah Conley Odenkirk, and Edwards are executive producers. Taylor Plantan is associate producer.

The discussion afterward — “The Tell: Is the Truth Out There?” — will feature Best, Loeb, and Bill Odenkirk, moderated by Edwards. Guests will discuss the elusive nature of evidence supporting the existence of extraterrestrials, the arguments for and against them and UAPs (Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena), and how our own biases, cultural influences, and beliefs color our perspectives.

The ambitious project has been in the making for more than a year. The collaboration came about, in part, from Edwards’ interview of the Odenkirk brothers last year for **Prairie Fire**. (Watch the interview at go.illinois.edu/PF-odenkirks.)

“The combination of Bill’s radio-friendly play paired with a discussion about the realities of extraterrestrial life is a perfect fit for IPM’s desire to combine creativity and information. Just like what I do on **Prairie Fire**!” Edwards said. “(The broadcast) is going to be a real treat (err ... trick?) for WILL listeners on Halloween.”

4 regional Emmy nominations announced

Prairie Fire was recently nominated for four Mid-America Emmys for short documentaries that were produced for season 3. The awards ceremony takes place Oct. 24, in Kansas City, Missouri. Nominations:

- *Interview/Discussion, Short or Long Form*: “Bill & Bob Odenkirk”
- *Arts/Entertainment, Short Form*: “Brian Dettmer: Reading with a Knife”
- *Arts/Entertainment, Long Form*: “Herb Eaton: Maker of Things”
- *Director, Short or Long Form*: Taylor Plantan



Members of the ‘Prairie Fire’ team, from left: Sarah Edwards, Tinisha Spain, DJ Roach, and Taylor Plantan.

“It is always nice, of course, to have our work recognized, but everyone on the **Prairie Fire** team simply loves the craft of storytelling,” Plantan said. “Our work is really about telling the stories of the people we meet and capturing the beauty of our state.”



IPM News continues Election 2026 coverage

To assist voters as we approach the Nov. 3 midterm election, IPM News and **The 21st Show** continue to provide coverage of critical issues as well as important candidate interviews. IPM News, the League of Women Voters of Champaign County, and the NAACP of Champaign County are hosting candidate forums and conducting interviews. For easy access to the interviews and more, visit go.illinois.edu/IPMelection2026.



The 21st Show also has been filming candidate interviews so that voters may watch on our YouTube channel, @ILPublicMedia. The interviews with host Brian Mackey include gubernatorial candidates Gov. JB Pritzker (D) and Darren Bailey (R) as well as many congressional candidates. IPM News senior editor Arjun Thakkar also has hosted local candidate forums and interviews, including Champaign County clerk and recorder and Champaign County Sheriff.



On Election Night, Mackey will provide statewide updates during NPR newscasts on WILL-AM 580 and FM 90.9 at 7:04 pm, 8:04 pm, 9:04 pm, and 10:04 pm. We also may stream some updates live on the Illinois Public Media YouTube Channel.

Visit ipmnewsroom.org for updates on election coverage.

Frank Center presents journalism alumni panel on midterm elections

University of Illinois journalism alumni who cover national politics will come together for a panel discussion on the upcoming midterm elections and potential national outcomes, the control of Congress, and more. Panelists include Dan Balz, recently retired chief correspondent at The Washington Post; Mario



Dan Balz



Mario Parker



Elaine Quijano



Jasmine Wright

Parker, managing editor of U.S. economy and government at Bloomberg News; Elaine Quijano, former CBS News and CNN correspondent; and Jasmine Wright, White House correspondent at NOTUS. Attendees can join this free event at 7 pm Thursday, Oct. 22, either in person at Spurlock Museum in Urbana or via Zoom. Go to media.illinois.edu/frankcenter for more details. This event is presented by the Richard and Leslie Frank Center for Leadership and Innovation in Media at the University of Illinois College of Media.



Join us for CU Pride Fest on Oct. 15

Illinois Public Media is thrilled to participate in the 16th annual CU Pride Fest vendor fair and parade on Saturday, Oct. 15 in downtown Urbana. Stop by the IPM tent during the vendor fair to pick up stickers and notebooks and learn more about local public media. We'd love to have you join our staff and other volunteers in the parade as we once again celebrate and support our LGBTQ+ community. More information on CU Pride Fest can be found at unitingpride.org.



Ebert Lecture focuses on Black performers in early cinema

The 2026 Roger Ebert Lecture will be given at 4 pm Thursday, Oct. 22, by Allyson Nadia Field, professor and chair of the Department of Cinema and Media Studies at the University of Chicago. Field's talk will focus on her book "Acts of Love: Black Performance and the Kiss That Changed Film History" (2026). Her research spans early silent film, with a particular focus on Black performers, bringing their stories to the forefront of cinema history. Rare film clips will be featured throughout the presentation. Attendees can join this free event in person at Spurlock Museum in Urbana or via Zoom. Go to media.illinois.edu/ebertcenter for more details. The lecture is presented by the Roger Ebert Center for Film Studies at the University of Illinois College of Media.

'Night of the Living Dead' featured Oct. 27



Celebrate Halloween a little early with a screening of the 1968 cult classic "Night of the Living Dead," followed by a discussion. Watch the zombie horror film by George A. Romero on the big screen at 7pm Tuesday, Oct. 27 at the Virginia Theatre. Part of the Illinois Public Media Film Series, the screening is presented by the University of Illinois Alumni Association, the Film-Fanatic Club, and the Champaign Park District. Tickets are available at thevirginia.org. After the

screening, there will be an on-stage conversation about the film and the book "Partially Devoured: How Night of the Living Dead Saved My Life and Changed the World." Guests include Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Daniel Kraus, author of the book; and Illinois Alumni magazine editor-in-chief Ryan Ross.

Celebrating more than just music

On Oct. 28, public radio stations nationwide will celebrate the seventh annual Public Radio Music Day. This year's theme, "Sounds Like Home," reflects what listeners already know: Music on WILL isn't just something you hear, it's part of daily life. Whether it's accompanying your morning coffee, your commute, or a quiet evening at home, public radio provides a familiar soundtrack and a sense of connection.



At Illinois Public Media, "Sounds Like Home" is more than a one-day theme. From classical music and soul to folk, smooth jazz, R&B, and other favorites, WILL provides a soundtrack for life across central Illinois. Through WILL Call, we also connect audiences with local concerts, festivals, performances, and community events. Every day, we're proud to bring the music, culture, and community that make central Illinois feel like home.

Illinois Public Media will have special programming on Oct. 28 on Illinois Classical, including a special episode of **Atomic Age Cocktail Party** that explores songs about leaving home, finding home, and returning home, a fitting tribute to the music and memories that connect us.

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