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TV Program Highlights

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Science & Nature



OUTBACK (Wednesday Evenings at 8:00 pm, beginning August 1) Journey with the people and animals of Australia's Kimberley region in North West Australia: a vast, rugged and remote wilderness, bursting with character. 3-part series.

August 1 – The Kimberley Comes Alive

August 8 – The Dry Season

August 15 – Return of the Wet



WONDERS OF MEXICO (Wednesday Evenings at 9:00 pm, beginning August 1) Travel south along Mexico's mountain spine, explore the tropical forests of the Maya, and journey across the deserts of northern Mexico to discover its amazing wildlife and culture. 3-part series.

August 1 – Forests of the Maya

August 8 – Mountain Worlds

August 15 – Burning North



ANCIENT INVISIBLE CITIES (Wednesday Evenings at 9:00 pm, beginning August 29) Join Professor Darius Arya to explore the hidden secrets of three of the most fascinating cities of the ancient world: Cairo, Athens and Istanbul. View the architectural jewels of these cities through 3D scans in this exciting 3-part series.



History & Current Events



RFK: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (Thursday, August 2 at 9:00 pm)

After an assassin's bullet took his brother's life, Robert F. Kennedy was bereft, not only of someone he loved, but of a role that had given meaning to his life. He had devoted himself to his glamorous brother John, suppressing his own ambitions for the sake of the Kennedy name. Just as he began to discover his own identity and move beyond his grief and the shadow of his brother, he, too, was assassinated.



FRONTLINE – DOCUMENTING HATE: CHARLOTTESVILLE

(Tuesday, August 7 at 10:00 pm) An investigation exposes white supremacists and Neo-Nazis involved in the 2017 Charlottesville rally. ProPublica reveals how some of those behind the racist violence went unpunished and continue to operate around the country.



HILLARY (Thursday Evenings at 10:00 pm, August 9, 16 and 30) Get a glimpse into the life of Sir Edmund Hillary, best known as the first man to conquer Mount Everest, with this scripted drama. Andrew Munro stars as Hillary, with Dean O'Gorman as his lifelong climbing companion, George Lowe. This 6-part series begins in August and continues into September. Please check local listings to confirm episode dates and times.



Arts & Entertainment



BRANDI CARLILE IN CONCERT: A BLUEGRASS UNDERGROUND SPECIAL (*Friday, August 3 at 10:00 pm*) From *Bluegrass Underground's* new subterranean home within The Caverns, PBS Arts presents a very special performance by the Grammy-nominated Roots-Rocker Brandi Carlile and her band. With the singing Hanseroth twins for backup, a four-piece string section, driving guitars and rhythm section, Brandi Carlile's set offers up tender ballads, soulful lyrics, complex arrangements, and searing roots rock.



GREAT PERFORMANCES: CHICAGO VOICES (*Friday, August 10 at 10:00 pm*) A star-studded array of vocal talent with deep ties to Chicago gathers on stage at Lyric Opera to pay tribute to the city's wide-reaching influence across blues, jazz, rock, folk, hip-hop, gospel, opera and classical music. Hosted by four-time Grammy-winning soprano Renée Fleming.



GREAT PERFORMANCES: VIENNA PHILHARMONIC SUMMER NIGHT CONCERT 2018 (*Friday, August 17 at 10:00 pm*) Led by guest conductor Valery Gergiev, the world-renowned Vienna Philharmonic returns for its 15th open-air concert, with the Baroque gardens of Austria's Imperial Schönbrunn Palace serving as the magnificent backdrop. The program features internationally acclaimed soprano Anna Netrebko as a special guest soloist and celebrates Italian operatic masters with works by Rossini, Verdi and Puccini.



BETTY WHITE: FIRST LADY OF TELEVISION (*Saturday, August 18 at 8:00 pm*) Filmed over the course of five years, this special takes a warm look at the life and career of the beloved television and film legend who celebrates 80 years in show business this year — officially the longest career in the history of TV. Lauded for her roles as the bawdy Sue Ann on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, the innocent Rose on *The Golden Girls*, and her more recent role as the worldly Elka on *Hot in Cleveland*, Betty White is also an industry pioneer. She was the first woman to produce a national TV show, the first woman to star in a sitcom, the first producer to hire a female director and the first woman to receive an Emmy nomination.



GREAT PERFORMANCES: THE CHRIS BOTTI BAND IN CONCERT (*Monday, August 20 at 9:30 pm*) Since the release of his 2004 critically acclaimed CD *When I Fall in Love*, Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Chris Botti has become a top-selling American instrumental artist. Performing worldwide and selling more than four million albums, Botti has found a form of creative expression that begins in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre.



GRATEFUL DEAD – DOWNHILL FROM HERE (*Friday, August 24 at 10:30 pm*) Filmed in the summer of 1989 at the Alpine Valley Music Theater in East Troy, Wisconsin, a favorite venue of the Deadheads, this concert captures a classic performance at the peak of the iconic band's career. Songs include "It's All Over Now," "West L.A. Freeway," "Gimme Some Lovin'," "Not Fade Away," and more.



AMERICAN MASTERS: EVA HESSE (*Friday, August 31 at 9:00 pm*) Discover the story of an artist whose groundbreaking work changed the course of art history. The 1960s creative communities in New York and Germany were never the same after her short but highly influential career.

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