

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

BALL STATE PBS

Hiroshima Ground Zero: Eyewitness Accounts of 78 A-Bomb Survivors The atomic bomb attack in Hiroshima created a devastating “death zone” that resulted in a mortality rate of 98.4%. This is the area within 500 meters of the hypocenter in Hiroshima where the atom bomb was dropped. Yet even here, 78 people miraculously survived. What did they experience that day? How did they live after the war?
Saturday, August 1 at 9 p.m.

Grantchester on Masterpiece Series Finale In the aftermath of the CeCe’s siege, Georgie fights for his life while fugitive Dex Sutton is on the run. As Alphy and Larry track him through the Cambridgeshire countryside, Alphy’s crisis of faith reaches its peak. Meanwhile, Leonard and Daniel take a bold step toward family, and Grantchester must face questions of forgiveness, love, and redemption. **Sunday, August 2 at 9 p.m.**

From The Cowboy’s Boot Heel: The Musical Journey Of Rob McNurlin Follow the musical journey of a Kentucky-born troubadour whose roots run deep into the soul of Appalachian tradition and Western country music. The film captures McNurlin’s unwavering commitment to authentic storytelling through song—from the hills of East Kentucky to stages across the world.
Saturday, August 22 at 10 p.m.

American Masters “Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World” Celebrate the life and career of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Mary Oliver. Shaped by a solitary childhood and rising literary fame, Oliver published more than 30 collections of poetry and essays on nature, beauty, and love. **Tuesday, August 25 at 9 p.m.**

Resolve to Solve with Miles O’Brien “Weathering Change Through Wind and Heat” Extreme heat is reshaping lives across the globe. Miles O’Brien journeys from Phoenix to Sydney to find solutions, proving that while the tools to fight this threat exist, the real question is: do we have the will to use them in time?
Wednesday, August 26 at 10 p.m.

INDIANA PUBLIC RADIO

The Facing Project



Author Ann Larson, photo by Michael Sohn

Cleanup on Aisle Five J.R. Jamison is joined by journalist Ann Larson to discuss her new book, *Cleanup on Aisle Five*, a deep dive informed by her time behind the register that examines supermarkets and how they operate from the inside out with low-wage workers stocking shelves, to the customers who roam the aisles at night, to the communities these stores serve and the larger capitalist forces and corporate interests at play that control how we shop for food. **Saturday, August 29 at 1 p.m.; encore Sunday, August 30 at 7 p.m.**



BlueNotes takes New York

In August, *BlueNotes* takes you on a trip, no airline tickets or hotel reservations required. Join host Larry Beck for a tour of “Big Apple Jazz,” two hours of jazz charts inspired by New York City and featuring musicians gaining prominence through the Harlem Renaissance. **Saturday, August 29 at 8 p.m.**



AUGUST PRIMETIME LISTINGS

	8 P.M.	8:30 P.M.	9 P.M.	9:30 P.M.	10 P.M.	10:30 P.M.
1 SAT	Chatsworth Through Time Explore the history, architecture, landscape and artwork of Chatsworth House, a historical English estate.		Hiroshima Ground Zero: Eyewitness Accounts of 78 A-Bomb Survivors Uncover survivor's stories through 110 hours of recorded interviews.		Towns In Tune "Towns In Tune - The Music" Features both Tokyo Joe, a Newberry favorite, and Celtic Connection, from Bay Bulls, NL.	
2 SUN	Patience "Hostage" Patience returns to help tackle crimes in York and faces challenges in love and loss.		Grantchester On Masterpiece "Season 11, Episode 8" In the aftermath of the CeCe's siege, Georgie fights for his life while fugitive Dex Sutton is on the run.		Downton Abbey Season 3 On Masterpiece "Part One" The Great War is over, and the abbey swims with social changes, romance, and crises.	
3 MON	Antiques Roadshow "Maryland Zoo Hour 2" ROADSHOW finds rare treasures at Maryland Zoo including a 1967 Ram Kumar oil painting.		Antiques Roadshow "Maryland Zoo Hour 3" Search for hidden treasures, with one valued at \$150,000-\$200,000!		POV "The Gas Station Attendant" A meditation on a complicated father-daughter bond and a poignant tribute to the immigrant working class.	
4 TUE	Finding Your Roots "Love & Basketball" Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of basketball superstars Brittney Griner and Chris Paul.		Once Upon A Time In Space "Friends Forever" Far from their home planet, astronauts living aboard the ISS face the emotional realities of isolation.		Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed The World "The Robot" Learn how robots were first conceptualized in ancient Rome.	
5 WED	Nature "Big Little Journeys: Bloodlines" Meet six heroic, tiny travelers risking it all to complete big journeys against the odds.		NOVA "Return to the Moon" A half-century after Apollo, the Artemis missions aim to bring astronauts back to the Moon and establish a lunar space station		Bugs That Rule The World "Beetlemania" As the world's most diverse, abundant species, beetles play crucial ecological roles in nearly every environment.	
6 THU	Now Entering "Cicero, Part 3" ❖	Fleeing to Flyover Country ❖	Astrid "The Arabian Nights" The charred corpse of an Iranian man is found in his house. Is this a case of spontaneous combustion or a diabolical crime?		Professor T "Sophie Knows" Professor T befriends a vulnerable girl and is convinced she is the key witness to a murder.	
7 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Chasing The Moon: American Experience "Magnificent Desolation" Experience the triumph of the first moon landing, witnessed by the largest TV audience in history. But dreams of space dramatically intersect with dreams of democracy, raising questions of national priorities and national identity.			
8 SAT	Concert for George A tribute performance in honor of music legend George Harrison. Held at London's Royal Albert Hall, the momentous evening featured Harrison's songs and music he loved, performed by icons including Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, Jeff Lynne, Monty Python, Tom Petty, Billy Preston, and many more.				Rush: Time Machine - Live In Cleveland A concert capture from April 2011 at Cleveland's Quicken Loans Arena.	
9 SUN	Red, White and Rock (My Music Presents)	All Creatures Great and Small: Chapter Six Join the cast and creators as they provide behind-the-scenes insights into Season 6, including the growing Herriot family, Mrs. Hall's return, Tristan's new love interest, and much more.			Downton Abbey On Masterpiece "Part Two" The fate of the Abbey hinges on a letter from a dead man. Edith and Sir Anthony face their own fate.	
10 MON	Billy Joel: The 100th: Live at Madison Square Garden Celebrates Joel's record-breaking 100th consecutive residency performance at Madison Square Garden. Recorded on March 28, 2024, The special features many of Joel's most beloved songs, including "Piano Man," "Uptown Girl," "My Life" and more!				More Deconstructing The Beatles, Part 1	More Deconstructing The Beatles, Part 2
11 TUE	This Land Is Your Land (My Music Presents) Take a musical journey through the evolution of modern American folk music, from its roots in bluegrass to San Francisco coffee houses to clubs in Greenwich Village.			Rock Classics A powerful concert event celebrating the songs, voices, and rebellious spirit that built rock 'n' roll. The special features unforgettable performances of iconic songs.		
12 WED	NOVA "Return to the Moon" A half-century after Apollo, the Artemis missions aim to bring astronauts back to the Moon and establish a lunar space station.			Neil Diamond: Hot August Night/NYC A compilation of Neil Diamond's biggest hits, performed across his four sell-out shows at Madison Square Garden during his 2008 tour.		
13 THU	Dolly Parton: Here I Am In this groundbreaking documentary film, Dolly herself lets us in on her fondest memories, her influences and her process, and we explore the legendary talent that has made her astonishingly successful and well-loved.				Great Performances "Andrea Bocelli 30th – The Celebration" The world-renowned Italian tenor's 30th anniversary concert.	
14 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Elvis '56 Open a time capsule to reveal the legendary performer at the very beginning of his meteoric career. Explore the sights and sounds of that pivotal year using exclusive tour photographs, kinescopes, and interviews.			Great Performances "Josh Groban: An Evening at Union..."
15 SAT	Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration Celebrate Willie Nelson's milestone 90th birthday and the 12-time GRAMMY Award winner's contributions to popular culture and music. This historic concert event features unforgettable collaborations and once-in-a-lifetime performances.					Fleetwood Mac: The Dance

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16 SUN	Celtic Tenors: Live at the Empire Featuring the acclaimed Irish-based trio of Matthew Gilsean, George Hutton and Daryl Simpson, this recording showcases the tenors performing opera, classical, Irish traditional and pop music in their signature harmony-rich style.				Downton Abbey On Masterpiec “Part Three” Two social revolutions arrive at Downton Abbey: the Irish civil war and the fight for women’s suffrage.	
17 MON	Antiques Roadshow “Shelburne Museum Hour 1” Gem State treasures sparkle at Idaho Botanical Garden.		Antiques Roadshow “Shelburne Museum Hour 2” Visit the Green Mountain State for colorful finds, like a women’s Rolex gold & diamond bracelet watch.		Inside The Court of Henry VIII Part Renaissance prince, part medieval tyrant, Henry VIII is the most famous of English kings.	
18 TUE	Finding Your Roots Westward Bound” Henry Louis Gates, Jr. traces the family trees of talk show host Sara Haines and playwright Tracy Letts.		American Masters “Starring Dick Van Dyke” Celebrate the life and career of legendary actor Dick Van Dyke on his 100th birthday. Featuring never-before-seen footage, photos and home movies that detail Van Dyke’s extraordinary showbiz legacy.			
19 WED	Nature “Lions of the Skeleton Coast” Dr. Philip Stander follows three orphaned desert lion cubs as they navigate the harsh realities of survival.		NOVA “Cat Tales” What can science tell us about our most mysterious companions?		Resolve to Solve with Miles O’Brien “Wild Climate Fixes from Cows and Beavers” Can seaweed and beavers help save the world?	
20 THU	Now Entering “Yorktown, Part 1” ❖	The Hobby ❖ Follow collectors of antique canning jars.	Astrid “30,000 Feet” Raphaëlle escorts a repatriated serial killer on a plane, but he dies mid-flight, the victim of decompression sickness.		Professor T “The Dutiful Child” An attempt is made on a billionaire man’s life; the culprit may be much closer to home than the police suspect.	
21 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances at the Met “Eugene Onegin” Following her acclaimed 2024 company debut in Puccini’s Madama Butterfly, soprano Asmik Grigorian returns to the Met as Tatiana, the lovestruck young heroine in this ardent operatic adaptation of Pushkin.			
22 SAT	The Dreamers and I Follow three immigrant entrepreneurs making their high-tech dreams come true; what happens when dreams & reality collide?		Our Vanishing Americana: Florida Reflect on a time when small-town institutions were at the heart of daily life and community connections.		From The Cowboy’s Boot Heel: The Musical Journey Of Rob McNurlin The soul of Appalachian tradition and Western country music.	
23 SUN	Mr Bates vs The Post Office On Masterpiece “Episode 1” Mysterious financial losses lead to the firing and prosecuting of village Subpostmasters.		Mr Bates vs The Post Office On Masterpiece “Episode 2” Alan Bates and the Subpostmasters begin their fight for the truth and justice.		Downton Abbey On Masterpiece “Part Four” The Crawley family faces its severest test yet. New evidence turns up in a baffling case.	
24 MON	Antiques Roadshow “Shelburne Museum Hour 3” Watch vibrant Vermont treasures including a 1956-1958 Celtics team-signed photo & basketball.		Antiques Roadshow “New York City, Hour One” ROADSHOW hits a homerun in the premiere of season 19 with a treasure-filled visit to New York City.		POV “How to Build A Library” Shiro Wachuka tackle and redefine a formerly whites-only McMillan Memorial Library.	
25 TUE	Finding Your Roots “Family Harmonies” Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the family trees of two celebrated musicians: Lizzo and Flea		American Masters “Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World” Celebrate the life and career of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Mary Oliver, who published more than 30 collections of works on nature, beauty, and love.			Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Ruben...
26 WED	Nature “Grizzly 399: Queen of the Tetons” The most famous bear in the Tetons attempts to raise four cubs.		NOVA “Dog Tales” Researchers reveal how humans tamed fearsome canines over tens of thousands of years.		Resolve to Solve with Miles O’Brien “Weathering Change Through Wind and Heat” Miles O’Brien journeys from Phoenix to Sydney to find solutions	
27 THU	Now Entering “Yorktown, Part 2” ❖	Amplified: A Conversation with Women In... ❖	Astrid “Immortal” Detectives find themselves faced with a crime that defies the laws of both science and ethics when a body is found with multiple wounds.		Professor T “Ring of Fire” A young woman is left badly burned after a fire in a student flat.	
28 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances “Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert 2026” The Vienna Philharmonic is joined by a guest soloist to perform an enchanting open-air concert from the gardens of Austria’s Imperial Schonbrunn Palace.			Great Performances “Now Hear This Brahms: Free But Alone”
29 SAT	Facing The Laughter: Minnie Pearl Explore the beloved character of Minnie Pearl and how she impacted American culture and became an icon of country music through radio, live stage performances, and television.			Marguerite: from the Bauhaus to Pond Farm	Composer: Amy Beach Chronicles the remarkable life and career of child prodigy and groundbreaking composer Amy Beach.	
30 SUN	Mr Bates vs The Post Office On Masterpiece “Episode 3” Alan allies with the Post Office in the hope his friends can get justice at last.		Mr Bates vs The Post Office On Masterpiece “Episode 4” Alan and his friends finally embark on the challenge of battling the Post Office in court.		Downton Abbey On Masterpiece “Part Five” Things go badly amiss at Downton Abbey. Robert and Cora are not speaking.	
31 MON	Antiques Roadshow “New York City, Hour Two” ROADSHOW in The Big Apple for the first time in 13 years, where they head to the iconic Apollo Theater.		Antiques Roadshow New York City, Hour Three” The team joins appraiser Nicholas M. Dawes at the Salmagundi club to learn about porcelain mugs.		POV TV’s longest-running showcase for indie nonfiction films. POV premieres 14-16 of the best and boldest programs every year on PBS.	

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Tune in for **America's Home Cooking: Around the World in 80 Recipes** on Saturday, August 8 at 10 a.m. Stamp your gastronomic passport as you learn to make the Italian-American staple chicken

parmigiana, Asian dumplings, Turkish red lentil soup, hummus and baba ganoosh from the Middle East, the Greek food festival favorite spanakopita, and an Eastern European holiday favorite Bobalki.

Don't miss **Great Scenic Railway Journeys** on Sunday, August 16 at 12 p.m. Gain access to some of America's best railway adventures, from the Rocky Mountaineer to the Skyrail. More than just a tour, these stories offer a glimpse into our nation's railroad history and explore how railroads defined the spirit of North America, creating a new industry and rewriting the history of transportation.

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