



FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY



Kathleen Young
NHPBS Producer

On December 19th at 8:30 PM, New Hampshire PBS is honored to present a new documentary on the life and legacy of Christa McAuliffe, the first educator selected for NASA's Teacher in Space Program. We sat down with New Hampshire PBS producer Kathleen Young to get her perspective on the film **CHRISTA**.

"Growing up near Concord, I vividly remember the excitement and pride when Christa McAuliffe was chosen to be the first teacher in space," said Young. "It was such an exciting time for New Hampshire."

Earlier this year, the former director of the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Jeanne Gerluskis, asked New Hampshire PBS to produce a documentary to coincide with a statue dedication on the front lawn of the New Hampshire State House. "As a producer, I've worked on numerous projects, but none have been as meaningful and impactful as this one," said Young.

"Jeanne emphasized that this documentary should focus on sculpting Christa's legacy," said Young. "Literally, with a statue being created by nationally celebrated sculptor Benjamin Victor, and figuratively, by showcasing how Christa's life has inspired millions of people around the world. Jeanne was adamant that this story should celebrate Christa's life, not her tragic death."

Young spent months immersing herself in McAuliffe's journey, reading news accounts, watching documentaries and scouring NASA's website. "What I quickly discovered was that most of what I found was focused on the shuttle's disaster, rather than on Christa herself."

Young worked with NASA, the McAuliffe Discovery Center at Framingham State and educator Kimberly Bleier, who currently teaches the class McAuliffe developed at Concord High School. The Concord Historical Society also gave access to their archival footage of McAuliffe's appearances and speeches. "I watched interviews from the local Channel 12, where Christa spoke about the importance of understanding how ordinary citizens shape history," said Young.

CHRISTA also features interviews with local dignitaries, museum directors, educators and former students, who all provide a personal and intimate portrait of McAuliffe's life. "I talked with people who grew up in Concord and remembered Christa as a friend, colleague and teacher," said Young. "Everyone I interviewed agreed that Christa's infectious enthusiasm and warm smile were what set her apart from the 11,000 other applicants for the Teacher in Space Program."

With so much material, the documentary could have gone in many different directions. "The most challenging aspect of the process was selecting who to include in the program," said Young. "I could have easily created a mini-series." Some interviews will be produced as standalone videos that will be available on nhpbs.org/christa.

As the documentary took shape, something became very clear to Young. "Jeanne was right," said Young. "Christa McAuliffe was far more than the 73 seconds that followed the *Challenger's* launch. She was a champion for educators, a trailblazer for women and a testament to the power of ordinary people achieving extraordinary things."

CHRISTA will premiere on December 19th at 8:30 PM on New Hampshire PBS and online on the PBS App. To learn more, go to nhpbs.org/christa.

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NHPBS PRIMETIME PICKS



**Henry Louis Gates, Jr. –
The Fabric of America**

TUE Dec 3 | 7:30 PM NHPBS

Explore the work of one of the most renowned, respected and popular cultural historians with this new retrospective documentary, which reveals how Gates' work has made history come alive for tens of millions of Americans.



Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle
SUN Dec 8 | 8 PM NHPBS

Sherlock Holmes is the most famous detective in the world. He made his author, Arthur Conan Doyle, rich and famous, but the writer came to hate his fictional character. Through the changing world of Victorian and Edwardian Britain, Lucy Worsley explores why.



NOVA: Lost Tombs of Notre Dame
WED Dec 18 | 9 PM NHPBS

After the Notre Dame fire in 2019, two mysterious coffins were found buried beneath its floor. Where did they come from, and who was inside? Follow scientists and historians as they investigate what their stories reveal about this iconic cathedral.



Christa

THU Dec 19 | 8:30 PM NHPBS

The remarkable legacy of America's first teacher selected for space, Christa McAuliffe, is the focus of this powerful NHPBS documentary. Former students, dignitaries, artists and educators celebrate a teacher who believed that ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things.



Call the Midwife Holiday Special
WED Dec 25 | 8 PM NHPBS

It's Christmas 1969, and the funfair and carol concert add color to frosty Poplar, yet, the festive spirit at Nonnatus House is dampened by the spread of influenza alongside growing fears of an escaped prisoner after a spate of break-ins.



**Windows to the Wild:
Power from the Gulf**
THU Dec 26 | 8 PM NHPBS

The proposed Gulf of Maine offshore wind farm could be New England's next big source of renewable energy. Willem Lange meets fishermen, scientists and industry experts to discuss the potential impacts of wind farming in the Gulf.

5 CHANNEL SPOTLIGHT

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AMERICAN MASTERS: BRENDA LEE

MON Dec 16 | 10 PM NHPBS

Discover the story behind Brenda Lee and explore how her early fame and life of poverty shaped her music, including the classic "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree." The film features interviews with Keith Urban, Pat Benatar, Neil Giraldo and more.



MIDSOMER MURDERS – NEW SEASON

MON Dec 9 | 8 PM EXPLORE

DCI Barnaby and his trusty sidekick, DS Jamie Winter, endeavor to solve perplexing crimes while also exploring the quirks of their delightful yet deadly corner of the English countryside. This season, they uncover mysteries in police retirement villages, artisan bakeries, drag shows and more.



HOMEMADE GIFT IDEAS MARATHON

FRI Dec 6 | 9 PM NH CREATE

Not finding that perfect gift in a store? We've got your handmade inspiration! Whether you sew, knit, cook or bake, you're sure to find an idea or two from your favorite Create hosts. Featured shows include AMERICAN WOODSHOP, BEST OF SEWING WITH NANCY, SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS and more.



INTO THE NIGHT: DARKNESS AND LIGHT

SUN Dec 22 | 8 PM NH WORLD

Explore the many ways we think about death and, in particular, our own death. Across seven segments, the film shares the stories of fascinating men and women from various walks of life – young and old, believers and unbelievers, dying and healthy – grappling with similar questions about mortality.



A DONKEY HODIE NEW YEAR

MON Dec 2 | 12 PM NH KIDS

Someplace Else is getting ready for New Year's Eve, and Donkey Hodie prepares for her special family tradition with Grampy and Cousin Hodie. After neighbors celebrate the countdown in their own ways, they come together for a new tradition!

A SEASON FOR MUSIC



WILLIE NELSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
MON Dec 2 | 7:30 PM NHPBS



HAUSER: CLASSICAL GALA CONCERT
FRI Dec 6 | 9 PM NHPBS



VIOLENT FEMMES 40TH ANNIVERSARY
FRI Dec 13 | 9 PM NHPBS



JOY – CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR
TUE Dec 17 | 8 PM NHPBS



NEXT AT THE KENNEDY CENTER: SARA BAREILLES
TUE Dec 31 | 10:30 PM NHPBS

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NH PBS DECEMBER 2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
Sun. 12/1	Rick Steves' Festive Europe	All Creatures Great and Small: Christmas in the Dales			All Creatures Great and Small: Tricky & Friends			Wolf Hall On Masterpiece**
Mon. 12/2	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration				Johnny Cash: Man In Black - Live In Denmark 1971**	
Tue. 12/3	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Henry Louis Gates, Jr. - The Fabric of America			Behind The Scenes of Leonardo da Vinci with Ken Burns		
Wed. 12/4	PBS News Hour*	Weathered: Earth's Extremes	Windows to the Wild Mountains and Memories	Mustangs: America's Wild Horses (Kaet)				Concert for George
Thu. 12/5	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Mighty Alps	Windows to the Wild Student at the Summit	Christmas In New England		The Fab Four: The Ultimate Beatles Tribute	
Fri. 12/6	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Hauser - Classic Gala Concert Live at the Royal Albert Hall**		
Sat. 12/7	Showstoppers! Great Women of TV Variety			Carole King: Home Again - Live In Central Park			Leonard Cohen - Live In Dublin**	
Sun. 12/8	All Creatures Great and Small: Tricky & Friends			Lucy Worsley's Holmes Vs. Doyle			Vienna Blood: Analyzing The Hidden Truths	
Mon. 12/9	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Pearl Harbor - Into The Arizona**
Tue. 12/10	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Finding Your Roots The New World		Finding Your Roots On Broadway		Frontline** Breakdown In Maine
Wed. 12/11	PBS News Hour*	Weathered: Earth's Extremes	Windows to the Wild Student at the Summit	Nature Portugal: Wild Land on the Edge		Nova Rebuilding Notre Dame		Secrets of the Dead** The Sunken Basilica
Thu. 12/12	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Elevate Youth	Counting On Birds		To The Ends of the Earth: Birds of East Africa	
Fri. 12/13	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Violent Femmes 40th Anniversary with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra		Yacht Rock Revis: 70s and 80s Hits. Live from New York**
Sat. 12/14	Secrets of the Royal Palaces		Agatha Christie's Marple			Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 12/15	Curious Traveler	Sister Boniface Mysteries		Lucy Worsley's Holmes Vs. Doyle		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece**
Mon. 12/16	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		American Masters** Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around
Tue. 12/17	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Joy - Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir			Too Hot to Handel - The Gospel Messiah**	
Wed. 12/18	PBS News Hour*	Weathered: Earth's Extremes	Windows to the Wild Elevate Youth	Earthshot Report, The.		Nova Lost Tombs of Notre Dame		Secrets of the Dead** Eiffel's Race to the Top
Thu. 12/19	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Trip to Southern France	Christa	New Hampshire In Space	Christa	8 Days: to the Moon and Back**
Fri. 12/20	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Simple Gifts		Crane Candlelight Concert**
Sat. 12/21	Christmas Carol Goes Wrong		Agatha Christie's Marple			Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 12/22	Curious Traveler	Sister Boniface Mysteries		Lucy Worsley's Holmes Vs. Doyle		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece**
Mon. 12/23	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas**
Tue. 12/24	PBS News Hour*	A Christmas with Sir John Rutter at Preston Hollow		Finding Your Roots On Broadway		Too Hot to Handel - The Gospel Messiah		
Wed. 12/25	PBS News Hour*	Christmas Revels: All Shall Be Well Again	Windows to the Wild Trip to Southern France	Call The Midwife Holiday Special 2024				Call The Midwife Holiday Special 2024
Thu. 12/26	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Power from the Gulf	Great Yellowstone Thaw		Great Yellowstone Thaw	
Fri. 12/27	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Craft In America Science		Craft In America** Collectors
Sat. 12/28	Peter Pan Goes Wrong		Agatha Christie's Marple			Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 12/29	Curious Traveler	Sister Boniface Mysteries		Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece**
Mon. 12/30	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		P.O.V.** Who I Am Not
Tue. 12/31	PBS News Hour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Next at the Kennedy Center Sara Bareilles			Next at the Kennedy Center Cynthia Erivo & Friends	

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Sun. 12/1	Carole King: Home Again - Live In Central Park*		This Land Is Your Land (My Music Presents)			Nova Building Stuff: Change It!		Ken Burns: The Civil War
Mon. 12/2	Broadway's Leading Men: A Musical Celebration*	PBS News Hour		Rick Steves' Heart of Italy				Behind The Scenes of Leonardo da Vinci with Ken Burns**
Tue. 12/3	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		All Creatures Great and Small: Tricky & Friends		All Creatures Great and Small: Christmas in the Dales**		
Wed. 12/4	All Creatures Great and Small: Tricky & Friends*	PBS News Hour		60s and 70s Soul Celebration (My Music Presents)**				
Thu. 12/5	Easy Yoga for Arthritis with Peggy Cappy*	PBS News Hour		Carole King: Home Again - Live In Central Park			Mary Berry's Highland Christmas**	
Fri. 12/6	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Johnny Cash: Man In Black - Live In Denmark 1971		Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration**		
Sat. 12/7	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Henry Louis Gates, Jr. - The Fabric of America			Behind The Scenes of Leonardo da Vinci with Ken Burns		Wolf Hall On Masterpiece**	
Sun. 12/8	Ken Burns: The Civil War*			Mustangs: America's Wild Horses (Kaet)				Concert for George
Mon. 12/9	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries	
Tue. 12/10	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Rick Steves European Festivals		Rick Steves European Christmas	Luna & Sophie**	
Wed. 12/11	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Death In Paradise		The Brokenwood Mysteries		
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Sat. 12/14	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots The New World		The American St. Nick		Counting On Birds		To The Ends of the Earth: Birds of East Africa**
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Fri. 12/20	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots On Broadway		Lucy Worsley's Holmes Vs. Doyle		Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen**
Sat. 12/21	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots On Broadway		Christa	New Hampshire In Space	Simple Gifts		Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas**
Sun. 12/22	New Hampshire In Space	Earthshot Report, The.		Great Polar Bear Feast		Nova Lost Tombs of Notre Dame		Secrets of the Dead** Eiffel's Race to the Top
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Wed. 12/25	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Death In Paradise		The Brokenwood Mysteries		
Thu. 12/26	Call The Midwife* Holiday Special 2024	PBS News Hour		Agatha Christie's Marple			Velvet**	
Fri. 12/27	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots Songs of the Past		Lucy Worsley's Holmes Vs. Doyle		Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen**
Sat. 12/28	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Songs of the Past		American Masters How It Feels to Be Free				Great Performances** Reopening - The Broadway Revival
Sun. 12/29	Antiques Roadshow*	Great Yellowstone Thaw		Great Yellowstone Thaw		Great Yellowstone Thaw		Secrets of the Dead** Hannibal in the Alps
Mon. 12/30	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries	
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