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HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT A MILLION



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President & CEO

At New Hampshire PBS, we know that every story we tell starts with you. You keep Willem Lange and the WINDOWS TO THE WILD crew exploring New England, you keep the rigorous, unbiased reporting of PBS NEWS HOUR available to your community, and when you relax with a beloved drama on MASTERPIECE, it's because viewers like you have decided NHPBS is a local, independent resource worth investing in.

As we continue working to bridge the gap left by the loss of federal funding, we're excited to announce that you can double the impact of your investment in NHPBS when you donate by December 31st.

Thanks to a generous group of anonymous donors, your gift will be matched—dollar for dollar—up to a whopping $500,000. It's our biggest match ever, and when you help us MAKE IT A MILLION, you're ensuring that we can do our part to make our community strong for years to come.

I'll admit it. As 2026 began, we weren't sure what to expect during our first full calendar year without federal funding. Once again, however, you have come through and helped make it a banner year for NHPBS and our community.

Because of you, we began the year by welcoming high schoolers from all over the state to compete on GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE. I'm pleased to report that even in the age of TikTok, appearing on TV feels like a big accomplishment to these kids. "It's really fun when a school club that isn't a sport gets to travel and do this big competition," Profile High School Captain Maddie Perkins told us.

As we prepare for the next season of GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE, more schools than ever have signed up to try their hand at the 100-question qualifying exam. To put it another way, more students than ever before are eagerly volunteering to take a test on a Sunday. If that isn't a sign that your gift to NHPBS has succeeded in getting kids excited about learning, I don't know what is.

But it hasn't been just the kids having fun. You turned out in force as we celebrated America's 250th anniversary. We met hundreds of you at screenings of THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION at schools, theatres and libraries all over the Granite State. Each screening was followed by a discussion of the film, and it was fascinating to hear what people took away from each viewing.

These enlightening events culminated in KEN BURNS AND THE AMERICAN IDEA, a live interview we hosted with New Hampshire Humanities, the New Hampshire Historical Society and the Capitol Center for the Arts. Laura Knoy joined Ken Burns to discuss his career and the overarching themes of his films during an insightful and sometimes surprisingly funny night.

During his conversation with Knoy, Burns pointed out that when Thomas Jefferson included "the pursuit of Happiness" in the Declaration of Independence, he was referring to lifelong learning. Given that, Burns called public media "the Declaration of Independence applied to broadcasting."

I'm not as poetic as Ken, but your generosity means that we can keep the people of New Hampshire reliably informed, regardless of their income level. That, I believe, is an important touchstone of a healthy democracy.

At a time when network newsrooms face an unprecedented loss of editorial control, and generative AI can make it hard to know what to trust on social media, your support means that the independent, reliable reporting of FRONTLINE and PBS NEWS HOUR isn't going anywhere, and local issues will still be discussed in depth on THE STATE WE'RE IN.

Our MAKE IT A MILLION campaign concludes on December 31st. I hope you'll end our year on a high note by giving as much as you can and taking advantage of this opportunity to double your impact.

This year, you taught us we can still have big plans for the future, even in the face of adversity. For more stories, more discovery and more of what brings us together, donate today at **nhpbs.org/match** and help us MAKE IT A MILLION.

NHPBS PRIMETIME PICKS



Lucy Worsley: Keys to the Castle

SUN Dec 6 | 8 PM NHPBS

Armed with the keys to the world's greatest palaces, Lucy Worsley explores hidden rooms inside Marie Antoinette's Versailles, discovers how Blenheim Palace shaped Winston Churchill and finds a dark secret at the heart of the Doge's Palace in Venice.



All Creatures Great and Small: Christmas Cheer

SUN Dec 6 | 9:30 PM NHPBS

Relive the most hearwarming moments of seasons 4, 5 and 6 with the cast and crew of ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL. Grounded in 1940s tradition, ALL CREATURES blends holiday miracles with the chaotic realities of rural life.



Democracy in the Age of AI

TUE Dec 8 | 9 PM NHPBS

Join NPR's *1A* host Jenn White and special guests for an exploration of democracy in the age of artificial intelligence. Leading voices in journalism, law, philosophy and technology examine how AI is shaping our society and changing the ways we connect.



Happiness Season 2

SUN Dec 13 | 10 PM NHPBS

Return to Tauranga, where the quirky amateur theater troupe of Pizzazz is preparing for the spotlight once more. Depressed after Jaqui's betrayal, Charlie is inspired to stage a groundbreaking take on *Sherlock Holmes*. But as Charlie returns, so too does Norma—the theatre ghost.



NOVA: Universe in Motion

WED Dec 16 | 9 PM NHPBS

Can a giant new telescope with the world's biggest camera reveal the fate of the universe? For years, scientists have struggled with the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy. Now, the Vera C. Rubin Observatory is poised to transform astrophysics.



Craft in America: North & South

FRI Dec 18 | 9 PM NHPBS

In two back-to-back episodes, artists share family stories, demonstrate traditional and contemporary techniques and connect to Indigenous and immigrant histories. These stories open a gateway to understanding why craft matters to our nation today.

5 CHANNEL SPOTLIGHT

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AMERICAN MASTERS: WILDER
TUE Dec 29 | 9 PM **NHPBS**

Follow the journey of actor Gene Wilder, from his collaborative relationship with Mel Brooks to his rise as a Hollywood leading man and comedic visionary. This eye-opening documentary features never-before-seen interviews with Wilder, archival clips and an intimate look into Wilder's legacy from his nephew, Jordan Walker-Pearlman.



COOKING WITH LEGENDS: LIDIA BASTIANICH AND PATI JINICH
THU Dec 3 | 9:30 PM **NHPBS EXPLORE**

Join the legendary James Beard Award-winning chefs as they meet in New York to cook their favorite brunch, Sunday dinner and dessert recipes. Between courses they swap stories about their culinary heritage and the personal journeys that shaped them.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON
FRI Dec 4 | 9 PM **NH CREATE**

'Tis the season to celebrate, and Create is bringing a weekend of festive fun. Bake for Hanukkah, stitch up handmade gifts, paint a glowing snowscape and ride the rails into a winter wonderland. All month long, Create is an amazing place to look for inspiration for the holidays, from gifts and decor to ideas to make entertaining easier than ever before.



NATURE: CHRISTMAS IN THE ALPS
SUN Dec 20 | 8 PM **NH WORLD**

Experience an Alpine winter wonderland, including snowy spruce forests, ibex herds and wolf packs. Goldcrests search for their next holiday feast while marmots retreat to a cozy home underground, and chamois race across the highest peaks.



PHOEBE AND JAY – NEW EPISODES
TUE Dec 1 | 8:30 AM **NHPBS KIDS**

In these colorful new episodes, Phoebe & Jay's new friend Piper is visually impaired, so they create a game that includes sounds. Then they help out at the grand re-opening of Toppings Town, where they learn about small, medium and large food sizes.

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CELEBRATE WITH MUSIC



DOLLY PARTON: HERE I AM
TUE Dec 1 | 9:30 PM NHPBS



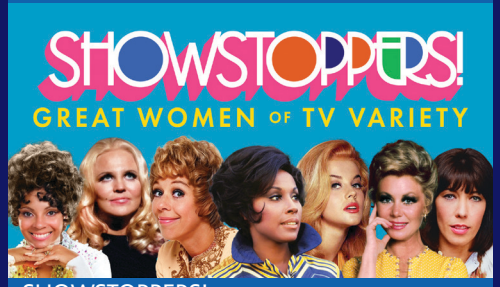
JOHN DENVER'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH
WED Dec 2 | 9:30 PM NHPBS



THE DEAN MARTIN & FRANK SINATRA FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW
THU Dec 3 | 8:30 PM NHPBS



PEACE ON EARTH:
CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR
MON Dec 14 | 9 PM NHPBS



SHOWSTOPPERS!
GREAT WOMEN OF TV VARIETY
FRI Dec 25 | 10 PM EXPLORE

NH PBS DECEMBER 2026 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
Tue. 12/1	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Making Jefferson's Maccaroni Pie	An Anthem to America: Ken Burns & Florentine Films Celebrates 50 Years			Dolly Parton: Here I Am**	
Wed. 12/2	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild What Nature Ignites In Us	Ken Burns: The National Parks			John Denver's Rocky Mountain High**	
Thu. 12/3	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	P. Allen Smith's A Sense of Place	Windows to the Wild Traditions Shaped By Nature	The Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra Family Christmas Show			Carpenters: Close to You & Christmas Special
Fri. 12/4	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	60s and 70s Soul Celebration (My Music Presents)		
Sat. 12/5	Dolly Parton: Here I Am				Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration			
Sun. 12/6	Rick Steves European Christmas			Lucy Worsley's Keys to the Castle Versailles			All Creatures Great and Small: Christmas Cheer**	
Mon. 12/7	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Corpsman! Pearl Harbor**
Tue. 12/8	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots Hidden Kin		Democracy in the Age of AI* An Evening with Jenn White of 1A		Frontline Scammed
Wed. 12/9	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Traditions Shaped By Nature	Nature Walrus: Life On Thin Ice		NOVA Can Dogs Talk?		Sacred Planet with Gulnaz Khan**
Thu. 12/10	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	P. Allen Smith's A Sense of Place	Windows to the Wild Photos, Fish, and Finds	Fir Traders	A Celebration of Hanukkah		Making Jefferson's Maccaroni Pie
Fri. 12/11	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	American Masters Roberta		
Sat. 12/12	Seniority Authority Right Sizing	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 12/13	Energy Switch	Death In Paradise		Lucy Worsley's Keys to the Castle Doge's Palace		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece		Happiness
Mon. 12/14	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Peace On Earth: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir		
Tue. 12/15	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots Rising from the Ashes		American Masters HOPPER: An American Love Story		Frontline**
Wed. 12/16	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Photos, Fish, and Finds	Nature Christmas in the Alps		NOVA Universe In Motion		Sacred Planet with Gulnaz Khan**
Thu. 12/17	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	P. Allen Smith's A Sense of Place	Windows to the Wild Taking The Plunge	Christmas In New England	Counting On Birds		To The Ends of the Earth: Avian Chronicles**
Fri. 12/18	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Craft In America North		Craft In America** South
Sat. 12/19	Seniority Authority Rethinking Aging	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 12/20	Energy Switch	Death In Paradise		Lucy Worsley's Keys to the Castle Blenheim Palace		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece		Happiness
Mon. 12/21	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Great Performances Nutcracker from English National Ballet		
Tue. 12/22	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots And Still I Rise		American Masters Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around		Frontline**
Wed. 12/23	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Taking The Plunge	Nature Santa's Wild Home		NOVA Lost Tombs of Notre Dame		Sacred Planet with Gulnaz Khan**
Thu. 12/24	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Fir Traders	Windows to the Wild The Paths We Share	Christmas In New England	A Classic Christmas: Tidings of Joy with the Bach Festival Choir & Orchestra		Hope College Christmas Vespers**
Fri. 12/25	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Call The Midwife Holiday Special**		
Sat. 12/26	Seniority Authority	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 12/27	Energy Switch	Death In Paradise		Lucy Worsley's Keys to the Castle Neuschwanstein		All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece		Happiness
Mon. 12/28	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		American Masters** Starring Dick Van Dyke		
Tue. 12/29	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots Anchormen		American Masters Wilder		
Wed. 12/30	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild The Paths We Share	Nature American Arctic		NOVA Ancient Maya Metropolis		Sacred Planet with Gulnaz Khan**
Thu. 12/31	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	P. Allen Smith's A Sense of Place	Windows to the Wild Out of Bounds	John Williams: The Berlin Concert		Barbra Streisand: Timeless - Live In Concert**	

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Wed. 12/2	Dolly Parton: Here I Am*	PBS News Hour		Carpenters: Close to You & Christmas Memories (My Music Presents)				60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music Presents)
Thu. 12/3	Carpenters: Close to You & Christmas Special	PBS News Hour		A Celebration of Hanukkah			Cooking with Legends: Lidia Bastianich and Pati Jinich**	
Fri. 12/4	Rick Steves' Festive Europe	PBS News Hour		Ken Burns: The National Parks			Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration**	
Sat. 12/5	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD				An Anthem to America: Ken Burns & Florentine Films Celebrates 50 Years		
Sun. 12/6	Dolly Parton: Here I Am*			Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration				The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum**
Mon. 12/7	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Hotel Portofino		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Good Karma Hospital**
Tue. 12/8	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Death In Paradise		Downton Abbey Season 5 On Masterpiece		Lucy Worsley's Keys to the Castle** Versailles
Wed. 12/9	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Miss Scarlet and the Duke On Masterpiece		Miss Scarlet and the Duke On Masterpiece		Miss Scarlet and the Duke On Masterpiece**
Thu. 12/10	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Inspector George Gently**
Fri. 12/11	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots Hidden Kin		Finding Your Roots Salems Lot		Democracy in the Age of AI**
Sat. 12/12	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Hidden Kin		A Celebration of Hanukkah		Making Jefferson's Maccaroni Pie	Christmas In New England	The Songwriters (APT)
Sun. 12/13	Antiques Roadshow*	Nature Walrus: Life On Thin Ice		NOVA Can Dogs Talk?		Sacred Planet with Gulnaz Khan		The Green Planet**
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Wed. 12/23	Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine*	PBS News Hour		Miss Scarlet On Masterpiece		Miss Scarlet On Masterpiece		Miss Scarlet On Masterpiece**
Thu. 12/24	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Inspector George Gently**
Fri. 12/25	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots And Still I Rise		American Masters Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around		Showstoppers! Great Women of TV Variety**
Sat. 12/26	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots And Still I Rise		Gospel Live! Presented By Henry Louis Gates, Jr.		Cultural Expressions: Kwanzaa		The Songwriters (APT)
Sun. 12/27	Antiques Roadshow*	Nature Santa's Wild Home		NOVA Lost Tombs of Notre Dame		Sacred Planet with Gulnaz Khan		The Green Planet**
Mon. 12/28	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Hotel Portofino		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Good Karma Hospital**
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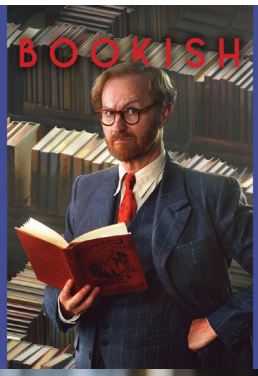
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