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## FUELING FUTURE MINDS

Growing up in the picturesque Lakes Region town of Alton, Alec O'Meara was very familiar with the local PBS high school game show, GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE. "I remember watching GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE and Channel 11. When I was a kid, we only had three networks, and Channel 11 was the best channel," said O'Meara. "All of my favorite shows as a kid were on: SESAME STREET, MISTER ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD and DOCTOR WHO. I would watch anything that was on public television, and that included GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE."

These days, O'Meara not only watches GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE but is involved in several aspects of the show in his role as external affairs manager at Unitil, which has been one of GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE's biggest corporate sponsors since 2015. O'Meara has recorded the special power questions, which are used in the show, and he's in the studio during the SuperChallenge taping. O'Meara said, "I get the opportunity to hand out the trophies to the runner up and the champion."

In 2015, O'Meara's boss was from Massachusetts and wasn't familiar with the program, but when she told him Unitil was looking to support GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE, O'Meara recommended that she jump at the chance. "I mentioned that would be a tremendous opportunity. I told her this show is part of the culture of the state," said O'Meara.

"I always say this is one of my favorite partnerships

that Unitil is a part of because it's such a special and complete partnership," said O'Meara. "I feel like we really get to be involved with just about every piece of the competition. For example, we've had several employees participate as proctors during the Super Sunday qualifying event," when hundreds of students representing their high schools gather to take a grueling qualifying test. This is the first step for students who dream of taking their place on the iconic GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE set and putting their knowledge to the ultimate test.

"This partnership is a nice fit with what we try to do with our philanthropy and our overall company goals," said O'Meara. Unitil looks for opportunities to show support in its communities through education and STEM initiatives. "There aren't a lot of opportunities for academics to represent their school in a competitive format, and that's what we see in GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE," said O'Meara.

The competition is about to heat up this February. The 42nd season of **GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE** premieres on Thursday, February 8th at 7:30 PM on NHPBS. To keep up with how teams are doing, go to [nhpbs.org/gsc](http://nhpbs.org/gsc) for all the latest highlights.

"When the competition is close, and it's getting down to the final two or three minutes of the championship game, and victory is within reach, there's the same sort of tension in the room that you would associate with a close basketball game," said O'Meara. "There's anxiety, and there's relief, and there's joy, and it's wonderful to see."



# NHPBS PRIMETIME PICKS



## Granite State Challenge

THU Feb 8 | 7:30 PM NHPBS

Don't miss the 42<sup>nd</sup> season of GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE with host Jon Cannon! New Hampshire's brightest high school kids square off in a high-stakes quiz showdown, where powerhouse teams take on rising challengers.



## The Yorkshire Vet

SAT Feb 10 | 6:30 PM NHPBS

Julian Norton is joined by his partner, fellow vet and former Herriot trainee, Peter Wright, as well as their dedicated team of staff at Skeldale Veterinary Centre. Viewers get an inside look at James Herriot's original practice, based in the picturesque Yorkshire town of Thirsk, and its clientele — both two-legged and four-legged!



## Gospel

Feb 12 & 13 | 9 PM NHPBS

From the blues to hip hop, African Americans have been the driving force of sonic innovation for over a century. Musical styles come and go, but there's one sound that has been a constant source of strength, courage and wisdom from the pulpit to the choir lofts on any given Sunday. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. digs deep into the origin story of Black spirituality through sermon and song.



## American Experience: Fly with Me

TUE Feb 20 | 9 PM NHPBS

Meet the pioneering women who changed the world while flying it. Maligned as feminist sellouts, stewardesses, as they were called, knew differently: they were on the frontlines of a battle to assert gender equality and transform the workplace.



## Nature: Patrick and the Whale

WED Feb 21 | 8 PM NHPBS

For years, Patrick Dykstra has traveled the globe following and diving with whales. In Dominica, Patrick had a life-changing experience – a close encounter with a sperm whale he names Delores. Witness extraordinary footage where Patrick and the whale attempt to communicate with each other.



## Our Hometown: Berlin

THU Feb 22 | 8:30 PM NHPBS

A hundred years ago this city, New Hampshire's only city north of the notches boasted the largest paper-making complex in the world. Immigrants built Berlin and fueled a booming economy, but in 2008, the paper mills were demolished, ending an era of prosperity. Explore how "The City That Trees Built" is reinventing itself.



# 5 CHANNEL SPOTLIGHT

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## ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

SUN Feb 18 | 9 PM NHPBS

Join James, Helen, Siegfried, Mrs. Hall and all the animals in Darrowby for this timeless classic that continues to be much loved by generations. In this final episode of season 4, James tries to get home for Christmas and Skeldale House prepares for a new arrival.



## FINDING YOUR ROOTS

FRI Feb 9 | 8 PM NHPBS EXPLORE

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse Williams — telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities.



## KNIT AND CROCHET NOW

THU Feb 1 | 7 AM NH CREATE

Join hosts Lena Skvageron and Connie Ellison for lessons and learning from leading experts on knitting and crocheting. This season features projects from trendy pocket shawls and flattering tunics to top-down beanies and mosaic afghans. Every episode features both a knit and crochet design.



## AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: ZORA NEAL HURSTON – CLAIMING SPACE

FRI Feb 2 | 7 PM NH WORLD

Meet the influential author and key figure of the Harlem Renaissance. Also an anthropologist, Hurston collected folklore throughout the South and the Caribbean, reclaiming, honoring and celebrating Black life on its own terms.



## LYLA IN THE LOOP

MON Feb 5 | 4 PM NHPBS KIDS

LYLA IN THE LOOP stars Lyla, a dynamic 7-year-old Black girl, her close-knit family, fantastical blue sidekick Stu and a host of relatable and quirky characters living in her community, who together spotlight creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills while working collaboratively with others.

# ADVENTURE AWAITS



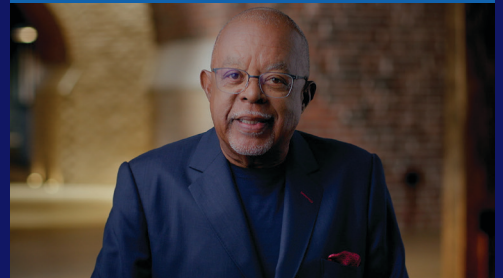
## TREASURES WITH BETTANY HUGHES

THU Feb 1 | 9 & 10 PM NHPBS



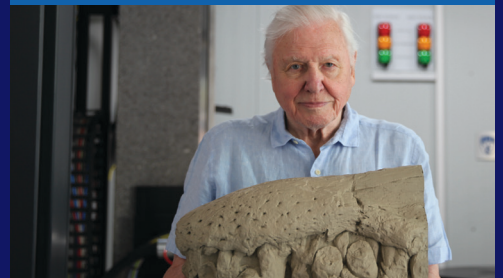
## NOVA: EASTER ISLAND ORIGINS

WED Feb 7 | 9 PM NHPBS



## GOSPEL LIVE! PRESENTED BY HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

FRI Feb 9 | 9 PM NHPBS



## NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH AND THE JURASSIC SEA MONSTER

WED Feb 14 | 8 PM NHPBS



## JOE BONAMASSA & ORCHESTRA: LIVE AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL

THU Feb 29 | 8:30 PM NHPBS |

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# NH PBS FEBRUARY 2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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| Thu. 2/1  | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Rick Steves' Europe  | Windows to the Wild Winter Camping                   | Stories from the Stage                                | Treasures with Bettany Hughes   | Treasures with Bettany Hughes**                       |   |
| Fri. 2/2  | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Rick Steves' Europe  | Washington Week with the Atlantic                    | Firing Line with Margaret Hoover                      | American Masters**<br>Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll |   |   |
| Sat. 2/3  | PBS Arts Talk<br>Rhianon Giddens with Elvis Costello  | Bad Move<br>Village Idiot     | Agatha Christie's Marple                                       |  |   | Doc Martin  |   | Death In Paradise**                                     |
| Sun. 2/4  | History with David Rubenstein<br>Leslie Harris        | Secrets of the Royal Palaces  |  | Miss Scarlet and the Duke On Masterpiece             |   | All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece                              |   | Funny Woman**   |
| Mon. 2/5  | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Rick Steves' Europe  | Antiques Roadshow<br>Old Sturbridge Village Hour 2   |   | Antiques Roadshow<br>Austin, Hour One                                     |   | Independent Lens*<br>Sister Una Lived A Good Death      |
| Tue. 2/6  | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Samantha Brown's Places to Love                                | Finding Your Roots<br>Far and Away                   |   | American Masters**<br>How It Feels to Be Free                             |   |   |
| Wed. 2/7  | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Windows to the Wild<br>Making Tracks                           | Nature<br>Flyways                                    |   | Nova<br>Easter Island Origins   |   | Secrets of the Dead**                                   |
| Thu. 2/8  | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Granite State Challenge  | Windows to the Wild<br>Making Tracks                 | Stories from the Stage                                | Treasures with Bettany Hughes   | Treasures with Bettany Hughes**                       |   |
| Fri. 2/9  | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Rick Steves' Europe  | Washington Week with the Atlantic                    | Firing Line with Margaret Hoover                      | Gospel Live! Presented By Henry Louis Gates, Jr.                          | Symphony Celebration: The Blind Boys of Alabama Wiith |   |
| Sat. 2/10 | Yorkshire Vet, The                                    |                               | Agatha Christie's Marple                                       |  |   | Doc Martin  |   | Death In Paradise**                                     |
| Sun. 2/11 | History with David Rubenstein<br>Jonathan Darman      | Secrets of the Royal Palaces  |  | Miss Scarlet and the Duke On Masterpiece             |   | All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece                              |   | Funny Woman**   |
| Mon. 2/12 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Rick Steves' Europe  | Antiques Roadshow<br>Old Sturbridge Village Hour 3   |   | Gospel**<br>The Gospel Train/Golden Age of Gospel                         |   |   |
| Tue. 2/13 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Samantha Brown's Places to Love                                | Finding Your Roots<br>The Brick Wall Falls           |   | Gospel**<br>Take The Message Everywhere/Gospel's Second Century           |   |   |
| Wed. 2/14 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Windows to the Wild<br>Dogsledding in the Wilderness           | Nature<br>Attenborough and the Jurassic Sea Monster  |   | Nova<br>Building The Eiffel Tower   |   | Secrets of the Dead**                                   |
| Thu. 2/15 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Granite State Challenge  | Windows to the Wild<br>Dogsledding in the Wilderness | Stories from the Stage                                | Treasures with Bettany Hughes   | Treasures with Bettany Hughes**                       |   |
| Fri. 2/16 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Rick Steves' Europe  | Washington Week with the Atlantic                    | Firing Line with Margaret Hoover                      | Great Performances<br>The La Phil Celebrates Frank Gehry                  |   |   |
| Sat. 2/17 | Yorkshire Vet, The                                    |                               | Agatha Christie's Marple                                       |  |   | Farewell Doc Martin   |   | Death In Paradise**                                     |
| Sun. 2/18 | History with David Rubenstein<br>Marie Arana          | Secrets of the Royal Palaces  |  | Secrets of Royal Travel                              |   | All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece                              |   |   |
| Mon. 2/19 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Rick Steves' Europe  | Antiques Roadshow<br>Lsu Rural Life Museum Hour 1    |   | Antiques Roadshow<br>Austin, Hour Three                                   |   | Independent Lens**<br>Breaking The News                 |
| Tue. 2/20 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Samantha Brown's Places to Love                                | Finding Your Roots<br>Mean Streets                   |   | American Experience**<br>Fly with Me                                      |   |   |
| Wed. 2/21 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Windows to the Wild<br>New Scouts, Old Scouts                  | Nature<br>Patrick and the Whale                      |   | Nova<br>Hunt for the Oldest Dna   |   | Secrets of the Dead**                                   |
| Thu. 2/22 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Granite State Challenge  | Windows to the Wild<br>New Scouts, Old Scouts        | Our Hometown Berlin                                   | Adrian Dunbar: My Ireland   |   | Adrian Dunbar: My Ireland**                             |
| Fri. 2/23 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Rick Steves' Europe  | Washington Week with the Atlantic                    | Firing Line with Margaret Hoover                      | Great Performances<br>George Jones: Still Playin' Possum                  |   |   |
| Sat. 2/24 | American Pop Flashback! Great Hits of the '60s & '70s |                               |  | Carole King & James Taylor: Just Call Out My Name    |   |   |   | Freddie Mercury: The Tribute Concert                    |
| Sun. 2/25 | Classic Rock Show                                     |                               | The Maestro & The European Pop Orchestra: Love & Peace Concert |  |   | All Creatures Great and Small: Touring The Dales**                        |   |   |
| Mon. 2/26 | PBS NewsHour*   | All New Rock, Pop and Doo Wop |  |  |   | Classic Rock Show   |   | Joe Bonamassa & Orchestra: Live at the Hollywood Bowl** |
| Tue. 2/27 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Ken Burns: The Civil War                                       |  |   |   | Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD**                |   |
| Wed. 2/28 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Windows to the Wild<br>Youtube Outdoors Guide                  | Rick Steves Mighty Alps                              |   |   | Italy Made with Love: Generations**                   |   |
| Thu. 2/29 | PBS NewsHour*   | Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope  | Granite State Challenge  | Windows to the Wild<br>Youtube Outdoors Guide        | Joe Bonamassa & Orchestra: Live at the Hollywood Bowl |   |   | Classic Rock Show**                                     |

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| Fri. 2/2  | Samantha Brown's Places to Love                    | PBS NewsHour                                     |         | Finding Your Roots Hold The Laughter  |         | Civilizations                            |  | Fly Brother with Ernest White II                                 |
| Sat. 2/3  | The Lawrence Welk Show*                            | Finding Your Roots Hold The Laughter             |         | Shuttlesworth   |         | Treasures with Bettany Hughes            |  | Treasures with Bettany Hughes**                                  |
| Sun. 2/4  | Celebrity Antiques Road Trip*                      | Nature Gorilla                                   |         | Nova When Whales Could Walk   |         | Nature Raising The Dinosaur Giant        |  | Nature** Attenborough and the Sea Dragon                         |
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| Sun. 2/18 | The Legacy List*                                   | Nature Attenborough and the Jurassic Sea Monster |         | Nova Building The Eiffel Tower  |         | Secrets of the Dead                      |  | Kingdoms of the Sky: Rockies**                                   |
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| Fri. 2/23 | Samantha Brown's Places to Love                    | PBS NewsHour                                     |         | Finding Your Roots Mean Streets   |         | Becoming Frederick Douglass              |  |  |
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- MAR 29** KILLER QUEEN — FREDDIE MERCURY TRIBUTE CONCERT
- APR 5** THE NEIL DIAMOND EXPERIENCE
- APR 12** CLASSIC ROCK SHOW
- JUN 22** THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW
- AUG 30** JOE BONAMASSA IN CONCERT

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