



Barbara Mariacher
and Sitara Nickodemus
NHPBS Auction

NOTHING SAYS SPRING LIKE AN NHPBS AUCTION

Each year, there are signs that spring is finally in full swing. It might be longer days, your favorite flowers blooming or animals returning to your yard. At New Hampshire PBS, we can add to that list the hustle and bustle that comes with putting together the Annual NHPBS Spring Auction.

No one knows this better than Barbara Mariacher, who has been part of the Spring Auction since she was 12 years old. “My mom and I would do food for the volunteers,” she explained. “As I got older, I was able to do more jobs. It was just a natural progression to join the staff.” Over time, Mariacher has gone from pre-teen volunteer to running the whole event as the Auction Fundraising Supervisor. “It seems like auction has always been a part of my life.”

If Mariacher is now in the captain’s chair, her first officer is Auction Assistant Sitara Nickodemus, who has only been on the team a few months but has already hit her stride. “I’m a very process-oriented person, so I love how process-driven auction is,” she said. It may not sound glamorous, but for this efficiency-minded two-person department, it’s essential to keeping auction an effective form of fundraising. “It makes work so much more enjoyable and streamlined,” noted Nickodemus. Then she admitted, “I also like seeing all the items we get!”

This year, the auction features a wide variety of the classic items that many bidders look forward to, including restaurant gift certificates, whale watches and a storage shed from Reeds Ferry Sheds. “We have something for everyone,” Nickodemus pointed out, “from books to ski passes and everything in between.”

The popular NH Made tote bags are back, filled to the brim with items from local businesses and artisans — including some of the best snacks

and treats the Granite State has to offer. Other returning favorites include a stay at the quaint Mittersill Alpine Resort in Franconia and a scenic cruise on the *M/S Mount Washington*, which sails Lake Winnepesaukee.

This year’s auction also features exciting new items, including a 1.25 carat diamond pendant from Good Fortune Jewelry and trips with Tiki Hut Boats of NH. Other unique experiences include a tour of the house that inspired *The House of Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne and a pruning lesson at the Shin-Boku Nursery and Stroll Garden in Wentworth. “I didn’t know there was such a garden in New Hampshire,” said Nickodemus.

According to Mariacher, the opportunity for local businesses to showcase what they have to offer is a key part of the auction’s long-running success. “People love NHPBS, and they want to support it however they can,” she said. “With donors, it’s a two way street. They help support us, and we help promote their business.”

It’s this spirit of community that has kept Mariacher part of the auction team for decades. “It’s still so fun talking with donors and bidders and hearing about how much NHPBS is a part of their lives,” she said. “I think it’s their way to give back and stay connected to something that has been a part of their lives and their kid’s lives for so long.”

For Mariacher, NHPBS has always been a family affair. Over the years, she made sure her kids volunteered with their mom at the auction too. “I love that three generations of my family have been a part of auction,” she said. Even now, her own mother can still be seen in the auction office, pitching in.

NHPBS Spring Auction runs May 5th – June 6th. Visit nhpbs.org/auction to learn how you can support NHPBS with your bid or donation.

NHPBS PRIMETIME PICKS



Miss Austen on Masterpiece
SUN May 4 | 9 PM NHPBS

Notoriously known for burning Jane's letters, did Cassandra Austen truly protect her famous sister's reputation? Immerse yourself in this literary mystery, reimagined as a fascinating, witty and heart-breaking tale of sisterly love.



Independent Lens –
Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's
MON May 5 | 10:30 PM NHPBS

This intimate look at life with dementia chronicles three families confronting the unique challenges of Alzheimer's, revealing how roles evolve when one life partner or adult child becomes a caregiver.



Nature:
Hummingbirds of Hollywood
WED May 7 | 8 PM NHPBS

Amid the glamour of Hollywood, a woman finds herself on a transformative journey as she nurtures wounded hummingbirds, unraveling a visually captivating tale of love, healing and the delicate beauty in profound acts of kindness.



Great Performances:
Next to Normal
FRI May 9 | 9 PM NHPBS

The curtain goes up on the annual "Best of Broadway" series with GREAT PERFORMANCES: NEXT TO NORMAL. Experience this Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical about a suburban family struggling with the effects of mental illness.



American Experience:
Mr. Polaroid
MON May 19 | 9 PM NHPBS

Meet Edwin Land, a pioneering tech disruptor and inventor of a midcentury icon, the Polaroid camera. Introduced in 1948, the camera revolutionized amateur photography, making photos instant and accessible to all.



The National Memorial Day Concert 2025
SUN May 25 | 8 PM NHPBS

Join hosts Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna for the 36th annual broadcast of America's national night of remembrance. The concert honors service men and women, their families and those who gave their lives for the country.

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AAPI HERITAGE IN A NEW LIGHT



ALAN CUMMING'S MOST LUXURIOUS TRAIN JOURNEYS SCOTLAND

MON May 5 | 9 PM NHPBS

Embark on an epic adventure aboard the Royal Scotsman, an iconic train that promises an unparalleled odyssey through the Scottish countryside. Actor Alan Cumming gets the VIP treatment and delves into the rich history and traditions of the destinations along the route.



BUGS THAT RULE THE WORLD

SUN May 11 | 10 PM EXPLORE

Explore the fascinating world of bugs, their beauty and ecological importance. From pollinators and insect predators to the clean-up crews purifying our planet, scientists examine the decline of these essential yet least appreciated creatures.



GRILLIN' WITH STEVEN RAICHLEN

FRI May 23 | 9 PM NH CREATE

The unofficial start of summer is here, and Steven Raichlen is bringing the heat and the flavor. This great grilling marathon is full of tips and tricks that will take your backyard cookout to the next level. Recipes from STEVEN RAICHLEN'S PLANET BARBECUE, PROJECT FIRE and PROJECT SMOKE will be included.



DEADLOCK

WED May 21 | 7 PM NH WORLD

A diverse panel of influential figures from legal, political and cultural spheres dives into complex, ethical dilemmas based on real-life scenarios. Hosted by Aaron Tang, professor at UC Davis School of Law, DEADLOCK aims to facilitate civil dialogue in an era dominated by polarizing debates.



ACOUSTIC ROOSTER AND HIS BARNYARD BAND

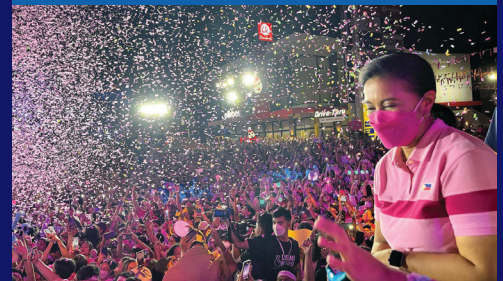
FRI May 2 | 2:30 PM NHPBS KIDS

Get ready to groove! This toe-tapping special follows the musical adventures of Acoustic Rooster, who dreams of joining a jazz band alongside his talented friends, Mules Davis, Ella Finchgerald and Duck Ellington.



LUCKY CHOW SEASON 7

SAT May 3 | 2 PM NHPBS



AND SO IT BEGINS

MON May 12 | 10:30 PM NHPBS



GREAT PERFORMANCES: YELLOW FACE

FRI May 16 | 9 PM NHPBS



DREAMS OF GLORY: WOMEN'S SUMO

SAT May 17 | 9:30 PM NH WORLD



WHO IS MICHAEL JANG?

MON May 19 | 10 PM NHPBS

	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
Thu. 5/1	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Hiking for Hunger	Granite State Challenge	Vietnam War		
Fri. 5/2	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances Now Hear This: Barrios: Chopin of the Guitar		
Sat. 5/3	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Father Brown The Hidden Man		Sister Boniface Mysteries	Death In Paradise**	
Sun. 5/4	Dream of Europe	Sanditon On Masterpiece		Call The Midwife		Miss Austen On Masterpiece	Marie Antoinette**	
Mon. 5/5	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland	Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland	
Tue. 5/6	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Finding Your Roots Children of Exile		Pati Jinich Explores PanAmericana	Frontline**	
Wed. 5/7	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Hiking for Hunger	Nature Hummingbirds of Hollywood		NOVA Ultimate Crash Test: Countdown	Bugs That Rule The World**	
Thu. 5/8	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Exploring Wild Iceland	Granite State Challenge	Vietnam War**		
Fri. 5/9	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances** Next to Normal		
Sat. 5/10	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Father Brown The Royal Visit		Sister Boniface Mysteries	Death In Paradise**	
Sun. 5/11	Dream of Europe	Sanditon On Masterpiece		Call The Midwife		Miss Austen On Masterpiece	Marie Antoinette**	
Mon. 5/12	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland	Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland	
Tue. 5/13	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Finding Your Roots Far from Home		Pati Jinich Explores PanAmericana	Counting On Birds**	
Wed. 5/14	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Exploring Wild Iceland	Nature My Garden of a Thousand Bees		NOVA Ultimate Crash Test: Impact	Bugs That Rule The World**	
Thu. 5/15	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild A Trek Through Scotland	Granite State Challenge	Vietnam War**		
Fri. 5/16	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances** Yellow Face		
Sat. 5/17	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Father Brown The Show Must Go On		Sister Boniface Mysteries	Death In Paradise**	
Sun. 5/18	Dream of Europe	Sanditon On Masterpiece		Call The Midwife		Miss Austen On Masterpiece		
Mon. 5/19	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		American Experience Mr. Polaroid	Independent Lens** Who Is Michael Jang?	
Tue. 5/20	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Finding Your Roots Larger Than Life		Deadlock	Frontline**	
Wed. 5/21	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild A Trek Through Scotland	Nature Equus: Story of the Horse: Origins		NOVA Decoding The Universe: Cosmos	Bugs That Rule The World**	
Thu. 5/22	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Journey Across Ireland	Granite State Challenge	Vietnam War**		
Fri. 5/23	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances** Girl from the North Country		
Sat. 5/24	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	Father Brown The Sands of Time		Sister Boniface Mysteries	Death In Paradise**	
Sun. 5/25	Dream of Europe	Sanditon On Masterpiece		National Memorial Day Concert 2025			National Memorial Day Concert 2025**	
Mon. 5/26	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Miles, Morale and Memories: Bob Hope and World War II	National Memorial Day Concert 2025**	
Tue. 5/27	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Finding Your Roots Stranger Than Fiction		Tyrus Wong: American Masters		
Wed. 5/28	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Journey Across Ireland	Nature Equus: Story of the Horse: Chasing The Wind		NOVA Decoding The Universe: Quantum	Bugs That Rule The World**	
Thu. 5/29	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Trip to Southern France	Granite State Challenge	Vietnam War**		
Fri. 5/30	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances Kiss Me, Kate		
Sat. 5/31	Member Favorites							

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Fri. 5/2	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots Forever Young		Vietnam War		
Sat. 5/3	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Forever Young		Pati Jinich Explores PanAmericana		Independent Lens Free for All: The Public Library		
Sun. 5/4	Antiques Roadshow*	Nature Niagara Falls		The Green Planet		NOVA** Critical Condition: Health In Black America		
Mon. 5/5	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Midsomer Murders		Midsomer Murders	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries	
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