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Julie Dunfey and Ken Burns



THE AMERICAN BUFFALO

Did you know that the buffalo once existed from west of the Rocky Mountains all the way to the Atlantic coast?

That's just one tidbit of information that stayed with award-winning writer and documentary filmmaker Dayton Duncan when he was writing for the upcoming Ken Burns film, *THE AMERICAN BUFFALO*, which is set to premiere October 16th and 17th at 8 PM on New Hampshire PBS.

THE AMERICAN BUFFALO is the biography of an improbable, shaggy beast that has found itself at the center of many of the country's most mythic and heartbreaking tales.

"The first episode will take you from a time when there were millions of buffalo right down to when there were just a couple hundred — in the space of less than a century," says Duncan.

In the early 1800s, trade, the steady westward settlement of an expanding United States, a new demand for buffalo hides to be used in the belts driving the industrial machines back East, and the arrival of the railroads brought thousands of hide hunters to the Great Plains.

"It was the near destruction of the buffalo in North America," remarks Duncan. "And simultaneously with that, is the tragedy of what that meant to Native People who had been co-evolving with this animal for more than 10,000 years." The Indigenous People revered each animal that sacrificed its life to provide them with food and shelter as described in the film.

In telling this story, "it was particularly important to give voice to Native People, either through quotes from the 19th century or through interviews, to try to help you feel what they would describe as a kinship to the buffalo," says Duncan.

The film is directed by Ken Burns, written by Dayton Duncan and produced by New Hampshire native Julie Dunfey. Julianna Brannum, a member of the Quahada band of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, served as consulting producer.

Writing from his quiet home in Rindge, NH, Duncan marveled at the expansive journey of the buffalo. The film brings viewers from the Great Plains to the Bronx Zoo and all the way to Meriden, New Hampshire.

"When I was a young reporter in the Keene area, I stumbled across the story of a New Hampshire connection to the saving of the buffalo species," says Duncan. "In the late 1800s, millionaire Austin Corbin had 22,000 acres of land that he was turning into an exotic game preserve." The Corbin Park preserve had moose, elk, wild boar and buffalo.

"Then an eccentric nature writer moved in and started writing and taking pictures of the buffalo," says Duncan. Ernest Harold Baynes quickly realized that the buffalo was on the brink of extinction. Baynes trained a pair of young bison bulls — War Whoop and Tomahawk — to pull a wagon and took them to the Sullivan County Fair. "He did this to raise the alarm that this species might disappear forever," says Duncan.

"Baynes helped galvanize a national movement, and he started this national campaign in Walpole, New Hampshire, which is the home of Florentine Films." Duncan was struck by the coincidence.

Today, there are approximately 350,000 buffalo in the U.S., most of them descendants of 77 animals from five founding heirs at the start of the 20th century.

"Our second episode is a more hopeful one and, I think, equally instructive to what we can learn from following the buffalo trail, which is that while we, as a nation, allowed this destruction to take place, we also, as a nation, could ultimately decide to change course," says Duncan.

NHPBS PRIMETIME PICKS



NOVA: Ancient Earth

WED Oct 4 | 9 PM NHPBS

Early Earth was a hellscape of molten lava and barren rock, bombarded by meteors, with no atmosphere at all. How did our familiar blue sky – the thin, life-giving band of gasses protecting our planet – come to be?



Andrea Bocelli: Believe

THU Oct 5 | 9:30 PM NHPBS

Enjoy the songs of the internationally beloved tenor's album recorded on location in Malta. NHPBS has a limited number of floor seats to see Andrea Bocelli LIVE in Boston! Get your tickets at nhpbs.org/events for this once-in-a-lifetime concert.



Little Bird

THU Oct 12 | 10 PM NHPBS

Bezhig Little Bird was adopted into a Jewish family at the age of five, being stripped of her identity and becoming Esther Rosenblum. Now Bezhig longs for the family she lost. She discovers that she was one of the thousands of children forcibly apprehended by the Canadian government.



Sarah Brightman: A Christmas Symphony

FRI Oct 13 | 9 PM NHPBS

Join the world's best-selling soprano for her Christmas special. Sarah is joined by guests Andrew Lloyd Webber, Aled Jones and choir Gregorian. Want to see Sarah in concert? Join NHPBS at the Wang Theatre. Get your tickets at nhpbs.org/events.



World On Fire

SUN Oct 15 | 9 PM NHPBS

Telling the story of World War II through the eyes of ordinary people, season two will take viewers from the war-torn streets of Britain deep into Nazi Germany, the resistance within occupied France and the brutal sands of the North African desert.



The American Buffalo

OCT 16 & 17 | 8 PM NHPBS

Take a journey through more than 10,000 years of North American history and across some of the continent's most iconic landscapes, tracing the animal's evolution, significance to the Great Plains, near demise and relationship to the Indigenous People of North America.

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INDIGENIZE THE PLATE

THU Oct 26 | 9 PM NHPBS

This program tells the stories of Indigenous People across the world and shows viewers how their communities are working together to address some of the many challenges that the world faces collectively.



ASTRID: SEASON 2

WED Oct 11 | 9 PM NHPBS EXPLORE

Astrid, a woman on the autism spectrum with a brilliant mind, works in the judicial police's library in Paris. With her uncanny ability to analyze files, she's enlisted by Commander Raphaëlle to solve the city's most complex cases.



AFRO-LATINO TRAVELS WITH KIM HAAS

SATURDAYS | 5 & 5:30 PM NH CREATE

The series honors and celebrates the historical and cultural contributions of Latin America's African descendants. Their imprint greatly influences mainstream Latino culture from Andean Peru to tropical Cuba, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Mexico.



THE GOOD ROAD

TUE Oct 17 | 9 & 9:30 PM NH WORLD

We travel to Iraq with non-profit Hardwired Global to discover what it's like to bring unity to this war-torn country. The children of Kurdish Christians and the children of extremist Islamic groups learn to understand each other by participating in a play about conflict.



WILD KRATTS: CREEPY CREATURES

TUE Oct 10 | 3 PM NHPBS KIDS

The Wild Kratts aren't sure what to do for Halloween. Should they go trick-or-treating, or just enjoy a Halloween party? The Kratt Brothers decide that the best thing to do is to discover some new "creepy cool" creatures.

MORE TO EXPLORE



LIDIA'S KITCHEN

SATURDAYS 10:30 AM NHPBS



HOTEL PORTOFINO

SUN Oct 15 | 8 PM NHPBS



ANNIKA

SUN Oct 15 | 10 PM NHPBS



SPY IN THE OCEAN: NATURE MINISERIES

WED Oct 25 | 8 PM NHPBS



THE NEW DIVAS: LIVE IN VIENNA

SUN Oct 29 | 6:30 PM NHPBS

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Sun. 10/1	Mr. Bean	Father Brown		Professor T (UK)		Unforgotten On Masterpiece		Van Der Valk On Masterpiece**
Mon. 10/2	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		P.O.V.** Murders That Matter
Tue. 10/3	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Fly Brother with Ernest White II	Finding Your Roots Family: Lost and Found		Becoming Frida Kahlo		Frontline** The Astros Edge
Wed. 10/4	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Windows to the Wild Hiking with David	America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston Utah: Choose Your Path		Nova Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky		Evolution Earth**
Thu. 10/5	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Windows to the Wild Hiking with David	Stories from the Stage	Sidetrekk Covered Bridges of New Hampshire	Great Performances** Andrea Bocelli: Believe	
Fri. 10/6	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	American Masters Max Roach: The Drum Also Waltzes		
Sat. 10/7	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip		Almost Royal	Bad Move	Doc Martin		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 10/8	Mr. Bean	Father Brown		Professor T (UK)		Unforgotten On Masterpiece		Van Der Valk On Masterpiece**
Mon. 10/9	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens** El Equipo
Tue. 10/10	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Fly Brother with Ernest White II	Finding Your Roots Chosen		Frontline Elon Musk's Twitter Takeover		In Their Own Words**
Wed. 10/11	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Windows to the Wild Record-Setting Hiker	America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston Maine: Embrace The Cold		Nova Ancient Earth: Frozen		Secrets of the Dead**
Thu. 10/12	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Windows to the Wild Record-Setting Hiker	Stories from the Stage	Sidetrekk Mount Washington	Surviving New England's Great Dying	Little Bird**
Fri. 10/13	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Sarah Brightman: A Christmas Symphony		
Sat. 10/14	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip		Almost Royal	Bad Move	Doc Martin		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 10/15	Mr. Bean	Father Brown		Hotel Portofino		World On Fire On Masterpiece		Annika On Masterpiece**
Mon. 10/16	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	The American Buffalo Blood Memory				The American Buffalo Blood Memory
Tue. 10/17	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Fly Brother with Ernest White II	The American Buffalo Into The Storm				The American Buffalo Into The Storm
Wed. 10/18	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Windows to the Wild Cave of the Winds	Nature The Platypus Guardian		Nova Ancient Earth: Life Rising		Secrets of the Dead**
Thu. 10/19	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Windows to the Wild Cave of the Winds	Little Bird: Coming Home			Little Bird**
Fri. 10/20	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Next at the Kennedy Center Embracing Duality: Modern Indigenous Culture		Art in the Twenty-First Century**
Sat. 10/21	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip		Almost Royal	Bad Move	Doc Martin		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 10/22	Mr. Bean	Father Brown		Hotel Portofino		World On Fire On Masterpiece		Annika On Masterpiece**
Mon. 10/23	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		P.O.V.** Aurora's Sunrise
Tue. 10/24	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Fly Brother with Ernest White II	Finding Your Roots And Still I Rise		Native America New Worlds		Bring Her Home**
Wed. 10/25	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Windows to the Wild Soaring Over Franconia	Spy in the Ocean, A Nature Miniseries Deep Thinkers		Nova Ancient Earth: Inferno		Secrets of the Dead**
Thu. 10/26	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Windows to the Wild Soaring Over Franconia	Stories from the Stage	Indigenize The Plate		Little Bird**
Fri. 10/27	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances New York City Ballet In Madrid		
Sat. 10/28	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip		Almost Royal	Bad Move	Doc Martin		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 10/29	The New Divas			Hotel Portofino		World On Fire On Masterpiece		Annika On Masterpiece**
Mon. 10/30	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		American Experience The War On Disco		P.O.V.** Fire Through Dry Grass
Tue. 10/31	PBS NewsHour*	Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope	Fly Brother with Ernest White II	Finding Your Roots Anchormen		Native America Warrior Spirit		Frontline**

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Mon. 10/2	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS NewsHour		Midsomer Murders		Father Brown		Traces**
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Wed. 10/4	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS NewsHour		Death In Paradise		Hope Street		What to Do When Someone Dies**
Thu. 10/5	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS NewsHour		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Agatha Christie's: Poirot		Doc Martin**
Fri. 10/6	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS NewsHour		Finding Your Roots Family: Lost and Found		Becoming Frida Kahlo		Fly Brother with Ernest White II
Sat. 10/7	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Family: Lost and Found		Ancient Skies Gods and Monsters		Sidetrak Covered Bridges of New Hampshire	Sidetrak Mount Washington	Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Birth of Rock Theater**
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Sat. 10/14	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Chosen		Ancient Skies Finding The Center		Return: Native American Women Reclaim Foodways For Health & Spirit	Little Bird: Coming Home**	
Sun. 10/15	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip*	America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston Maine: Embrace The Cold		Nova Ancient Earth: Frozen		Secrets of the Dead		Secrets of Sacred Architecture**
Mon. 10/16	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS NewsHour		Midsomer Murders		Father Brown		Traces**
Tue. 10/17	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS NewsHour		Hotel Portofino Returns		World On Fire On Masterpiece		Annika On Masterpiece**
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Sat. 10/21	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Homecomings		Ancient Skies Our Place in the Universe		American Experience Zoot Suit Riots		Bird: Not Out of Nowhere**
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