

Insider News



KLRN Presents

SUMMER OF SPACE

to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11

July 16, 1969. The whole world stops to watch. Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins get ready for their journey.

9:32 a.m. We have lift-off — Apollo 11 heads for the moon!

4 days later Apollo 11 is in lunar orbit. Armstrong and Aldrin climb into the lunar module *Eagle* to begin their descent. Collins orbits in the command module *Columbia*.

4:18 p.m. The *Eagle* has landed!

10:56 p.m. Armstrong climbs down the ladder and takes his first step onto the moon — “one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind.”

The “Summer of Space” celestial extravaganza includes a wide range of programs that will take you from the beginning of the space race to the latest advances in space exploration and a glimpse into the future.

Chasing the Moon: It is “the most dangerous and greatest adventure on which man has ever embarked,” said President John F. Kennedy discussing the Apollo 11 mission. Now 50 years later, *Chasing the Moon*, a six-hour special presented by *American Experience*, reimagines the race to the moon, upending much of the conventional mythology surrounding the space program.

The series recasts the Space Age as a fascinating stew of scientific innovation, political calculation, media spectacle, and personal drama. Bringing to light a visual

feast of previously overlooked and lost archival material, the film takes you from the early years of breathtaking successes and failures to the moon landing and what happened after the ambitious goals had been achieved. **Begins Monday, July 8 at 8 p.m.**

8 Days: To the Moon and Back: Take an extraordinary behind-the-scenes adventure! Previously classified mission audio featuring candid conversations between Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins as well as news archives and CGI recreations tell the story of Apollo 11 in a riveting new way.

Airs Wednesday, July 17 at 8 p.m.

Back to the Moon and **The Planets:** Do you want to travel to the moon? *Back to the Moon*, a *NOVA* special, introduces you to the next generation of engineers whose goal is to develop another moon voyage as a stepping stone for future human missions to Mars and the Asteroid Belt. The five-part *NOVA* series, *The Planets*, takes an up-close look at the dark side of Pluto, an ancient Martian waterfall, and a storm twice the size of Earth seen from high above Saturn.

Back to the Moon airs Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. and **The Planets** airs Wednesday, July 24 at 8 p.m.

Ancient Skies: For generations, we have wondered: “What’s out there?” *Ancient Skies*, a three-part documentary, presents the wisdom of expert scientists and indigenous storytellers who decode astronomical myths with scientific explanations to explain how space exploration has developed over the centuries. **Airs Wednesday, July 24 at 7 p.m.**



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CAPITOL FOURTH

America's Independence
Day Celebration

Invite a few friends, enjoy a favorite beverage — you've got a front-row seat for *A Capitol Fourth*, America's national Independence Day celebration. This star-spangled birthday party is a musical extravaganza with the greatest display of fireworks anywhere in the nation!

A Capitol Fourth is broadcast live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol and features a superb cast of legendary performers. Twenty television cameras are strategically stationed around Washington, D.C. to give you the best possible viewing experience.

Sing along with some of the country's most talented musical artists as they perform beloved tunes with the National Symphony Orchestra. As we celebrate America's 243rd birthday, we'll pay special tribute to our troops, their families, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice fighting for our freedom.

**America's Independence Day celebration
airs Thursday, July 4 at 7 p.m.**



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Words from the President...

Dear Friends,

You look to KLRN to open a window to the world of science, art, history, news, and drama. Where else can you see the moon landing through the eyes of an astronaut, get a broad look at community issues from the newsmakers driving local change, land a front-row seat to high-quality Broadway productions, and learn important social-emotional skills as a child, all in one place?

Thank you to all our members who make this possible. Your commitment to programs that inspire and inform has allowed KLRN to be a source of wonder for the South Central Texas community for 57 years. Whether you're a Texas native or

have recently relocated, are just entering school or are newly retired, KLRN is here to provide you with content that supports *your* lifestyle.

Together we can ensure that our family, friends, and neighbors continue to have access to programming that transforms lives. On KLRN, not even the sky is the limit.

Happy viewing,

Arthur R. Emerson
President and CEO

BIG FAMILY
THE STORY OF BLUEGRASS MUSIC

Big Family: The Story of Bluegrass Music takes an in-depth look at a genre that is uniquely American — yet it can trace its roots to Scottish-Irish ballads and African blues and jazz. At the heart of this story is the music itself — you'll delight in the recordings and performance footage featured throughout the two-hour film.

Weaving together historical accounts, archival photographs, and interviews with dozens of nationally recognized musicians, the program delves into the evolution of bluegrass music and the contributions of its founders, Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys.

The band first appeared on the Grand Ole Opry stage in 1939. Their powerful sound came from acoustic instruments, distinctive vocal harmonies, and Bill's "high lonesome" solo lead singing.

The documentary explores the role of women in bluegrass music, the importance of music festivals, and the genre's worldwide reach, demonstrating how today's bluegrass music transcends not only generations, but cultural and geographic boundaries.

The film may even inspire you to search out the bluegrass festivals in Virginia, Kentucky, Colorado, California, and other parts of the country.

Airs Friday, August 30 at 8 p.m.



WOODSTOCK

THREE DAYS THAT DEFINED A GENERATION

It was part musical festival, part love fest, and all amazing! Fifty thousand people were expected to attend. No one imagined that nearly half a million people would trek to a farm in upstate New York, but they did!

Presented by *American Experience* and produced by Barak Goodman, *Woodstock: Three Days that Defined a Generation* celebrates the 50th anniversary of the event as it examines why Woodstock had such an impact on so many.

Occurring just weeks after the moon landing, the Woodstock music festival took place against a backdrop of a nation

in conflict over gender equality, civil rights, and the Vietnam War. It poured, traffic was jammed for miles, and state officials called the conditions a danger to public health. Those who attended didn't care — for them and even for those who heard about it secondhand, it was a transformative experience that started a new way of thinking.

Combining archival footage with dramatic reenactments and new interviews, *Woodstock* takes you into the crowds to understand this unprecedented, confounding, and inspiring event.

Airs Tuesday, August 6 at 8 p.m.



MAGICAL LAND OF OZ

It's an entirely new experience! The three-part series, *Magical Land of Oz*, takes you across the expanse of Australia from the highest snow peaks to the depths of the wild southern seas.

You'll discover hidden worlds where creatures have lives so extraordinary they defy all convention. In fact, 80 percent of Australia's animal life is found nowhere else in the world.

Giant cuttlefish and Gould's petrels are just two of the fascinating creatures you'll see. In Spencer Gulf, South Australia, giant cuttlefish, resplendent in rainbow colors, are in mating season, and it's a battle among males because there are 11 males to every female. On Cabbage Tree Island, tiny Gould's petrel

chicks face unbelievable hurdles as they learn to fly. These and many other animals face enormous survival challenges in a land of extremes.

The series delights, surprises, and will give you a deeper understanding of unique species and distinct individuals in the land of ancient wonders.

Begins Wednesday, August 28 at 9 p.m.



Animal Babies: FIRST YEAR ON EARTH



Adult animals in the wild are seasoned survivors. They have learned skills from their parents and by facing myriad challenges. Babies, however, must learn to overcome adversity from the day they are born.

Animal Babies: First Year on Earth features three episodes, *First Steps*, *Testing Limits*, and *New Frontiers*, that take you from the great plains of Africa to the oceans and snow-covered mountains to meet some extraordinary newborns.



Elephant calves are raised in herds, all competing for the same food and fending off predators. The film follows a newly born elephant and her mother that have become separated from the herd and must battle the scorching heat to search for the rest of the family.

Many animals that live in the water come on land to have their babies. Little newbies, such as baby fur seal pups, must master swimming techniques, while babies born in the mountains have to practice getting around sheer cliffs.

It's fascinating to watch how the youngsters learn from their wiser parents. Once the lessons are complete, they can set out on their own adventures.

Begins Wednesday, August 28 at 7 p.m.



Viewer Comments

“Thank you for the opportunity to attend your recent film screening event. We have had the opportunity to enjoy so many KLRN events from poetry slams to heavier topics like Sandy Hook and the one about the importance of humor with Bobby Henline. My favorite, I think, was the Shakespeare event but I really loved them all. I have always felt strongly about Public Television. Fred Rogers was the reason I became a member and put my money where my mouth is. The amazing, diverse, accessible, in-person programs are why I have renewed my support. We always gain something more when we attend. We learn about something we can use at the public school where we work. Sometimes we learn about a new show or theater. Most recently, we attended a local theater production as a direct result of your *Les Misérables* event. Sincerest thanks for all you do, from a proud KLRN member.” — *Maureen*



All of England is experiencing change and the idyllic Cambridgeshire village of Grantchester is no exception. In *Grantchester*, Season 4, Sidney Chambers (James Norton), who has resigned as vicar, says a tearful farewell.

It's the end of an era — and a major transition. A new vicar, the Reverend Will Davenport, will be arriving. Played by Tom Brittney, well known for his roles in *Outlander* and *Call the Midwife*, Will is an affable, energetic man with a strong sense of right and wrong.

“He [Will] is much younger than Sidney,” said *Grantchester* creator Daisy Coulam.

“Our new guy didn't go through the war, so instantly, he's a different generation to Geordie...he's the face of modern Britain.”

If Will is the modern generation, Geordie is stuck in the past. In addition to losing his crime-solving friend, his wife, Cathy, is becoming more liberated and Geordie doesn't like it at all.

However, some things will never change, and crime is still rampant in Grantchester. A man gets stabbed in the midst of a protest, the head of a computer lab is poisoned, and that's just the beginning.

Airs Sunday, July 14 at 8 p.m.

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Kids can join Molly and her friends as they embark on exciting adventures in Alaska when the groundbreaking PBS KIDS series *Molly of Denali* premieres this summer.

The animated series stars Alaska Native Molly Mabray, a feisty, resourceful 10-year-old Gwich'in/Koyukon/Dena'ina Athabascan girl. Along with Tooyey and Trini, she discovers more about her Native culture and the world she lives in. Always ready to explore, she uses maps and other tools to navigate through Alaska, participates in outdoor activities such as canoeing, and dreams up projects including learning Native songs from village elders.

The episodes emphasize family, intergenerational relationships, and Alaska Native values, while also focusing on strong female role models. Every Indigenous character is voiced by an Indigenous actor, and Alaska Native screenwriters and producers are part of bringing the series to life.

It's a program that kids will look forward to watching, and the themes of each story can lead to further discussions.

Everyday at 7:30 a.m. beginning July 15.

Mission Statement

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