

A Bold New Fundraising Approach — Thanks to You

As a loyal WMHT member, you play an essential role in our ongoing success. Support from the community makes up 70% of the funding we need to produce and present the PBS and WMHT programming you have come to love — on-air and online.

Thank you for being a part of the vast network of supporters who make our work possible and who help us make a lasting impact in our region. We couldn't succeed without you.

Over the years, WMHT's on-air pledge programming has become a vital way for us to raise operating funds and to connect to a variety of viewers with wide-ranging interests. In fact, you may have first supported WMHT through one of our on-air fundraising programs.

But while you may understand why this programming is necessary, you've told us that you'd like us to interrupt less often and for shorter periods.

We heard you. And now we've come up with a new and different way to continue fundraising while maintaining the same programming you love.

You will see the first of these changes this month, in November, as we begin airing fundraising programs on Thursday evenings, and Saturday or Sunday afternoons. This new plan will mean we can avoid interrupting your viewing with a week or more of fundraising specials later this year. During that time, we will air more of the local and national programming you love.

This is a bold experiment — we are trying something new and we cannot guarantee we will succeed. Yet, we believe this is the kind of innovation and experimentation you expect from WMHT.

All we ask from you is to tune in and to continue to support us. To successfully shorten our on-air pledge campaigns, we must continue to maintain strong support from members, viewers and listeners like you.

Thanks for your feedback — and for helping this new approach to succeed!



Robert Altman
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GREAT PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

A Month of Broadway-Themed Programs and a Bernstein Centennial Celebration

Get ready to be “wowed” — *Great Performances* has an outstanding new series of “Broadway’s Best” that includes *An American in Paris The Musical* and *The Sound of Music* as well as documentaries focusing on the making of John Leguizamo’s play *Latin History for Morons* and a portrait of Harold Prince. Wrapping up this extraordinary lineup is a concert honoring the life and work of Leonard Bernstein.

The Broadway production of *An American in Paris The Musical* was recorded during its May 2017 run in London’s West End. The lavish musical stars Robert Fairchild as Jerry Mulligan, a WWII veteran who goes to Paris hoping to make a name for himself as a painter. Spectacular music includes George Gershwin’s “I Got Rhythm,” “But Not for Me,” and others.

Rodgers & Hammerstein’s The Sound of Music was inspired by the true story of the von Trapp Family Singers and their escape from Austria during the rise of Nazism. This recorded performance is the 2015 live U.K. broadcast version starring Kara Tointon as Maria and Julian Ovenden as Captain von Trapp.

Latin History for Morons is a highly comedic yet pointed look at the systematic repression of Hispanic culture throughout American history. *John Leguizamo’s Road to Broadway* presents a behind-the-scenes look at this truly electric one-man show.

Harold Prince: A Director’s Journey celebrates the career of this prolific 21-time Tony-winning producer and director of hit shows such as *West Side Story*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Cabaret*.

As a grand finale, *Bernstein Centennial Celebration* honors legendary composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein. The concert showcases brilliant Bernstein works such as *Candide*, *West Side Story*, and *Serenade*, as well as music dear to Bernstein’s heart including selections from Gustav Mahler, Aaron Copland, and a new work by John Williams. Conductors, performers, and ensembles include Keith Lockhart, John Williams, Midori Gotō, Yo-Yo Ma, Isabel Leonard, and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

Born and trained in America, Bernstein was the first conductor chosen to lead a major orchestra when only European conductors were thought suitable. He was also an excellent pianist, theater composer, concert composer, the first classical music television star, and an enthusiastic teacher. He advanced American music and performers to international prominence, and to this day his impact stretches from Broadway to the standards of public school musical educational programming.

Great Performances’ series “Broadway’s Best” airs Fridays, **November 2-23**, at 9 pm on WMHT-TV. *Bernstein Centennial Celebration* airs Friday, **December 28**, at 9 pm on WMHT-TV.



Celebrate with...
NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC
New Year's Eve Concert



Ring in 2019 enjoying musical favorites from around the world! A highlight of the *Live From Lincoln Center* series, the extraordinary *New York Philharmonic New Year's Eve* concert journeys through the intersection of classical music and dance with selections ranging from the waltzes of Johann Strauss to Broadway hits.

The evening's performance is led by the new music director Jaap van Zweden. Born in Amsterdam, he was the youngest ever concertmaster of Amsterdam's Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra at age 18. He began his conducting career almost 20 years later, in 1996. He was chief conductor of Netherlands Radio Philharmonic from 2005 to 2013, and served as chief conductor of the Royal Flanders Philharmonic Orchestra from 2008 to 2011. He continues as music director of the Hong Kong Philharmonic, a post he has held since 2012.

May 2019 bring you good health, happiness, and many exciting musical adventures!

Airs Monday, **December 31**, at 9 pm on WMHT-TV.



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The Doctor Blake Mysteries are spellbinding: fascinating plots, excellent acting, and a stunning location in Ballarat, Australia. In response to requests from our viewers, we are re-airing episodes in Seasons 3 and 4, following the end of Season 5, on Saturdays at 8 pm, so if you missed any or want to see them again, tune in and enjoy.

Since his return to Ballarat, after 33 years of studying medicine, serving in World War II, and living in China, Dr. Lucien Blake has been helping local law enforcement solve some of his hometown's thorniest murders. Blake, played by Craig McLachlan, is eccentric, yet he has a keen mind and is tenacious when following evidence.

Jean Beazley, played by Nadine Garner, is Blake's receptionist and housekeeper. Although he is not as easy to live with as his father was (she was his housekeeper, too), she adjusts to Lucien's idiosyncrasies and is even "Watson to his Holmes" — until it's time to serve dinner. Airs Saturdays at 8 pm on WMHT-TV.

Go on an underwater mission...

THE LAST B-24

In December 1944, the Tulsamerican was badly damaged during a fight with the German Air Force over enemy territory. Although the crew attempted an emergency landing, the B-24 Liberator bomber fell from the sky and disappeared beneath the waves of the Adriatic Sea. Seven crew members survived, three men and the aircraft were never found — until now.

NOVA presents *The Last B-24*, the remarkable story of the discovery and excavation of the wreckage. NOVA partnered with the U.S. Department of Defense, the Croatian Navy, and an elite team of underwater archeologists and technical divers to determine what happened to the missing airmen.

You'll follow the divers as they worked in systematic shifts, searching a wide area around the heavily damaged cockpit. The aircraft was broken in half and covered in rust and silt. Serial numbers revealed the plane's identity. Slowly, items emerged — a radio headset, flight wings, a gold wedding band — clues but not enough to establish positive identification.

The team refocused its search, recovering a significant number of bones and possible human teeth that were flown home to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's forensic lab. They were extensively analyzed and compared with the family samples, until finally a match was confirmed.

Airs Wednesday, **November 7**, at 9 pm on WMHT-TV.



And the winner is...

Julia Louis-Dreyfus

She earned worldwide acclaim for her portrayal as Elaine Benes in the hit series, *Seinfeld*, and she has won countless awards for her extraordinary talent. This year, Julia Louis-Dreyfus adds another honor to her list: she is the recipient of the prestigious Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

The Mark Twain Prize, presented at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, recognizes people who have had an impact on American society in ways similar to Mark Twain.

In response to receiving the award, she quipped, "Merely to join the list of distinguished recipients of this award would be honor enough, but, as a student of both American history and literature, the fact that Mr. Twain himself will be presenting the award to me in person is particularly gratifying."

Among all shows combined, she has received eleven Emmy awards (six consecutively for *Veep*), nine Screen Actors Guild awards, three Television Critics Association awards, five American Comedy Awards, a Peabody Award, and the Charlie Chaplin Britannia Award for Excellence in Comedy.

Airs Monday, **November 19**, at 9 pm on WMHT-TV.

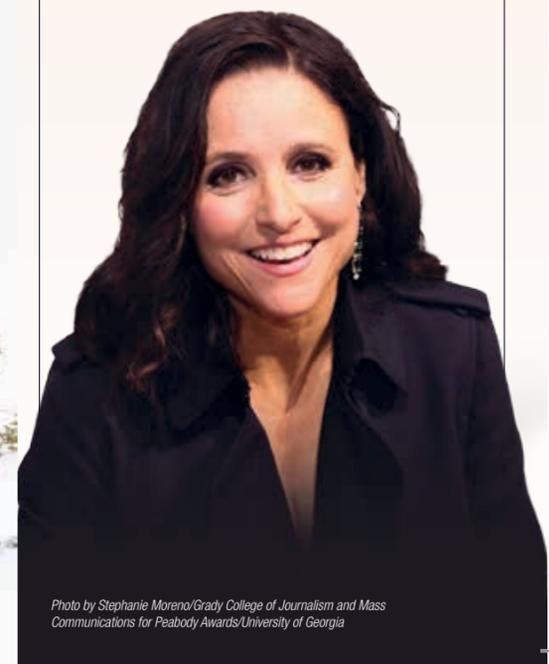


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Lidia Celebrates America: — A Heartland Holiday Feast —

"Small towns are the heart of our nation...rich in traditions that have been handed down generation after generation," says Lidia Bastianich, internationally acclaimed chef and food ambassador, talking about her new hour-long TV special.

Lidia Celebrates America: A Heartland Holiday Feast takes you on a culinary adventure to explore how Americans representing diverse heritages are preserving their traditions. Her journey culminates in a holiday meal, with these wonderful dishes taking center stage.

In Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Lidia visits people she met as a child when she lived with her aunt. Together they cook some of her favorite Pennsylvania Dutch specialties.

"While driving from Texas to Oklahoma, I stopped in Cookietown, a town with two inhabitants. This was truly 'small town USA,' and while I was admiring the endless prairies surrounding Cookietown, the mayor actually came out to greet me. I felt truly welcomed," adds Lidia.

In Lawton, Oklahoma, home to the famed Buffalo Soldiers in the mid-1800s, Lidia meets André Williams, national president of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Association, whose mission is to keep the history of the Buffalo Soldiers alive. The soldiers ate stews and also relied on a good bean soup served with dried apples, peaches, and biscuits.

Lee Lor, from Wausau, Wisconsin, prepares traditional Hmong recipes that she serves as part of every New Year's celebration including traditional pork and sweet meat, hard-boiled eggs and green papaya salad, and egg rolls.

"I had a great time discovering the life, different foods, cultures, and celebrations in small town America."

Airs Tuesday, **December 18**, at 9 pm on WMHT-TV.

NATURE PRESENTS
SNOW BEARS

Snow Bears, presented by NATURE, gives you an up-close and personal view of newborn polar bear cubs as they leave their den for the very first time. Set in the Arctic, the cubs, led by their mother, undertake the life-changing journey to the sea to feed.

The mother bear instinctively seems to know where she is going. She looks for pack ice from which they can hunt seals because the richest areas of life are at the edges of the pack ice. In the hunt, stealth is essential, but the cubs haven't learned this lesson yet and they rambunctiously splash in the water, alerting the seal, giving it time to get away.

They encounter many dangers along the way — Arctic foxes, roaming bears ready to kill, extreme weather, snowdrifts, and ice cracks.

"This is a dramatized story based on the extraordinary adventures of nature's snow bears," says narrator Kate Winslet. Cubs are rarely seen in their natural habitat, and this program is a unique glimpse into their world.

Airs Wednesday, **November 28**, at 8 pm on WMHT-TV.

