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Primetime Highlights

appy New Year! January ushers in an exciting slate of programming to kick off 2026. We begin with Great Performances: From Vienna – The New Year's Celebration 2026, setting an elegant tone for the season ahead. Viewers can also look forward to brand-new seasons of audience favorites, including ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, Finding Your Roots, American Experience, and Midsomer Murders: Book of the Dead. Two fan-favorite dramas return as well: the highly anticipated sixth season of Miss Scarlet, immediately followed by the new season of All Creatures Great & Small. This month also marks the premiere of Bookish, a new British crime drama from Mark Gatiss. NATURE debuts a powerful new episode, Tusker: Brotherhood of Elephants, and NOVA goes out of this world with Asteroids: Spark of Life! Closer to home, RMPBS presents the premiere of two impactful local originals: Undercovered and Stripped for Parts: American Journalism on the Brink. Rounding out the month, viewers can enjoy fresh episodes of NOVA and Frontline. It's an engaging start to the year—perfect for settling in and discovering something new.

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ANTIQUES ROADSHOW SEASON 30 PREMIERE

MON Jan 5 | 7 PM

ROADSHOW kicks off their 30th season with part 1 of Red Butte Garden and Arboretum House.



All Creatures Great and Small

SEASON 6 PREMIERE

SUN Jan 11 | 8 PM

Season 6 of All Creatures Great and Small takes us back to the rolling hills of the Yorkshire Dales, where life in Darrowby is starting to find its rhythm again as the war in Europe winds down. It's 1945, and the Skeldale family is stepping into a new chapter—one shaped by change, hope, and the opportunities that come with a more peaceful future.



NOVA

ANGKOR: HIDDEN JUNGLE EMPIRE

WED Jan 28 | 8 PM

Discover the lost secrets of Angkor, the once-mighty Khmer capital and the largest city of its time. This remarkable civilization built Angkor Wat and engineered an advanced urban landscape before mysteriously disappearing into the jungle. Now, new technology and recent findings reveal how the empire rose to greatness—and what may have caused its dramatic fall.

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COLORADO EXPERIENCE

BLACK COWBOYS

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Colorado Experience

BLACK COWBOYS

THUR Jan 8 | 7 PM

Black cowboy culture is experiencing a renaissance. Creators are reclaiming a long-overlooked legacy deeply rooted in Colorado history from the pioneering Exodusters to Lu Vason, founder of Denver's Bill Pickett Rodeo. As Black history faces growing threats, this documentary highlights the enduring impact of Black cowboys and the voices redefining the culture today.

COLORADO EXPERIENCE

SACRED HOT SPRINGS

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Colorado Experience SACRED HOT SPRINGS

THUR Jan 8 | 7:30 PM

Take a deep dive into Colorado's hot springs and geothermal culture explores the rich history and enduring Indigenous connection to these sacred waters. It also examines the ongoing need for land and water stewardship amid modern development, as well as the growing potential for geothermal energy use across the state. All of this comes at a time when self-care and agency in your own wellness has become more popular in the wake of the pandemic.



COLORADO EXPERIENCE

UNITED BY BASEBALL

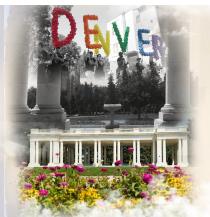
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Colorado Experience

UNITED BY BASEBALL

THUR Jan 8 | 8 PM

Baseball has long unified Colorado's diverse communities. Even before statehood, towns formed teams that brought people together. Immigrant groups—like Hispanic sugar beet workers and Japanese Americans—created their own leagues, claiming the sport as part of their American identity. In Denver, rising Black talent led to the first integrated game of the 20th century. Today, baseball still builds lasting connections, especially for new immigrants.



COLORADO EXPERIENCE

HIDDEN HISTORY OF CHEESMAN PARK

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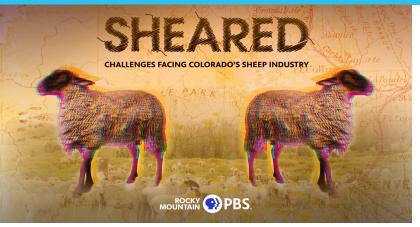
HIDDEN HISTORY OF CHEESMAN PARK

THUR Jan 8 | 8:30 PM

Uncover the captivating history of Cheesman Park, that began as one of Denver's first cemeteries. As the city expanded, the cemetery was transformed into a park, with most of the bodies relocated—though an estimated 3,000 remain beneath the grass. Over time, Cheesman Park evolved into a vital gathering place for Denver's LGBTQ community, becoming one of the city's few safe spaces. Today, it remains a vibrant hub of queer culture and has historically served as the starting place for the Pride parade each June.

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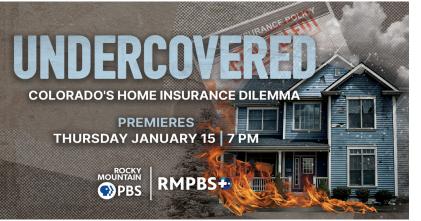


RMPBS Original:

SHEARED

THUR Jan 8 | 9 PM

Once central to Colorado's agricultural economy, the sheep industry is now struggling to survive. This limited series follows ranchers and seasonal workers as they face shrinking markets, declining demand, and new pressures from a changing landscape—where even wild bighorn sheep can shape the fate of a flock.



RMPBS Original: UNDERCOVERED

THUR Jan 15 | 7 PM

Homeowners in Colorado face difficult decisions when it comes to insuring their home. With increasing fires and more intensive hail, we look into the looming crisis - and what the state government is doing to address it.



The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel:

CELEBRATING YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

THUR Jan 15 | 7:30 PM

Explore the history and evolution of the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel news outlet and its role in Western Colorado.



Stripped for Parts:

AMERICAN JOURNALSIM ON THE BRINK

THUR Jan 15 | 8 PM

Alden Global Capital is quietly buying and stripping newspapers—until journalist Julie Reynolds exposes the truth. Her reporting ignites nationwide pushback from reporters and the NewsGuild union as they fight to save local journalism. Stripped for Parts follows their battle to protect the press and free speech.

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The Longest Walk

DOCUMENTARY

MON Jan 19 | 9 PM

Charles Burrell has played at the highest level in both jazz and classical music genres. Charlie helped to form the cultural identity of Denver, despite the politics in play, some of which adversely affected Charlie as a man of color. He remarkably rose above it all through his grace, intellect, and incomparable



America's Hidden Gem:

NORTHWEST AURORA

THUR Jan 22 | 7 PM

This is a story of a community making good on the promise of the American dream. Aurora's diversity puts it in the top 10 among U.S. cities, and NW Aurora or "Original Aurora" is its heart. Once affordable, urban development now threatens to dismantle its unique cultural fabric. Efforts to keep it intact through conscious revitalization could be a model for cities facing gentrification.



Behind the Wings THE HURRICANE HUNTERS

THUR Jan 22 | 8 PM

When others turn back, they fly straight into the eye of a storm. The Hurricane Hunters, an elite unit of aviators, use specialized aircraft to gather real-time data from inside hurricanes. From cutting-edge radar to autonomous drones deployed in-flight, this episode explores the high-risk missions, unique aircraft, and courageous crews who help improve hurricane forecasting, risking their lives to save others.



Behind the Wings

BUILDING THE INT'L SPACE STATION

THUR Jan 22 | 8:30 PM

Orbiting 250 miles above Earth, the International Space Station is a marvel of engineering and global collaboration. Built by 15 nations over decades, it's a laboratory, a gateway to deep space, and a home base for astronauts. Go behind the scenes to explore how the ISS was assembled in-orbit, what it takes to live and work in microgravity, and why this unique spacecraft continues to shape the future of human spaceflight.

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Behind the Wings 50 YEARS OF THE F16

THUR Jan 22 | 9 PM

Few aircraft have had the lasting impact of the F-16 Fighting Falcon. First flown in 1974, the F-16 was designed for agility. speed, and survivability. What began as an experimental idea became a mainstay of air forces around the world. Step inside the F-16 factory to see how it's built, and onto Buckley Space Force Base where the Colorado Air National Guard continues to fly operational missions. From dogfights to deep strike missions, this episode traces the evolution of the F-16 and reflects on 50 years of innovation, adaptability, and frontline service.



Behind the Wings UNLOCKING ASTEROID SECRETS

THUR Jan 22 | 9:30 PM

What can a 4.5-billion-year-old asteroid tell us about life on Earth? NASA's OSIRIS-REx mission set out to answer that question, traveling over 4 billion miles to collect a pristine sample from asteroid Bennu. This episode explores how the spacecraft was designed to meet its ambitious science goals, and how its discoveries may change our understanding of life's origins and our place in the universe.



About Damn Time:

THE DORY WOMEN OF GRAND JCT.

THUR Jan 29 | 7 PM

Trailblazing boatwomen navigate the Grand Canyon, protecting rivers and inspiring the future.



Colorado Uncharted

SEASON 1

THUR Jan 29 | 8 PM

4-part docu-series hosted by Conor Hall (Director of Colorado's Outdoor Recreation Industry Office) explores the diverse outdoor adventures and economies across Colorado, from ice climbing in Ouray to dinosaur fossils in Moffat County, showcasing the state's wild beauty and rural life.

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Jan 1 - 8

Great Performances FROM VIENNA: THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION 2026 THUR Jan 1 | 7 PM

The New Year's Celebration features the famous Vienna Philharmonic performing their annual New Year's concert on January 1, 2026, led by first-time conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein. Hosted by Hugh Bonneville, the broadcast will include traditional Strauss family waltzes, polkas, and marches, interspersed with stunning ballet performances from the Vienna City Ballet at various Vienna landmarks.





Finding Your Roots NEW SEASON

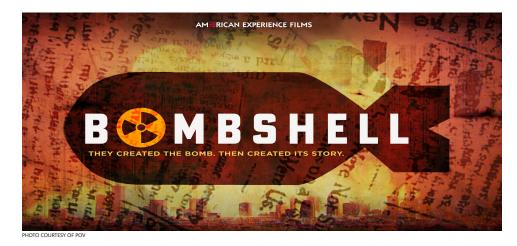
TUE Jan 6 | 7 PM

For more than a decade, renowned Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. has helped to expand America's sense of itself, stimulating a national conversation about identity with humor, wisdom, and compassion. Professor Gates has explored the ancestry of dozens of influential people from diverse backgrounds, taking millions of viewers deep into the past to reveal the connections that bind us all.

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American Experience

BOMBSHELL

TUE Jan 6 | 8 PM

On August 6, 1945, the atomic bomb leveled Hiroshima, followed by a second strike on Nagasaki. While hailed for ending World War II, the bomb's use was clouded by misleading claims—President Truman described Hiroshima as "an army base," though the blast targeted the city center for maximum psychological effect.

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Jan 9 - 15



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Miss Scarlet SEASON 6 PREMIERE

SUN Jan 11 | 7 PM

In a case centered around the fledgling world of psychiatry, a violent psychiatric patient is on the loose, leaving behind a murder, a mystery and an unidentified body. Blake hires Eliza to help him solve the case.

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Bookish

SERIES PREMIERE

SUN Jan 11 | 9 PM

British detective drama series created by Mark Gatiss, set in 1946 London, following erudite antiquarian bookseller Gabriel Book (Gatiss) as he uses his vast knowledge and quirky network of associates to solve baffling crimes, while navigating his loving but platonic "lavender marriage" with his wife Trottie and forming a complex bond with a young ex-con he hires, blending post-war nostalgia with engaging mysteries.

Ukraine UNDER FIRE TUE Jan 13 | 10 PM

In the wake of Russia's all-out invasion, an American journalist and a Ukrainian news presenter embark on a series of interviews, chronicling resistance, war crimes and acts of genocide.



Nature TUSKER: BROTHERHOOD OF ELEPHANTS

WED Jan 14 | 7 PM

Explore the complex lives, dominance struggles, and deep social bonds of giant bull elephants (Tuskers) in Kenya's Amboseli and Mount Kilimanjaro regions, highlighting these magnificent, rare elephants facing threats and showcasing their role as landscape engineers. The film offers a rare look at these iconic, large-tusked males and the challenges to their survival.



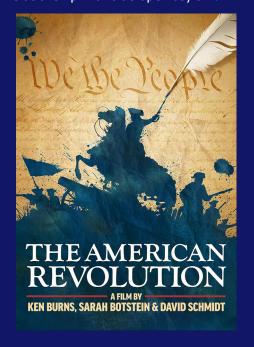
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Jan 16 - 22

The American Revolution AN ASYLUM FOR MANKIND

FRI Jan 16 | 8 PM

The American Revolution: An Asylum for Mankind" is the title of the second episode (May 1775 - July 1776) in Ken Burns's recent PBS documentary series, focusing on the crucial early period when New Englanders besieged Boston, George Washington took command, and the colonies declared independence, asserting rights against tyranny as a beacon for liberty, though historians note America's complex, evolving relationship with true open asylum.





Breaking the Deadlock

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

TUE Jan 20 | 8 PM

Top voices tackle America's toughest issues through fictional yet realistic scenarios. Legal expert Aaron Tang moderates spirited, solutions-driven debate. Civil discourse meets real-world stakes.





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NOVA

ASTEROIDS: SPARK OF LIFE?

WED Jan 21 | 8 PM

Explore a revolutionary theory that cosmic impacts, rather than just destroying, delivered vital ingredients like water, minerals, and organic compounds to early Earth, kickstarting life amidst volcanic chaos, with scientists like Robert Hazen studying these "relic environments" to understand how life and rocks coevolved from a lifeless rock to a living planet.

Jan 23 - 31



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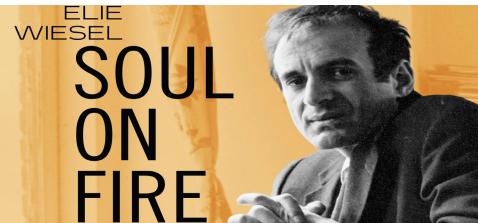
Independent Lens:

VIVIEN'S WILD RIDE

MON Jan 26 | 9 PM

When legendary film editor Vivien Hillgrove begins losing her sight, she confronts memories of loss and resilience while reinventing herself as an artist with a disability. From her groundbreaking career in cinema to her life on a small farm with her partner, Karen, Vivien's story reveals how creativity, care, and connection can reshape what it means to see and belong.





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American Masters

ELIE WIESEL: SOUL ON FIRE

TUE Jan 27 | 8 PM

Learn about Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize-winning author of Night. After his internment at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and liberation from Buchenwald, Wiesel became a journalist in France before immigrating to America. Over the course of his life, Wiesel fought the "sin of indifference" by writing, teaching, speaking truth to power and championing for human rights.

NOVA ANGKOR: HIDDEN JUNGLE EMPIRE WED Jan 28 | 8 PM

Discover the secrets of the mighty Khmer Empire's capital, Angkor, using cutting-edge Lidar technology to uncover its massive, hidden urban networks beneath the Cambodian jungle, exploring how this vast metropolis rose to power, built wonders like Angkor Wat, and mysteriously collapsed due to factors like drought, warfare, and potential water management failures.

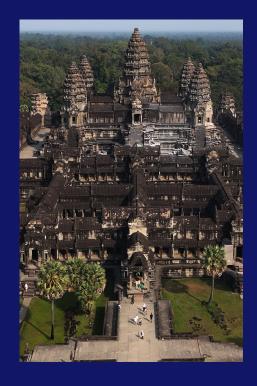


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