



SEASON 2 PREMIERE  
WED Sep 10 | 7 PM

# BIG CATS 24/7



Weather Hunters - NEW PBS  
KIDS Series

MON Sep 8 | 6:30 AM



Sacred Planet with Gulnaz  
Khan - Four-part Series

WED Sep 10 | 9 PM



POV: Porcelain War

MON Sep 29 | 9 PM



# Primetime Highlights

We are excited to introduce RMPBS+, our new streaming app! You can download it for free by searching for “Rocky Mountain PBS” in your preferred app store. Sign in with your Rocky Mountain PBS account to start watching! This month is filled with exciting programming, including the premieres of *Big Cats 24/7 Season 2*, *NOVA: Human, Sacred Planet*, and *Astrid Season 3*, along with brand-new episodes of *POV* and *American Experience* starting September 15. As we kick off our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (HMM), look for programs tagged with HMM that feature a variety of education-focused titles. Additionally, keep an eye out for programs marked as part of the America at 250 initiative, commemorating 250 years of our nation’s history. Join the celebration on RMPBS+ by exploring specially curated carousels that highlight these themes!

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## Astrid SEASON 3 PREMIERE

SUN Sep 7 | 10 PM

Astrid Nielsen works in the library of the judicial police. She has Asperger’s syndrome. With an incredible memory she excels at analyzing files of ongoing investigations. The district commander decides to use it to the fullest, entrusting her with very complex investigations which have remained unsolved to date.



## Big Cats 24/7 SEASON 2 PREMIERE | 6 PART SERIES

WED Sep 10 | 7 PM

The team returns to Okavango Delta to catch up with old friends. Lionesses hunt nonstop to feed growing cubs. Leopardess Xudum moves on, and the new mom, Lediba, steps into the spotlight. Pobe, the cheetah, returns with two cubs of her own. “Under Siege” - With the dominant males gone, trouble looms as intruder lions close in on the Xudum pride’s young cubs. Leopard Lediba searches for her missing cub after a tense encounter, while Pobe the cheetah must defend her family’s food from bigger cats.



## 38<sup>TH</sup> Annual HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARDS (HMM)

FRI Sep 26 | 8 PM

Celebrate the recipients of the 38th annual Hispanic Heritage Awards. The evening commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month includes performances and appearances by some of the country’s most celebrated Hispanic artists and visionaries.

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# Local & Independent



## America's Hidden Gem: NORTHWEST AURORA

SUN Sep 14 | 10 AM

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 US 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.



## COLORADO EXPERIENCE

UNCOVERING DEARFIELD

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS

## Colorado Experience UNCOVERING DEARFIELD

THUR Sep 4 | 7 PM

This episode uncovers the history of Dearfield, a once-thriving Black settlement founded during the Great Migration. Situated on the arid plains east of Greeley, Dearfield was more than a community; it was a dream of prosperity and autonomy for Black settlers seeking refuge from the racial tensions of the South. This episode traces the rise and decline of this town and its impact.



## COLORADO EXPERIENCE

THE UTE WATER LEGACY

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS

## Colorado Experience THE UTE WATER LEGACY

THUR Sep 4 | 7:30 PM

This episode dives into the history of the Ute Water Settlement, a landmark water agreement affecting the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes. Spanning several decades of negotiations, we take an in-depth look at the complex interplay of water rights, tribal sovereignty, and environmental stewardship in the arid West.



## COLORADO EXPERIENCE

WEAPONS TO WILDLIFE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS

## Colorado Experience WEAPONS TO WILDLIFE

THUR Sep 11 | 7 PM

This episode reveals the remarkable transformation of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal from a chemical site to a thriving sanctuary for wildlife. The arsenal's history reflects changing ideals and priorities for Americans throughout the 20th century. Now more than 330 species of animals including bison, bald eagles and black-footed ferrets call the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge home.

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## Colorado Experience

### THE SKI TRAIN

THUR Sep 11 | 7:30 PM

In this episode, we delve into the history of the Winter Park Express, a beloved ski train that carves its way from Denver through Colorado's mountains to the ski slopes. The first riders of the ski train were 100 years ago as Denverites ached for that fresh powder and easy access to it. This episode captures the romance and adventure of a unique rail experience and its legacy.



## Colorado Experience

### GOTHIC'S OUTDOOR SCIENCE LAB

THUR Sep 18 | 7 PM

This episode ventures into the heart of the Colorado Rockies to explore the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL), a hub of scientific research and ecological study since 1928. Nestled in the Gothic Valley, this unique laboratory has facilitated groundbreaking research on environmental and biological processes at high altitudes. In this episode, we highlight the impact of this unique lab.



## Colorado Experience

### RETURN OF THE WOLF

THUR Sep 25 | 7 PM

Wolves. Mention the word in Colorado and it likely elicits some sort of response. This special one-hour episode takes a deep look into the relationship between humans and wolves in Colorado. We trace their history from their near eradication in the 1940s to today where the impacts of a controversial and groundbreaking ballot decision are still being felt.



## RMPBS News Presents:

### WAITING FOR JUSTICE

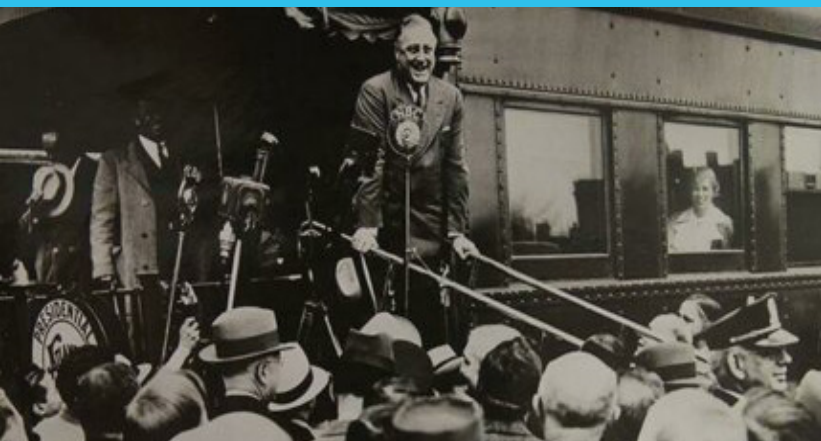
THUR Sep 18 | 7:30 PM

As of April 2025, more than 1,400 people in Colorado are still waiting for DNA results from their sexual assault cases — with some waiting over a year. The issue has gained urgency at the Capital this legislative session — and one lawmaker is among those caught in the backlog.

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# Ken Burns in September



## The Roosevelts AN INTIMATE HISTORY

THUR Sep 4 | 8 PM

**The Rising Road:** FDR brings the same optimism and energy to the White House that his cousin Theodore displayed. Aimed at ending the Depression, his sweeping New Deal restores the people's self-confidence and transforms the relationship between them and their government. Eleanor rejects the traditional role of first lady, becomes her husband's liberal conscience and a sometimes controversial political force.



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**The Common Cause:** FDR shatters the third-term tradition, struggles to prepare a reluctant country to enter World War II and, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, helps set the course toward Allied victory. Meanwhile, Eleanor struggles to keep New Deal reforms alive in wartime and travels the Pacific to comfort wounded servicemen.



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THUR Sep 18 | 8 PM

**A Strong and Active Faith:** Frail and failing but determined to see the war through to victory, FDR wins re-election and begins planning for a peaceful postwar world, but a cerebral hemorrhage kills him at 63. After her husband's death, Eleanor Roosevelt proves herself a shrewd politician and a skilled negotiator in her own right, as well as a champion of civil rights, civil liberties and the United Nations.



## Prohibition A NATION OF DRUNKARDS

FRI Sep 5 | 8 PM

The story of Prohibition's rise and fall is a compelling saga that goes far beyond the oft-told tales of gangsters, flappers, and speakeasies, to reveal a complicated and divided nation in the throes of momentous transformation.

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# Ken Burns in September



## Prohibition

### A NATION OF SCOFFLAWS

**FRI Sep 12 | 8 PM**

In 1920, Prohibition goes into effect and millions of law-abiding Americans become lawbreakers overnight. Drys had hoped Prohibition would make the country a safer place, but the law has many victims.



## Prohibition

### A NATION OF HYPOCRITES

**FRI Sep 19 | 8 PM**

Gangsters make huge profits and wreak havoc in cities across the country. By the late 1920s, many Americans believe that Prohibition has failed. After the election of FDR in 1932, Prohibition is repealed.



## Benjamin Franklin

### JOIN OR DIE

**THUR Sep 25 | 9 PM**

Ken Burns's four-hour documentary, Benjamin Franklin, explores the revolutionary life of one of the 18th century's most consequential figures, whose work and words unlocked the mystery of electricity and helped create the United States.

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**POV:**  
**DRIVER**  
**MON Sep 1 | 9 PM**

After losing everything, Desiree Wood takes a second lease on life as a long-haul trucker. Alongside an irreverent group of women drivers, she fights for a life on the road. In a rapidly changing labor landscape, Desiree and her sisterhood of truckers rally against the crushing forces of an industry that is indifferent to their survival.



### THE FILMMAKERS



Nesa Azimi



Nicolas Borel



Ines Hofmann Kanna

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**Make a Circle**  
**DOCUMENTARY**  
**SUN Sep 7 | 10 AM**

A group of child care providers who are determined to change how society values the education of its youngest citizens. Weaving together the magic they create in the classroom, the struggles they endure at home, and their tireless activism for their profession, a moving portrait of life as an early childhood educator and a promising blueprint for fixing our broken child care system.

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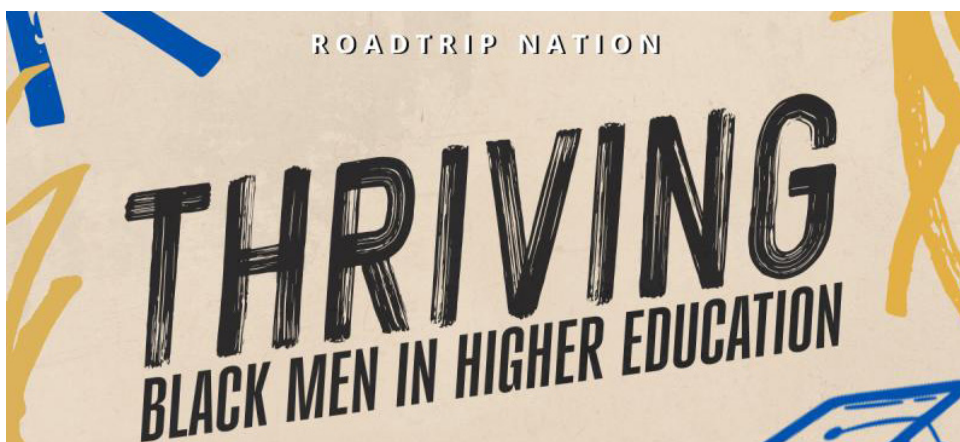


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**Roadtrip Nation:**  
**THRIVING BLACK MEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**SUN Sep 7 | 5 PM**

**PART 1:** Black men belong in higher ed spaces and can thrive when we build a culture of engagement, care, and support. This story follows three young Black men as they explore what's possible for their futures in postsecondary education and beyond.





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### POV: THE AGE OF WATER

MON Sep 8 | 9 PM

When three children die of leukemia in a rural Mexican town, two mothers and a scientist discover radioactivity in the water, sparking backlash and denial. Their fight for justice reveals the personal cost of exposing hidden environmental threats.

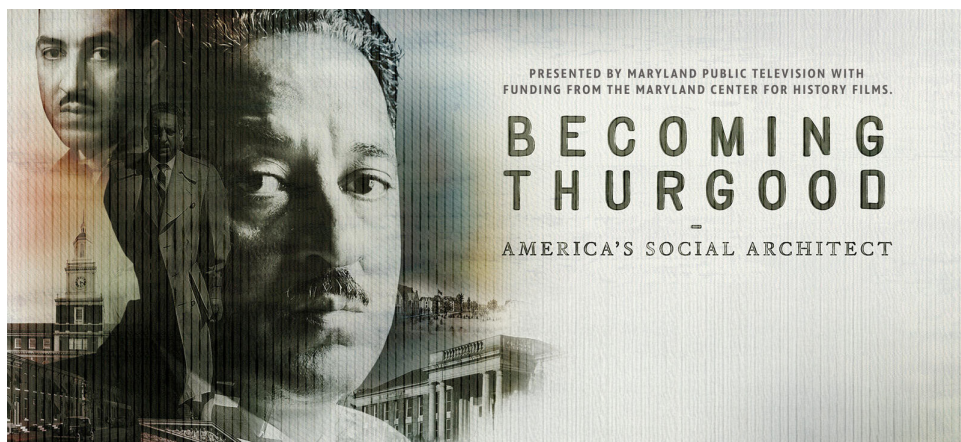


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### Becoming Thurgood: AMERICA'S SOCIAL ARCHITECT

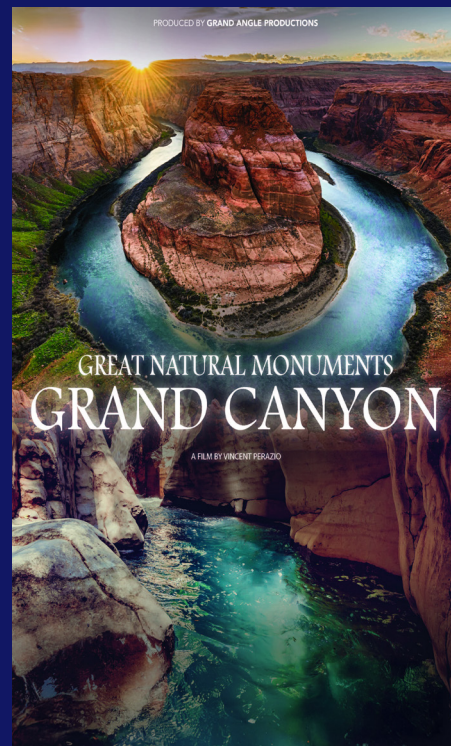
TUE Sep 9 | 9 PM

Explore the life and legacy of the nation's first African American Supreme Court justice. The film follows Justice Marshall, known as "Mr. Civil Rights," from his legal career with the NAACP to his 1967 appointment to the nation's highest court.

### Great Natural Monuments GRAND CANYON

WED Sep 10 | 10 PM

Karl Karlstrom and Laura Crossey begin their descent to the Colorado River and tackle hundreds of rapids to unveil the mysteries held in the Grand Canyon, and the place humans occupy within it.





## NOVA

### HUMAN: ORIGINS

WED Sep 17 | 8 PM

Around 300,000 years ago, Homo sapiens emerged in Africa – one of at least seven human species alive at the time. Now, we are the only remaining human line, and our impact on the planet is undeniable. In this stunningly cinematic five-part series, paleoanthropologist Ella Al-Shamahi traces the surprising story of human origins. Remarkable new fossil evidence, modern DNA sequencing, and other cutting-edge scientific tools are shedding new light on the lives and journeys of long-vanished human species, and how our encounters with them helped make us who we are today. (A five-part series premiering on September 17, 2025)



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## VOCES American Historia:

### THE UNTOLD HISTORY OF LATINOS (HHM)

FRI Sep 19 | 10 PM

Join host John Leguizamo as he examines the rise and legacy of the Great Empires and civilizations of Mexico, South America and the Caribbean, from the Taino to the Olmec, Inca, Maya, Aztec, and more.

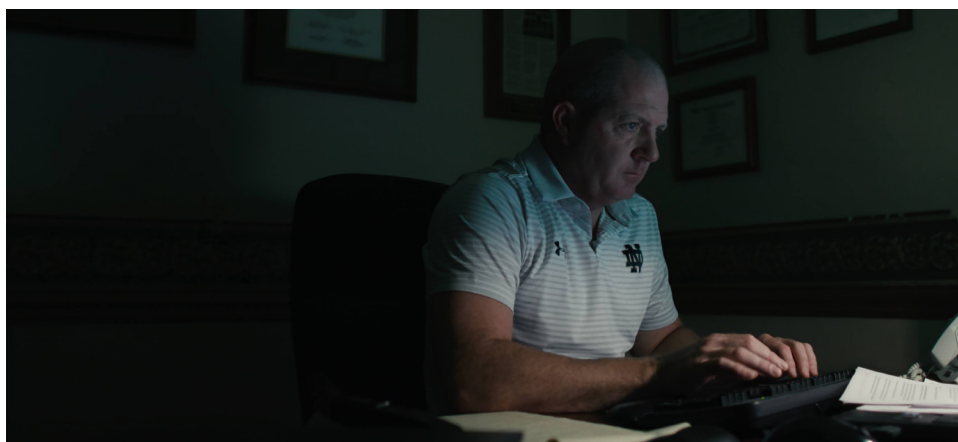


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## POV:

### THE BITTER PILL

MON Sep 22 | 9 PM

Attorney Paul Farrell Jr. takes on pharmaceutical giants to fight the opioid epidemic in his West Virginia hometown. His local battle grows into the largest civil litigation in U.S. history, raising the stakes as he fights for justice nationwide.





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## Dr. Cliff: WORLDWIDE VET

WED Sep 24 | 10 PM

Known simply as Dr. Cliff to his clients, Dr. Cliff Redford tends to his furry patients through all stages of their lives. However, his passion for animal welfare extends far beyond the clinic and domestic pets. He regularly volunteers with local and international organizations to help a wide variety of animals, including hawks, owls, porcupines, monkeys, snakes, and more.



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## Wolf Land DOCUMENTARY

THUR Sep 25 | 8 PM

The dense forests of northeastern Washington have been a place where wildlands and human spaces blend - and wolves and ranchers have been at odds ever since. "Wolf-protecting cowboy" Daniel Curry rides the line between these cultures in search of common ground using non-lethal methods. Curry unites with fourth-generation cattle rancher Jerry Francis to preserve what's dearest to each of them.

## America's Test Kitchen SEASON 26 PREMIERE

SAT Sep 27 | 12 PM

Bridget Lancaster and Julia Collin Davison lead a team of dedicated test kitchen cooks to reveal the basics of foolproof home cooking while preparing dozens of exhaustively tested recipes. The series also features the popular segments viewers know and love. In "The Tasting Lab," expert Jack Bishop puts supermarket staples to the test before revealing the series' top food recommendations. Then, equipment tester Adam Ried takes viewers through an exhaustive and unbiased search for the best kitchen items in "Equipment Corner." Meanwhile, in "Gadgets Galore," Lisa McManus reviews her favorite gadgets and reveals which ones are worth the cost-or not.



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