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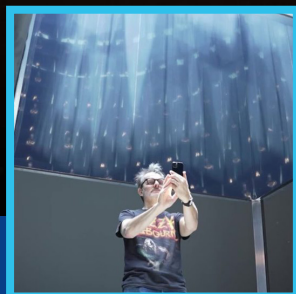
MAIGRET

SEASON PREMIERE
SUN Oct 5 | 8 PM



Great Performances:
The Magic of Grace Bumbry

FRI Oct 3 | 8 PM



Art & Science Collide

FRI Oct 17 | 9:30 PM



Dia De Los Muertos

FRI Oct 31 | 10 PM

Primetime Highlights

Starting October 5, don't miss the premieres of three major dramas: **Brian and Maggie**, along with two new Masterpiece titles — **The Gold** and **Maigret**. Then on October 22, the 44th season of PBS's flagship series **Nature** makes its debut. Locally, we're thrilled to present the Season 12 premiere of **Colorado Experience** on October 9. We're also highlighting five new independent productions this October, including all-new episodes of **Great Colorado Women**. Plus, Hispanic Heritage Month continues through October 15, and we're continuing to spotlight programming in honor of America at 250.

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Brian and Maggie



Brian and Maggie SEASON PREMIERE

SUN Oct 5 | 7 PM

Brian and Maggie revisits the infamous 1989 television interview between former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and journalist Brian Walden, which marked the end of their friendship and catalyzed Thatcher's resignation.

MASTERPIECE THE GOLD



The Gold SEASON PREMIERE

SUN Oct 5 | 9 PM

The Gold is a critically acclaimed crime drama inspired by the true story of one of the largest robberies in British history — the 1983 Brink's-Mat robbery. Inspired by extensive research and interviews with some of those involved in the events, The Gold is a pulsating dramatization which takes a journey into a 1980s world awash with cheap money and loosened morals to tell this extraordinary and epic story for the first time in its entirety.

American Experience KISSINGER | 2 Part Series

MON Oct 27 & TUE Oct 28 | 8 PM

An unlikely celebrity who drew fire from across the political spectrum, Henry Kissinger is widely recognized as one of the great American statesmen of the twentieth century. According to biographer Robert Schulzinger, "Kissinger seizes the imagination because he engineered the most significant turning point in United States foreign policy since the beginning of the cold war."

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Local & Independent

THE LONGEST WALK



The Longest Walk DOCUMENTARY

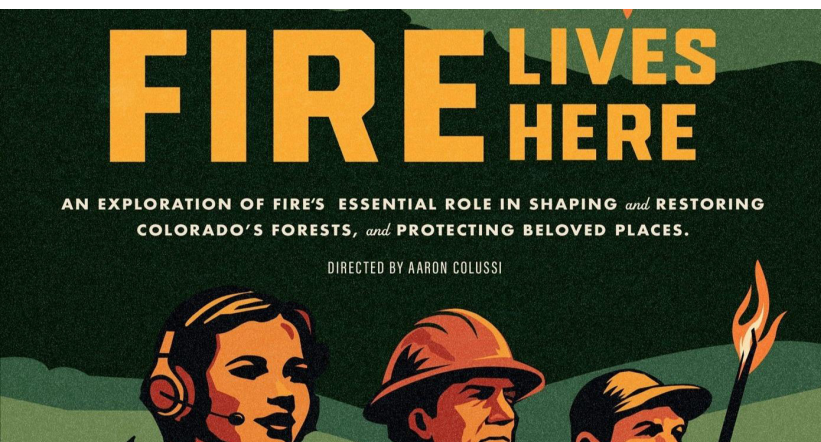
SUN Oct 5 | 9:30 AM

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 music.

Fire Lives Here DOCUMENTARY

SUN Oct 5 | 5 PM

An intimate journey into the heart of Colorado's Front Range, where fire is not just a threat—but a force of renewal. Through the voices of scientists, firefighters, and forest stewards, this documentary reveals how fire shapes the land, restores our forests, and holds the key to protecting the places we love.



Great Colorado Women

LENA ARCHULETA: BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF BELONGING

THUR Oct 9 | 7:30 PM

Lena Archuleta proudly served the Hispanic community in Colorado as teacher, school librarian, administrator, and community volunteer. In 1976, she became the first Hispanic female principal in the Denver Public Schools. She also served as supervisor of bilingual education programs and community relations for the school system, was a member of the State Board of Community Colleges and Vocational Education. Archuleta is widely known as the Latina Matriarch of the Denver Community and was the first Latina to be inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame.



Great Colorado Women

Lydia M. Peña: A Life of Faith and Service

THUR Oct 16 | 7:30 PM

Well known as an educator, author, artist, art historian, community leader, and fundraiser, Lydia Peña came to Colorado from New Mexico to attend Loretto Heights College. After graduation, she entered the Sisters of Loretto where she made her vows and began her life of service that has focused on education. Peña was passionate about raising funds for the oppressed and underserved.

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Local & Independent

The ART of GROWTH



The Art of Growth

DOCUMENTARY

FRI Oct 17 | 9:00 PM

The compelling story of the power of the arts to inspire, educate and enrich lives. The film features creative artists including a 6th grade student actor, a beloved science educator, and a legendary dancer and choreographer; and highlights the story behind the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

Taylor's Vision



Taylor's Vision

DOCUMENTARY

SUN Oct 26 | 9 AM

The story of Taylor Aguilar, an aspiring young Latino filmmaker from Pueblo, Colorado who while completing her MFA at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, was stricken with a rare disease that has left her blind.

A film by
Regan Linton & Brian Malone

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DOCUMENTARY

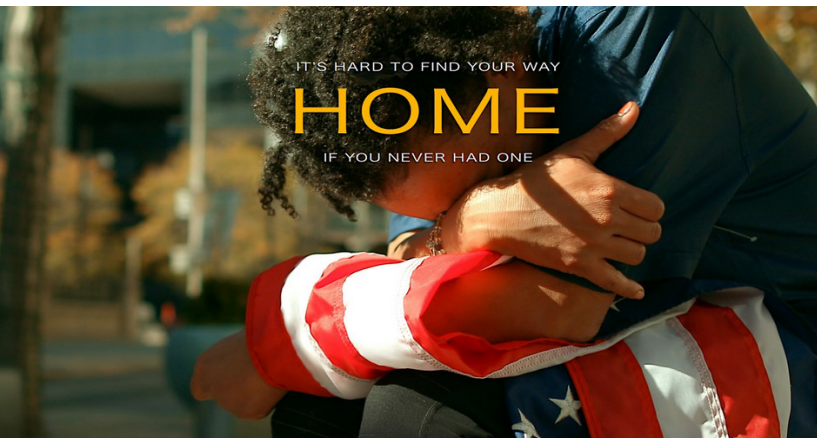
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A story of artists who live and perform with the uniqueness of disability. The actors open the backstage door for the viewer, giving a rare and unfiltered look at the details of their daily lives, in and out of the theatre as they persevere against obstacles in a world that excludes them. Through the Phamaly Theater Company they attempt an unprecedented version of the musical Chicago.

IT'S HARD TO FIND YOUR WAY

HOME

IF YOU NEVER HAD ONE



Home

DOCUMENTARY

THUR Oct 30 | 7:30 PM

This intimate documentary offers glimpses into day-to-day survival, the battles within, and the sparks of progress and hope that remind us of our collective responsibility. It challenges us to ask: What is nurture, and what happens when it's missing? How can we, as a society, provide safety, belonging, and care for our youth?

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Colorado Experience



Colorado Experience

BLACK COWBOYS

THUR Oct 9 | 7 PM & SUN Oct 12 | 5 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

THUR Oct 16 | 7 PM & SUN Oct 19 | 5 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

THUR Oct 23 | 7 PM & SUN Oct 26 | 5 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

THUR Oct 30 | 7 PM & SUN Nov 2 | 5 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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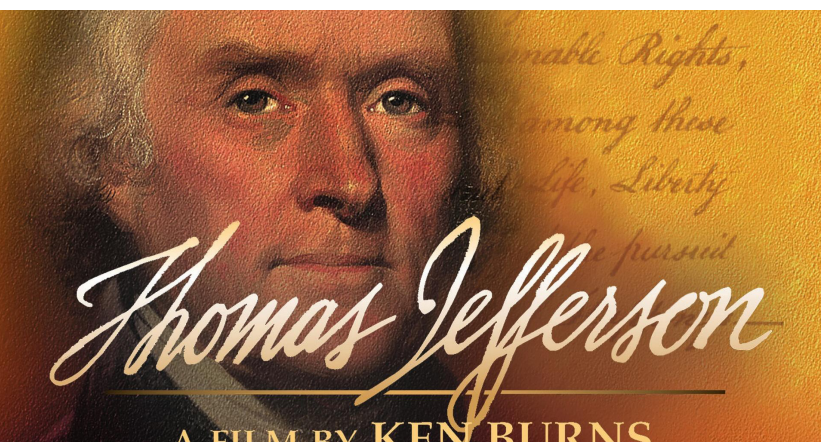
Ken Burns in October



Benjamin Franklin AN AMERICAN (1775-1790)

THUR Oct 2 | 8 PM

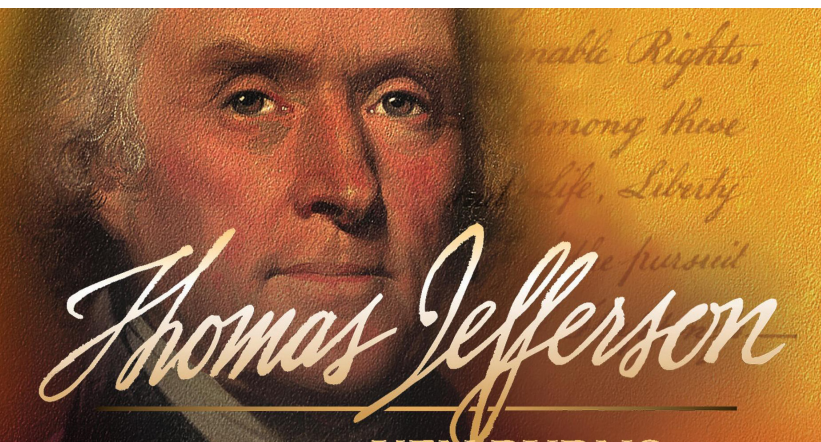
In wartime Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin helps Thomas Jefferson craft the Declaration of Independence. In Paris, he wins French support for the American Revolution. Back home, he works on the Constitution of the new United States.



Thomas Jefferson LIFE/LIBERTY: OUR SACRED HONOR

THUR Oct 9 | 8 PM

Jefferson's beginnings are detailed from his education, the building of Monticello, to his marriage.



Thomas Jefferson LIBERTY: THE AGE OF EXPERIMENTS/ THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

THUR Oct 9 | 9:30 PM

Explore Jefferson's battles with the Federalist movement along with his controversial relationships.



The American Buffalo BLOOD MEMORY

THUR Oct 16 | 8 PM

The dramatic story of how America's national mammal, which sustained the lives of Native people, was driven to the brink of extinction. Ken Burns recounts the tragic collision of two opposing views of the natural world.

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Ken Burns in October

THE AMERICAN BUFFALO

A FILM BY KEN BURNS



The American Buffalo INTO THE STORM

THUR Oct 23 | 8:15 PM

By the late 1880s, the buffalo that once numbered in the tens of millions is teetering on the brink of extinction. But a diverse and unlikely collection of Americans start a movement that rescues the national mammal from disappearing forever.

The American Buffalo: A STORY OF RESILIENCE

THUR Oct 23 | 10:15 PM

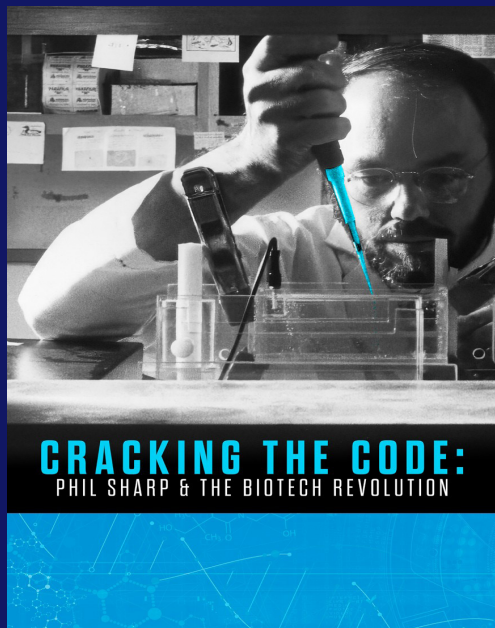
A companion discussion program to Ken Burns' two-part, four-hour series The American Buffalo. Judy Woodruff moderates this one-hour conversation with the filmmaker (Ken Burns) and three experts (Jason Baldes, Rosalyn LaPier, and Dan Flores), exploring lessons from the film, the early history and special relationship between native American people and the buffalo.



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Independent Lens: **CRACKING THE CODE: PHIL SHARP & THE BIOTECH REVOLUTION** MON Oct 6 | 9 PM

A groundbreaking look at Phil Sharp's rise from being a rural Kentucky farm boy who battled dyslexia to Nobel Prize-winning scientist. Narrated by Mark Ruffalo with insights from Walter Isaacson, *Cracking the Code: Phil Sharp and the Biotech Revolution* reveals how Sharp's RNA discovery transformed biology and launched the biotechnology revolution leading to life-saving treatments for millions.



THE FILMMAKERS



Bill Haney



Carina Chavda



Maura Haney

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NOVA **HUMAN: INTO THE AMERICAS** WED Oct 8 | 8 PM

Follow ancient humans' perilous journey into the Americas, where a frigid Ice Age landscape, mammoths, and other fearsome beasts tested their resilience.

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Secrets of the Dead **THE RISE & FALL OF THE COLOSSEUM** WED Oct 8 | 9 PM

The Colosseum was the jewel of Ancient Rome, wowing vast crowds with its extraordinary spectacles and exhibiting Rome's immense wealth. But just as the structure embodied Rome's power, so too did it contribute to the Empire's downfall.



PHOTO COURTESY OF POV

POV: **A MOTHER APART** MON Oct 13 | 9 PM

In a powerful story of healing and forgiveness, Jamaican-American poet and LGBTQ+ activist Staceyann Chin re-imagines mothering after being abandoned by her own. In a journey to seek out her elusive mother, Staceyann travels across Brooklyn, Montreal, Cologne, and Jamaica while building a new sense of home with her own daughter. Co-presented with Black Public Media (BPM)

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American Masters **MARLEE MATLIN: NOT ALONE ANYMORE** TUE Oct 14 | 8 PM

Learn about the life and career of 4-time Emmy nominee Marlee Matlin as she shares her story in her native American Sign Language. Known for roles in The West Wing and CODA, at 21 years old, Matlin became the first Deaf actor to win an Oscar.

Julie Andrews **FOREVER** TUE Oct 14 | 10 PM

Follow the impressive trajectory of the award-winning British performing legend, who rose from a child entertainer in musical revues to an Oscar-winning actress for her beloved performance in Mary Poppins. With her crystalline voice and captivating presence, Andrews has delighted audiences in numerous roles on stage and screen, including her recent role as the voice of Lady Whistledown in the hit TV series Bridgerton. The documentary features clips from The Sound of Music, My Fair Lady, Camelot, and Victor Victoria. It also includes scenes from her TV specials with Carol Burnett.

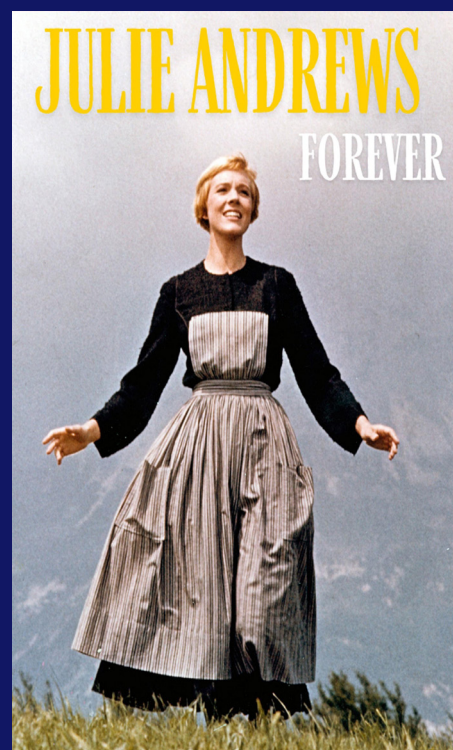


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Art21

ART IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

FRI Oct 17 | 8 PM

Season 12 of Art in the Twenty-First Century features twelve of today's most acclaimed contemporary artists as they use art to address the pressing questions of our time. Viewers observe the artists at work, watch as they transform inspiration into art, and hear how they struggle with both the physical and aesthetic challenges of achieving their visions. This landmark season builds upon a quarter century of shaping how audiences experience art and artists today.

Included this season are: **Sophie Calle, Lubaina Himid, Tuan Andrew Nguyen, Dyani White Hawk, Njideka Akunyili Crosby, Ragnar Kjartansson, Candice Lin, Tomás Saraceno, Lenka Clayton, Josh Kline, Delcy Morelos, and Sin Wai Kin.**



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Independent Lens:

RATIFIED

MON Oct 20 | 9 PM

Ratified brings the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to life through Virginia's pivotal ratification battle. Led by Black women and with the support of a multi-racial, multi-generational coalition, this documentary traces the legal, political, and deeply personal fight to enshrine gender equality in the U.S. Constitution nearly a century after the ERA was first proposed.



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Nature

WALRUS: LIFE ON THIN ICE

WED Oct 22 | 7 PM

With bulbous eyes, two long sharp tusks, a long mustache and one ton of blubber, the walrus is far from majestic. But for Kirk Johnson, scientist and Sant Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, the walrus has been a creature close to his heart for 30 years. Johnson will follow his passion and trek across the Arctic to uncover the hidden lives of these lumbering giants, their cultural significance to the native peoples of the North, and the threats they face as climate change shrinks the sea ice.

ART



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Black to the Bigs

DOCUMENTARY

THUR Oct 23 | 7:30 PM

A compelling documentary revealing the decline of Black players in MLB since Jackie Robinson's historic breakthrough. Featuring legends like Ken Griffey Jr., Mookie Betts, J.P. Crawford, Marcus Stroman, Jordan Walker, Harold Reynolds, Bob Kendrick, Dusty Baker, Ron Washington, and other baseball greats, this film confronts barriers and advocates for lasting change.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREAT PERFORMANCES

Great Performances:

ANN

FRI Oct 24 | 9 PM

Enjoy a powerful and revealing look at legendary, larger-than-life Texas governor Ann Richards, who enriched the lives of her followers, friends and family, in this critically acclaimed play written by and starring Emmy Award winner Holland Taylor.

Nature

WILLOW: DIARY OF A MOUNTAIN LION

WED Oct 29 | 7 PM

A unique, non-invasive, mountain lion study uses a giant network of trail cameras scattered throughout Montana's Sapphire Mountains over a decade to piece together the life story of a female mountain lion. This film weaves clips of mountain lions and their complex interactions with each other and the rest of the forest world into a story about life and death that contains never-before-captured events and behaviors at every turn.



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