



Insider News



A groundbreaking new series...

Asian Americans

People of all ages and backgrounds traveled from China, Japan, Korea, India, and the Philippines. Many fled poverty, war, and oppression. Others sought opportunity and adventure. They all dreamt of new possibilities in America.

Asian Americans examines the challenges and accomplishments of Asian immigrants from the 1850s through the present day. Told through personal histories, this five-part documentary explores the impact of this group in shaping our country's history and identity.

Their voices, photos, and videos tell the stories of resilience in the face of racism and their contributions in all sectors of culture including construction, business, technology, military service, and the arts.

Episode 1: Breaking Ground describes the first experience for many Chinese immigrants — constructing the Transcontinental Railroad. It was a monumental undertaking; Chinese laborers worked their way eastward to meet Irish immigrants who laid the track westward. Using only hand tools and blasting powder, they dug out thousands of pounds of solid granite in the Sierra Nevada.

The railroad could not have been built without Asian immigrants, yet the anti-Asian laws prohibited them from becoming naturalized citizens, voting, or owning land. As they became an increasingly important part of the workforce, people began to see them as a threat, and Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, closing the door on all Chinese laborers.

In *Episode 2: A Question of Loyalty*, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the internment of the Japanese during World War II. American-born children of Japanese

immigrants were influenced by both their country of birth and their parents' heritage. Their loyalties were tested; however, in spite of the cruel treatment of their families, Japanese-Americans fought in the U.S. military.

Episode 3: Good Americans takes place during the Cold War era. Asian Americans were increasingly integrated into the social and economic society by identifying as Americans and largely ignoring traditions. If they openly criticized American actions, they were vilified as Communists.

Episode 4: Generation Rising reveals radical change. By the 1960s, Asian Americans looked at the world through a new lens. A young generation was fighting for equality in the fields and on campuses. The farm-labor movement galvanized the world. If they fought in Vietnam, they had to be extremely careful they were not mistaken for the enemy. Asian Americans were claiming their voice in art, film, poetry, and music.

Episode 5: Breaking Through examines what it means to be an Asian American today. As the country tackles conflicts over immigration, race, and economic disparity, a new generation, empowered by a growing population and rising influence, reshapes the role of Asian Americans and continues to have an extraordinary impact on our national identity.

Asian Americans
airs Monday and
Tuesday, May 11 and
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NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT

Gather with family and friends to celebrate an American tradition! The spectacular 31st annual *National Memorial Day Concert* honors military service and recognizes the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and their families.

Cohosted by Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise, this extravaganza features an all-star lineup of musicians, singers, and actors.

The concert will recognize the more than 265,000 women who served in the Vietnam War and honor the sacrifice and heroism of our American nurses who cared for the wounded. The nurses' stories will be shared by Diane Carlson Evans, founder of the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, DC.

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II, the concert will share two stories of soldiers who gave their lives in the war; and in their own words and through a musical tribute, Gold Star families will honor their fallen loved ones.

It is one night that we are united in thanks and remembrance for those who serve.

**Airs Sunday, May 24,
at 7 p.m.**



Dear Friends,

As we all cope with the effects of COVID-19 on our community, we at KLRN want you to know that you can always count on us. Whether it's delivering reliable news, offering an escape from the headlines, or providing educational resources, KLRN is here to support you in any way we can over the coming months.

Join us as we witness the remarkable lives of Texans George W. Bush and Ann Richards in *American Experience: W* and *Great Performances: Ann*. We'll also embark to late 1700s India and follow the story of soldier and trader John Beecham in *Masterpiece's* new series, *Beecham House*. Finally, join PBS Kids around the nation

for math and environmental adventures like no other on brand-new episodes of *Cyberchase*. There's no limit to what you can do or where you can go with our programs.

Please let us know how we can continue to be of service to you. Thank you for ensuring that our community can continue to depend on KLRN to be a window to the world during these uncertain times.

Keep watching,

Arthur R. Emerson
President and CEO

GREAT PERFORMANCES

PRESENTS THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS ABOUT ANN RICHARDS AND GLORIA STEINEM

As part of the summerlong celebration honoring the women's vote centennial, *Great Performances* presents *Ann*, a riveting portrait of the legendary Ann Richards, who served as Governor of Texas from 1991 to 1995, and *Gloria: A Life*, the story of Gloria Steinem, one of the most influential women in the feminist movement.

Emmy Award-winner Holland Taylor, who stars as Ann and also wrote the play, said, "She was a strong person and had a remarkable sense of humor..."

fairness was in her essence."

Through excerpts from public speeches and private phone calls, Ann is revealed as a captivating character with a personality even bigger than the state she called home.

Gloria: A Life, starring Academy Award-winner Christine Lahti, features an all-women cast playing both male and female roles. Act 1 focuses on

Steinem's life and path to activism, while Act 2 consists of a "talking circle" with the audience to discuss the play's themes. This unique format offers a forum for Steinem's philosophy on the necessity of conversation as a catalyst for change.

Two uniquely inspiring stories, ***Ann* airs Friday, June 19, at 8 p.m. and *Gloria: A Life* airs Friday, June 26, at 8 p.m.**



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A comprehensive bio of his life and presidency...

GEORGE W. BUSH

Presented by *American Experience*, *George W. Bush* explores the fascinating life of the man who was the “wild son of a political dynasty” and grew up to become the 43rd U.S. president.

Part One chronicles Bush’s unorthodox road to the White House. He took office less than 10 months before 9/11 ushered in a new era of fear, anger, and uncertainty. Bush’s response to the deadly terrorist attacks defined a new era in American foreign policy.

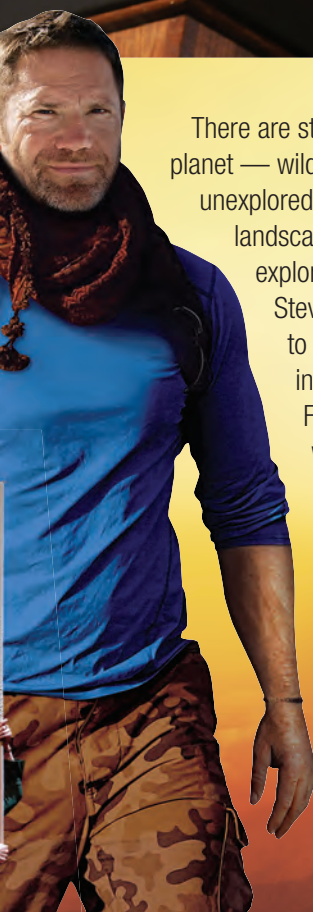
Part Two opens with the war in Iraq and Bush’s second term, as the President confronts the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression.

The four-hour documentary features insights from historians, journalists, and members of the president’s inner circle, including chiefs of staff Andy Card and Joshua Bolten, speechwriter David Frum, press secretary Ari Fleischer, and others.

“What makes George W. Bush such a fascinating subject is that he was one of the least prepared presidents in our history, yet faced some of the greatest challenges,” said filmmaker Barak Goodman. “How Bush evolved in office under these

pressures — at first struggling mightily, but later finding his feet — illuminates not only his character, but the evolving nature of power and the presidency in an increasingly dangerous world.”

Airs Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5, at 8 p.m.



There are still parts of our planet — wilderness peaks, unexplored caves, outlying landscapes — yet to be explored, and naturalist Steve Backshall wants to be the first to investigate them. Fortunately, he wants to take you along with him!

In the four episodes of *Expedition with Steve Backshall*

airing in May and June, you’ll journey with Steve as he encounters extraordinary wildlife and ventures into unknown territory.

In Mexico, you’ll discover how jaguars inhabit the caves of the Yucatan...in Greenland, you’ll climb alongside Steve as he attempts to summit an unclimbed mountain...in Suriname, you’ll experience kayaking in a river so remote it doesn’t have a name...and in Oman’s Dhofar Mountains, you’ll watch in awe as Steve encounters one of the Earth’s rarest animals. They’re adventures you won’t want to miss.

Airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m., beginning May 6.

EXPEDITION

with STEVE BACKSHALL



BEECHAM HOUSE

Masterpiece is known for its epic dramas and *Beecham House* is no exception. Its exotic location — India in 1795 — and spectacular scenery as well as excellent acting will transport you to a different world.

The six-episode series revolves around the life of John Beecham (Tom Bateman), who was a soldier and trader in the East India Company until he grew disgusted with its practices and resigned. He purchases a grand mansion to start a new life for himself and his family.

The staff at Beecham House are shocked to discover their new master has arrived with his infant son, August, a baby of mixed parentage. John is determined to start a new business, reunite his family in Delhi, and keep the identity of his child a secret, but that will not be easy.

After an arduous journey, his mother Henrietta (Lesley Nicol) arrives from London, and John discovers that his younger brother is in a nearby military camp. John believes he is close to fulfilling his dream of reuniting the family until the mysterious Chandrika arrives, throwing the household into chaos.

That’s just the beginning!

Airs Sundays at 9 p.m., beginning June 14.



Get ready to "Explore the Outdoors" with



Four new episodes coming this May

KLRN (9.1): Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.

KLRN PBS Kids (9.3): Mornings at 5 a.m. & 5:30 a.m.

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30 years of television. 24 hours a day. 70,000 tapes.

RECORDER

The Marion Stokes Project

She was obsessive, rich, a hoarder... and brilliant. *Recorder: The Marion Stokes Project* reveals the fascinating project she secretly worked on for more than 30 years. From 1975 until her death in 2012, Marion recorded American television 24 hours a day.

Her collection consisted of coverage of MSNBC, Fox, CNN, C-SPAN, and numerous networks, recorded on multiple VCRs. Her family's life revolved around the length of a VHS tape. Every six hours she and her husband would run around their house switching out the tapes.

She believed that a comprehensive archive of the media would one day be invaluable. Taping these shows was a form of activism — she wanted people to know how the media reflects a society back to itself. "Those in power are able to write their own history," she said.

Now, her 70,000 VHS tapes are being digitized for future generations, giving us a glimpse into how television shaped and continues to shape our world.

Airs Monday, June 15, at 9 p.m.



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Grantchester

— Season 5 —

The wait is finally over — Season 5 of *Grantchester* is airing with six new episodes! As you probably remember, Reverend Will Davenport, played by Tom Brittney, is now the official vicar replacing Sidney Chambers, who left for America in Season 4. You'll be glad to know that Robson Green, Al Weaver, and Tessa Peake-Jones are reprising their roles as Detective Inspector Geordie Keating, Anglican curate Leonard Finch, and housekeeper Mrs. Chapman.

There is certainly no dearth of crimes in Season 5. In episode 1, a student from a prestigious college is found dead, and Will and Geordie must infiltrate the murky world of campus politics and university societies. Then in episode 2, Will and Leonard witness a deliberate and deadly hit and run.

Although Will is busy with his duties as vicar and crime-solving sleuth, his life spices up a bit when he meets journalist Ellie Harding (Lauren Carse). Will rebukes Ellie for her sensationalist coverage of murders, yet they seem to be attracted to one another. Will the relationship test his vow of celibacy? Tune in to find out!

Airs Sundays at 8 p.m., beginning June 14.



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