

Insider News

EXTRA LIFE

A SHORT HISTORY OF LIVING LONGER

"The fact that we have doubled life expectancy may be the single most important development in modern history," said Steven Johnson, best-selling author, who along with David Olusoga, historian and broadcaster, will be our guides through 300 years of scientific breakthroughs and medical innovations in *Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer*.

Set in the context of the current COVID-19 crisis, this four-part series examines the lessons learned from previous global pandemics — including smallpox, cholera, and the Spanish flu.

While the series features many leading public health authorities on the frontlines of the current pandemic, it also examines the bigger picture of the scientists, doctors, and others who launched a public health revolution that fundamentally changed how we think about illness — and paved the way for modern medicine.

Each episode explores an aspect of public health that has played a central role in our battle to live longer.

Episode One: "Vaccines" explores the history and use of vaccination — from the early practices in Africa that were introduced to America during the slave trade and Thomas Jefferson's clinical trials, to the first anti-vax movement in the 1800s and our battle against COVID-19 today.

Episode Two: "Data" looks at how the emergence of fact-based research, data mapping, and analysis has improved public health. The practice evolved out of the 19th-century science of epidemiology and the cholera mortality reports of the 1840s, which first showed the now-ubiquitous "curve" of an epidemic.

Episode Three: "Medicine" focuses on more-recent medical inventions, particularly using antibiotics and anti-viral drugs that combat illness directly. Knowledge of how to produce safe, effective drugs and distribute them quickly around the globe is now a large factor in treating COVID-19.

Episode Four: "Behavior" examines the importance of public involvement during a health crisis — from the lockdowns used to combat the Spanish flu 100 years ago to simple acts of handwashing and wearing facemasks that can save lives.

Extra Life is an illuminating study of how meaningful change can happen when scientists, activists, nonprofit agencies, and others work together, share their findings, and spread innovations around the world.

Premieres Wednesday, May 12, at 10 p.m. KLRN and University Health are hosting a virtual preview and discussion featuring this program series. Visit [KLRN.org/events](https://www.klrn.org/events) for details.



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featuring celebrity guests.

As part of filming, the *Antiques Roadshow* crew visited more than 15 celebrities including comedian Jay Leno, actress S. Epatha Merkerson, musician Rubén Blades, actress/singer-songwriter Luba Mason, chef Carla Hall, Olympic figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, fashion designer Christian Siriano, and others.

Check your local listings for specific dates and celebrity information.

**Airs Mondays at
7 p.m. and 8 p.m.**



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Words from the President...

Dear Friends,

Summer is just around the corner, and we've got a host of fascinating programs that will take you across our nation and the world (and you don't even need to pack a suitcase). We'll also be holding some exclusive virtual events for children and grandchildren of our members as a thank you for all you make possible for our community. We hope you'll join in on the fun!

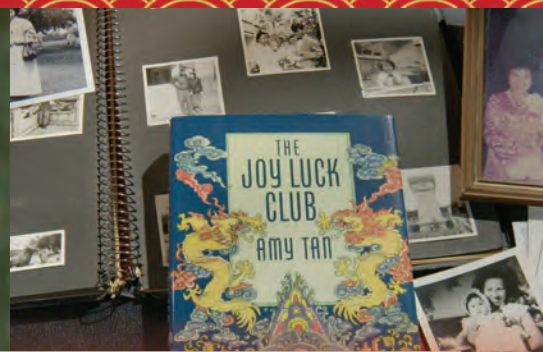
Happy viewing,

Arthur R. Emerson
President and CEO



AMY TAN

UNINTENDED MEMOIR



As part of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, *American Masters* is premiering *Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir*. The last completed film directed by James Redford before he passed away in 2020, it features fascinating interviews with Tan, as well as with her family, friends, and colleagues. Tan opens up to Redford with remarkable frankness about the traumas she's faced and how her writing has helped her heal.

Amy Tan achieved what most aspiring writers only dream about. Her debut novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, was on *The New York Times* Best Seller list for more than 40 weeks, catapulting her to commercial and critical success. The film adaptation that followed was selected for the National Film Registry.

Unintended Memoir delves into Tan's family, her early years, and her rise to fame when she started writing fiction. "My childhood, with its topsy-turvy emotions, has in fact been a reason to write," she said. Her mother battled suicidal tendencies, which were rooted in the suffering common to women who survived the Chinese tradition of concubinage. "It was part of my decision not to be like her at all," she said. However, Tan's family legacy provided her with a wealth of creative inspiration.

Additional bestselling novels, short stories, and memoirs, including *The Kitchen God's Wife* and *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, have established her as among the most prominent literary voices working today.

Airs Monday, May 3, at 9 p.m.



Life at the Waterhole



The waterhole of an African savanna is unlike any other community. In the baking heat, this oasis is teeming with life. A new three-episode BBC series, *Life at the Waterhole*, explores the importance of a waterhole and how it functions.

M. Sanjayan, PhD, and his team of researchers built their own artificial African waterhole and rigged it with half-submerged weather-proof cameras. For six months during the dry season, the remote cameras recorded complex dynamics among lions, elephants, and other animals that depend on the waterhole and coexist there.

Life at the Waterhole was filmed at the Mwiba Wildlife Reserve in Tanzania. During Episode 1, you'll meet warthogs and elephants as they discover the new oasis, then the area becomes more dangerous as leopards and lions close in. Episode 2 examines how hotter weather impacts the animals, and you'll see the waterhole as it becomes busier in the evening when it's cooler. Nocturnal wildlife includes predators such as hyenas. In Episode 3, you'll learn how rain transforms the area — with an abundance of food now available, the mating and birthing season begins.

Airs Wednesday, May 19 through June 2, at 7 p.m.



One hundred years ago, on May 31 and June 1, 1921, a mob of white residents set fire to hundreds of black-owned businesses and homes in an affluent area known as “Black Wall Street” in the Greenwood district of Tulsa, Oklahoma. An estimated 100 to 300 Black residents were killed and 10,000 residents were left homeless. The racial terror was compounded by the fact that no one was punished for the crimes.

The new documentary *Tulsa: The Fire and the Forgotten* examines this deadly assault in the context of other racial massacres and incidents of police brutality, including the

one-year anniversary of the killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020. It resonates with voices and memories of those whose lives were redefined by this massacre.

In the film, *The Washington Post* reporter DeNeen L. Brown interviews residents, business owners, and community leaders — asking them about the events, the mass grave in the city-owned cemetery that may be connected to the massacre, and current efforts to revive the black district of Greenwood.

Airs Monday, May 31, at 9 p.m.

Celebrate Memorial Day with an Award-Winning Musical Tradition

NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT

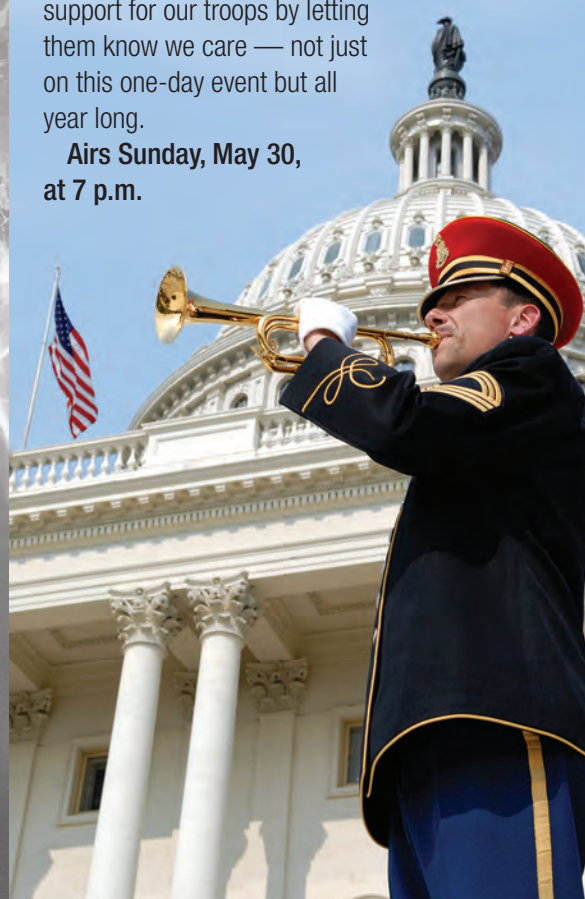
The *National Memorial Day Concert* honors our country's servicemen and women, unites our country in remembrance, and supports all those who make sacrifices to keep the people of the United States free. The concert has become a cherished tradition.

The 32nd annual concert will air on Sunday evening, May 30. In addition to being featured on PBS, the concert is broadcast to our troops on the American Forces Network using seven satellites so the program can be viewed in more than 175 countries and on U.S. Navy ships.

This year, the concert will feature exciting new musical performances as well as traditional favorites from some of the premier military choirs and ensembles. Celebrities and others will share dramatic readings and real-life stories spanning the broad history of military conflict.

The *National Memorial Day Concert* participants and viewers far and wide have become a true community of support for our troops by letting them know we care — not just on this one-day event but all year long.

Airs Sunday, May 30, at 7 p.m.



Did you know?

KLRN will host **members only events** this summer! If your membership is current, your kids & grandkids are eligible to attend.

Watch your inbox for dates and times of **May and July events**. Or call 210-208-8456 to find out more.



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HUMAN

THE WORLD WITHIN

The human body is complex and fascinating. *Human: The World Within* explores the multiple functions inside us, how our lives are powered by a shared biology we often take for granted, and the systems that define us as a species.

Episode 1, "React," delves into the most miraculous machine on earth, the human brain, as well as the vast nervous system it controls.

Episode 2, "Pulse," shows us how the human heart and circulatory system power our physical and emotional lives.

While eating has evolved to mean many things — meals are part of our culture and bring us together — food is basically one thing, fuel for our body. Episode 3, "Fuel," explains how food maintains our body's systems and makes them work properly.

The immune system is the least understood of our body's functions because it is always changing. Episode 4, "Defend," describes how we safeguard ourselves against disease and stay alive against all odds.

Sight, sound, taste, touch, and smell are the building blocks of our consciousness. "Sense," Episode 5, defines each of these elements and how they create unique, vivid pictures.

Episode 6, "Birth," elucidates what is fundamentally shared and exceptional about the experience of birth.

Be sure not to miss a single episode — each one imparts important new insights into the systems of our body and how they make us who we are.

Airs Wednesday, April 28 through June 2, at 9 p.m.

Viewer Comments

"I love the cooking and garden programs. Thanks for all the knowledge I'm acquiring."

— Rick, KLRN Viewer

"Thank you KLRN for providing such productive and positive programming for families. I'm a granddad, and I'm glad this is available for youngsters."

— Ed, KLRN Viewer

"I've always watched KLRN since I was a kid. I remember watching *Sesame Street* as a child at home and at school. I love how KLRN is commercial-free TV and I am always learning new things from watching the show's — no matter your age, you never stop learning and KLRN is a great source of knowledge."

— Diane, KLRN Member



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KLRN's mission is to open a world of lifelong learning through trustworthy and enriching programs on-air, online, and in our community.