

Insider News

MASTERPIECE

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

"I'm going to circumnavigate the globe in 80 days," Phileas Fogg announces, much to the amazement of his colleagues. That's just what he sets out to do as *Around the World in 80 Days* begins!

Presented by *Masterpiece*, the eight-episode miniseries is an exciting new adaptation of Jules Verne's classic adventure novel.

Fogg, a wealthy Victorian eccentric with a childlike sense of wonder about the world, has never traveled outside of London. While at his social club, he gets involved in an argument over an article in *The Daily Telegraph* reporting that, with the opening of a new railway section in India, it is now possible to travel around the world in 80 days. Accepting a wager of 20,000 British pounds from fellow club members, he attempts to complete such a journey — quite a feat considering it's 1872.

He is accompanied on this daunting trip by Jean Passepartout, his newly hired valet. Passepartout, a foil to Fogg's character, is a man who's lived a gritty, well-traveled life. Abigail "Fix" Fortescue, a determined and headstrong journalist, joins them to report on their legendary journey. They are challenged with increasingly dangerous obstacles and find themselves in some hair-raising predicaments as they travel on ships, trains, camels, and stagecoaches — and even in a balloon.

Along the way, they are thwarted by Scotland Yard, which believes Fogg has robbed the Bank of England. They also encounter the scorching heat of the desert,

skulduggery in Hong Kong, and strikes in Paris. To win the wager, they must return to the club on time.

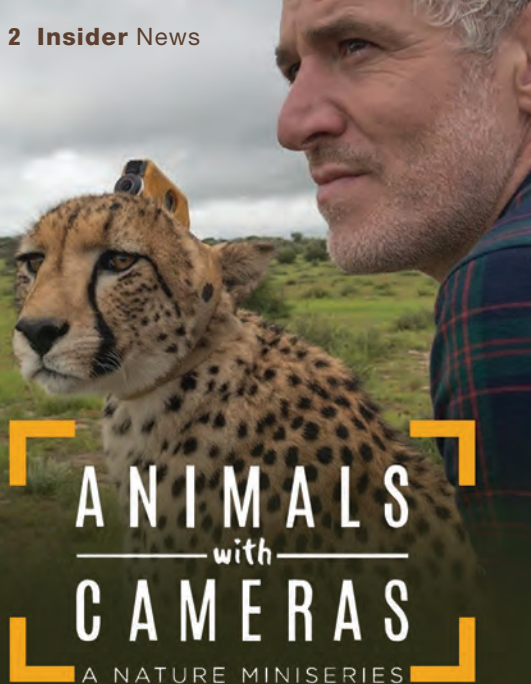
The stellar cast includes David Tennant as Phileas Fogg, Ibrahim Koma who plays Passepartout, and Leonie Benesch as Abigail Fortescue. In addition to in-studio filming, four episodes were shot in South Africa and the remaining four in Romania.

In describing the series, executive producer Simon Crawford Collins says, "Our adaptation and Jules Verne's novel have the same themes at their core: traveling the globe, pioneering adventure, and a celebration of technology. Fogg and Passepartout are as central to our show as they are in the novel, but we have embellished their backstories. . . . And in the spirit of modernization, we have transported the character of Fix from a fairly simple male antagonist into a pioneering female journalist who accompanies them on the trip."

As Fogg says, "Let the adventure begin!"

**Airs Sundays at 7 p.m.
starting January 2.**





ANIMALS with CAMERAS

A NATURE MINISERIES

While watching animals in the wild is amazing, observing behavior from their point of view takes the experience to a much deeper level.

In this two-part miniseries presented by *Nature*, animals become wildlife cinematographers when they are fitted with lightweight, specially designed cameras. Witnessing actions from their perspective reveals never-seen sequences in their lives. "Thanks to the special cameras," says filmmaker Gordon Buchanan, "we were able to answer some tough questions that scientists have always wondered about."

In *Episode 1: Ocean*, Gordon Buchanan and his crew offer a fresh look at the lives of marine species such as sharks, elephant seals, turtles, and gannets.

In *Episode 2: Australia*, Buchanan leads the group as they help scientists investigate the unique behaviors of some of Australia's most iconic creatures including koalas and kangaroos.

Airs Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting January 19.

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Words from the President...

Dear Friends,

This year, KLRN commemorates six decades of unparalleled programs, community conversations and educational support for families and teachers. Join us for a host of activities as we celebrate 60 years of being part of your neighborhood.

You are the reason KLRN is able to open a world of lifelong learning for children and adults across South Central Texas. Thank you for your support.

With gratitude,

Arthur R. Emerson
President and CEO

finding your roots

with
HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.
SEASON 8



"It really goes to something deep inside me that feels like I'm connected."

"This explains who I am."

"I love knowing where they all came from and that I'm a part of this."

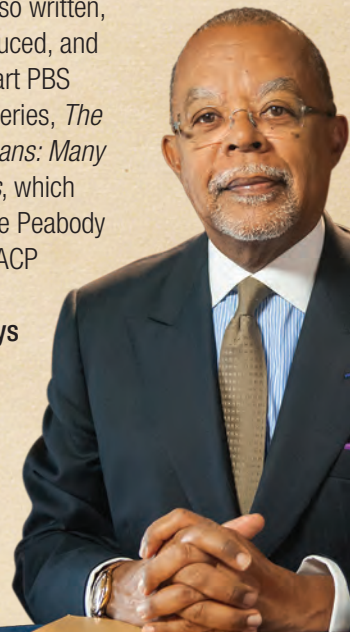
These are only a few of the reactions from some of the notable guests who will be appearing as season 8 of *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* premieres with all-new episodes.

Guests include actor Amy Carlson; celebrity chef and restaurant owner David Chang; writer, screenwriter/producer/actor Lena Waithe; professor, lawyer, and author Anita Hill; songwriter/author/actor Leslie Odom Jr.; filmmaker Lee Daniels; and many more.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is a professor, historian, and filmmaker who serves as the Alphonse Fletcher University professor and director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University.

Gates has also written, executive produced, and hosted a six-part PBS documentary series, *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*, which earned both the Peabody Award and NAACP Image Award.

**Airs Tuesdays
at 7 p.m.
starting
January 4.**





NOT GOING QUIETLY

POV has announced that it will be broadcasting *Not Going Quietly* as part of its 34th season.

The feature documentary follows the life of Ady Barkan, a lawyer and rising star in the world of progressive activism who was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, at age 32, shortly after his son was born.

"The knowledge that I was dying was terrible, but dealing with my insurance company was even worse," he says. "Then Congress came after our healthcare — I couldn't stay quiet any longer."

After a chance encounter with a powerful U.S. Senator on an airplane catapulted him

to national fame, Barkan assembled a team of activists who traveled across the country igniting a movement for universal healthcare access for all Americans.

"The paradox of my situation is the weaker I get, the louder I become," says Barkan.

**Airs Monday,
January 24,
at 9 p.m.**




AILEY

He was a brilliant, trailblazing pioneer who founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater when he was only 27. His dances were celebrations of African American beauty and history that did more than move bodies — they opened minds.

American Masters: Ailey is a portrait of the legendary Alvin Ailey whose search for truth in movement resulted in the creation of enduring choreography that centers on the Black American experience with grace and power.

The story is told through his own words, interviews with those close to him, and archival footage. Born in 1931, he was raised by his single mother in Texas. In the film, he recounts the hardships of his childhood along with memories of blues and gospel music, church, and the awakening of his gay identity. Throughout his life he endured many things but found salvation through dance.

When he created the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 1958 in New York City, he envisioned a company that would exist many years into the future. More than thirty years after his death, his dream lives on. By interweaving Ailey's life with present-day rehearsals for *Lazarus*, a ballet that addresses racial inequities, this film makes his vision come alive for a new generation.

Airs Tuesdays, January 11, at 8 p.m.



ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL

SEASON 2

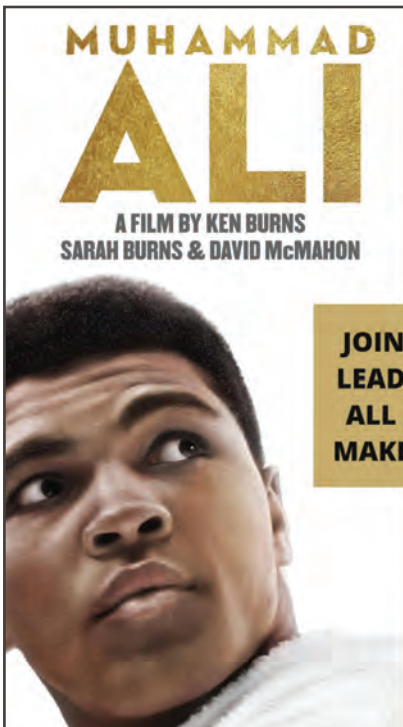
All Creatures Great & Small is premiering its second season with exciting new actors in addition to beloved returning cast members.

As season 2 opens, James returns from Glasgow where he has been visiting his parents for Easter. While there, he was offered a job at a modern veterinary practice and must decide between staying home with his elderly parents or returning to his new life in Yorkshire, which he has come to love. A clash with rural values makes the decision less difficult, and he returns to Farnon's veterinary practice in Darrowby.

Patricia Hodge will step into the iconic role of Mrs. Pumphrey that was played by Diana Rigg before her death in 2020. Other new cast members include Dorothy Atkinson as Diana Brompton and James Fleet as Colonel Hubert Merrick.

Returning cast include Nicholas Ralph who plays James Herriot, Samuel West as Siegfried Farnon, Rachel Shenton as Helen Alderson, Anna Madeley as Mrs. Hall, and Derek the dog as Tricki Woo. As in season 1, the acting is outstanding and the scenery is magnificent.

**Airs Sundays at 8 p.m. starting
January 9.**



MUHAMMAD ALI
A FILM BY KEN BURNS
SARAH BURNS & DAVID McMAHON

VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION
JANUARY 18 | 6:30 PM

JOIN KLRN AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO DISCUSS HOW WE ALL CAN USE OUR VOICES TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE.

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FOUNDATION: THE BLACK CHURCH IN SAN ANTONIO

Starts February 3 | 7:30PM



Hosted by Tommy Calvert, **FOUNDATION: THE BLACK CHURCH IN SAN ANTONIO** highlights the strengths of the historical Black church. Conversations with Author and Historian Mario Salas, UTSA Researcher Dr. Charles Gentry, Gospel Leader and Pastor Dr. Claudette Copeland, and Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kemp, M.D. Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church take you through much of the history of the Black church in our city.

View full episodes and learn more at klrn.org/blackchurch



In Commemoration of Black History Month

Living in My Skin
Black men in San Antonio tell their stories

Black men in San Antonio tell their stories

Starts February 10 | 7:30PM
Learn more at livinginmyskinsa.com



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PENGUINS

Meet the Family

Among earth's most beloved birds, penguins have a comical waddle and flippers that equip them for swimming. Roughly half of their time is spent in the sea and the other half on land.

This group of flightless aquatic birds varies greatly in size. An adult emperor penguin averages 3 feet 7 inches and 77 pounds while the small, little blue, or fairy, penguin is approximately 13 inches tall and weighs just over 2 pounds.

Presented by *Nature*, *Penguins: Meet the Family* will introduce you to the 17 species of penguins that make their home in New Zealand, Cape Town, the Galápagos Islands, and Antarctica. You'll be able to watch their heart-warming family dynamics, astonishing adaptations, and remarkable behaviors.

You can follow the perils they face from extreme temperatures to pursuit by predators and discover how they meet the challenges of living in dense forests, desert islands, and even city streets.

The program describes how scientists identified 37 new colonies of emperor penguins in Antarctica without stepping foot on the continent. However, a majority of penguin species have declining populations; many are vulnerable, threatened, or endangered.

Airs February 9.



Viewer Comments

"Thank you for providing great entertainment, and information, and staying true to your mission." — *Andrea M., KLRN Member*

"Superb programming that informs, delights, engages, and inspires! KLRN never lets us down! Thank you!"
— *Sheila S., KLRN Member*

"Thank you for continuing to provide valuable programming. You are doing good work, and it is appreciated."
— *Patricia N., KLRN Member*

Mission Statement

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