



# Insider News



## AGATHA CHRISTIE: LUCY WORSLEY ON THE MYSTERY QUEEN

Lucy Worsley is a British historian, author, and curator, but she is best known as a television presenter of historical topics on BBC Television and British TV Channel 5, a public broadcast station.

In this three-part series, Worsley delves into the life and writings of Agatha Christie. She discovers the origins of Agatha Christie's macabre magic — and uncovers carefully concealed clues about the enigmatic English author.

Christie is the best-selling fiction writer of all time, with 2 billion copies of her novels having sold since the release of her first mystery in 1920. She is also the world's most translated author.

In episode 1, *Cat Among the Pigeons*, Lucy Worsley focuses on the first third of Christie's life, revealing a portrait of the artist as a young woman. She investigates the complex factors that shaped Christie's dark imagination including family secrets and a childhood haunted by a sinister figure. The first episode unearths the surprising roots of Christie's most compelling themes and the secrets she kept hidden from public view.

Like the best Christie stories, Worsley's exploration is replete with suspense, humor, and a fascinating group of people who disclose new information and intrigue during interviews. Family members,

screenwriters, and poison experts share insights into Christie's life and creative drive. Worsley also brings previously hidden "evidence" to the table including personal papers, a lost mortgage deed, and a folded photograph.

Episode 2, *Destination Unknown*, recounts a shocking event that occurred in the winter of 1926. On the evening of December 3, Christie disappeared from her home in Sunningdale, and the next morning her car was found abandoned several miles away. Ten days later, Agatha was discovered in a hotel nearly 100 miles north in Harrogate, claiming to have lost her memory. Worsley delves into this traumatic moment in Agatha's life, the connections between her real-life experience and her novels, her mental health, and the psychiatric treatment she received.

In episode 3, *Unfinished Portrait*, Worsley examines Christie's later life. She fell in love with and married Max Mallowan. Christie's newfound personal happiness ushered in the most prolific and successful period for her writing. She achieved global celebrity status, but she also remained an anonymous observer, hiding in plain sight.

Each episode is complex, fascinating, and thoroughly memorable.

**Airs Sunday, December 3, at 7 p.m.**





A Christmas Special for...

# CALL THE MIDWIFE

*Call the Midwife* will be back with a new Christmas Special in December 2023. The seasonal presentation promises to be an “emotional one,” with storylines centered around laughter, joy, and family.

A sneak peek of the Christmas Special: *Snowballs and Sunshine* features a video of the three young Turner children — Alice Brown who plays Angela, Edward Shaw in the role of Teddy, and April-Rae Hoang who plays May — enjoying the filming and having a snowball fight.

The new Christmas Special at year's end follows with series 13 in 2024.

**Airs Monday, December 25, at 7 p.m.**

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Dear Friends,

In this issue we are proud to present programs that highlight the accomplishments of women who excel in many fields.

The cover story features a new series on author Agatha Christie that delves into her life and writings — exposing intriguing elements that have made her mysteries popular around the world. A staggering 2 billion copies of her novels have sold over the course of a century.

*Call the Midwife* follows the nurses, nuns, and midwives who are dedicated to helping expectant mothers in London's East End, providing them with the best possible care. Although the stories are fictitious, they are based on actual conditions in the late 1950s and 1960s.

In *Groundbreakers*, world-renowned tennis star Billie Jean King brings together women who compete at the highest level in diverse sports to discuss their roads to success.

“These stories must be shared from one generation to the next,” says King, “so we can keep building on the progress we’ve made.”

Lastly, we would like to thank each and every one of you for watching and supporting KLRN throughout the year. We wish you all the best this holiday season.

**Arthur R. Emerson**  
President and CEO

A BRAND-NEW PROGRAM LINEUP...

# NOVA

*NOVA* is presenting upcoming programs that are as diverse as they are fascinating.

*NOVA Inside China's Tech Boom* — This episode explores how China is transforming into a science and technology superpower and anticipates where this trend is headed. Viewers will take an insider's tour of the high-profile tech companies and labs that are spearheading the rise of innovation, learn what drives China's quest for tech supremacy, and find out what this means for the future of the global economy. ***Inside China's Tech Boom* airs Wednesday, November 8, at 8 p.m.**

*NOVA The Battle to Beat Malaria* — Malaria is among the oldest and most devastating plagues. In some parts of the world, malaria sickens or kills millions of people each year. Now scientists may be on the verge of a breakthrough with a promising vaccine in the final stages of testing and approval. This program follows researchers in their quest to protect and cure people from this deadly disease. ***The Battle to Beat Malaria* airs Wednesday, November 15, at 8 p.m.**

*NOVA Lee and Liza's Family Tree* — In this episode follow a family, whose ancestors where enslaved people, on their quest to discover their lost history. The investigation will show how science and genealogy can help rebuild a family tree broken by slavery. You'll also meet the filmmaker Byron Hurt and his extended family as they discover new details of their history that they thought were lost forever. ***Lee and Liza's Family Tree* airs Wednesday, November 22, at 8 p.m.**



THE EXTRAORDINARY NEW DANCE SHOW  
**MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE**  
BASED ON THE SONGS OF STING CHOREOGRAPHY KATE PRINCE

*Message in a Bottle* is a tale of humanity and hope featuring the iconic songs of Sting and the electrifying choreography and theater show of Kate Prince.

*Message in a Bottle* tells the story of a migrant family. As the show begins, the peaceful village of Bebko is alive with joyous celebrations. Suddenly, the village comes under attack and everything changes forever. Three siblings, Leto, Mati, and Tana, are separated from their parents and must embark on a perilous journey to survive.

The show highlights songs by 17-time Grammy Award-winning artist Sting including *Fields of Gold*, *Every Breath You Take*, *Roxanne*, and *Walking on the Moon*. The extraordinary choreography features exhilarating dance styles, high-energy footwork, and breathtaking athleticism.

**Airs Friday, November 3, at 8 p.m.**

# GROUNDBREAKERS

Their Accomplishments and Challenges —  
 Told in Their Own Stories



# LOOKINGGLASS ALICE

*Lookingglass Alice* is a critically acclaimed and much-loved reinterpretation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*.

Steeped in the circus arts and acrobatics that embody Carroll's dreamlike vision, this theatrical adaptation is innovatively physical and dazzlingly comedic, with costumes that are distinctive and stunning.

In the story, Alice passes through a looking glass into an alternate reality. She must then find her way through a maze of adventures such as navigating an immense chessboard with life-size characters assailing her from all sides. Captivating characters include Alice as the lead, White Knight, Red Queen, Mad Hatter, and Cheshire Cat.

**Airs Friday, December 15, at 8 p.m.**



Billie Jean King is a world-renowned tennis star who has won 39 Grand Slam titles. She is an outspoken advocate for women's equality in sports. A pioneer and activist, she recognizes the far-reaching scope of Title IX, the game-changing 1972 legislation that prohibits gender-based discrimination for any educational activity that receives federal funding.

In *Groundbreakers*, King brings together some of the leading women athletes for one-on-one conversations about their individual roads to success. "These stories must be shared from one generation to the next so we can keep building on the progress we've made," King said. Topics discussed include everything from mental health to equal pay to women's choice.

During the program you'll meet Jackie Joyner-Kersey, track and field athlete; Naomi Osaka, tennis professional; Nancy Lieberman, basketball player; Chloe Kim, snowboarder; Diana Flores Arenas, flag football quarterback; Julie Foudy, soccer player; and Sunisa "Suni" Lee, gymnast.

Conversations with these exceptional athletes can teach us more about relevant issues regarding competitive sports and the future of gender equality on and off the playing field.

**Airs Tuesday, November 21, at 7 p.m.**





# THREE CHAPLAINS

This outstanding new documentary profiles three Muslim chaplains, including the first female Muslim chaplain in the U.S. military, who support and defend the religious rights of all service members. As the public face of Islam in their roles as chaplains, they combat Islamophobia while promoting interfaith understanding in the military.

Air Force Chaplain Rafael Lantigua has served for more than 20 years. He is a vital resource and confidant for young service members who can turn to him to learn more about Islam, practice their faith, and build resilience.

Army Colonel Khallid Shabazz is a Louisiana native who recently became the U.S. military's highest ranking

Muslim cleric. For him, faith and service go hand in hand. He has learned from past challenges including molestation, gun violence, and relentless pressure to inspire action in underrepresented service members.

Newcomer Saleha Jabeen, an immigrant from India, set her sights on becoming the first female Muslim chaplain. She has taken on the challenge despite skepticism from her loved ones and those within her support system.

All three Muslim clerics have risen through the ranks. They serve as symbols for progressive change while challenging long-held notions of what it means to serve your country.

**Airs Monday, November 6, at 10 p.m.**

## Viewer Comments

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— Charles C., KLRN Member

"I like so many programs I cannot choose a favorite. Thanks for continuing to offer quality programming, including programs of local, national, and international interest."

— Jayne N., KLRN Member

"We watch more on PBS than on any other channel. We are grateful to have it."

—Deborah & Kenneth H., KLRN Members

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with **RANDY BEAMER**



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**Sunday, December 24 | 5PM**  
**Monday, December 25 | 9:30PM**

## Mission Statement

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