

Insider News

GOSPEL

Explores the History of
Black Spirituality and Music

A new four-hour docuseries, *GOSPEL*, from executive producer, host, and writer Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., explores the rich history of Black spirituality through sermon and song.

Musical styles come and go, but one sound that has been a constant source of strength, courage, and joy is gospel music. This series celebrates gospel music and delves into its extraordinary impact on culture and pop music.

For *GOSPEL*, Gates speaks with dozens of clergymen, singers, and scholars about their connection to the music that has transcended its origins and is now sung and heard around the world. Interviews present insights from notable names such as Dionne Warwick, U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock, Reverend Otis Moss III, and Professor Michael Eric Dyson, among others. Awe-inspiring musical performances feature outstanding talents including The Bell Singers, Cory Henry, and Celisse.

Gospel is more than the soundtrack of the African American experience: "It's the beating heart and soul," says Gates.

"The history of Black gospel music and preaching is one of constant movement, and it's

long been a dream of mine to bring it to public television." As well as writing and producing outstanding documentaries, Gates is the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research.

Stacey L. Holman and Shayla Harris are the series producers and directors. They weave together intimate interviews with dynamic live gospel performances, so the viewers can fully experience and be energized by what Holman and Harris refer to as "a uniquely African American art form of prayer, praise, and promise."

GOSPEL gives viewers insights into the history of Black religious music and preaching — emphasizing the symbiotic relationship between the two. Black gospel music blends sacred spirituals with the blues and also serves as an outlet for the anger of living as a Black person in America. The impacts of class, gender, cultural innovations, and technologies that have shaped the development of gospel over the years are examined as well.

**Airs Monday, February 12,
at 8 p.m.**





PBS KIDS is debuting a new animated series, *Lyla in the Loop*, designed for children ages 4 – 8. The show stars Lyla, a dynamic 7-year-old girl who lives in a big city with her close-knit family, sidekick Stu, best friend Everett, and a host of quirky characters. Having fun and working together, they are creative and strategic as they overcome everyday challenges.

Lyla helps her family run Loops Lunch diner, while also embarking on all sorts of other worthy and enjoyable endeavors. Among her activities, she produces a puppet show that recreates the Jamaican folktale “Anansi and the Goat” and lends a hand on the neighborhood trash and recycling route.

Kids are natural problem solvers — investigating the world around them with joyful curiosity. This series encourages kids and grownups to recognize and support these abilities.

Kids watching the episodes will be inspired by Lyla’s inventive

approach and willingness to try new things even if they don’t always come easily.

Premiering this February.



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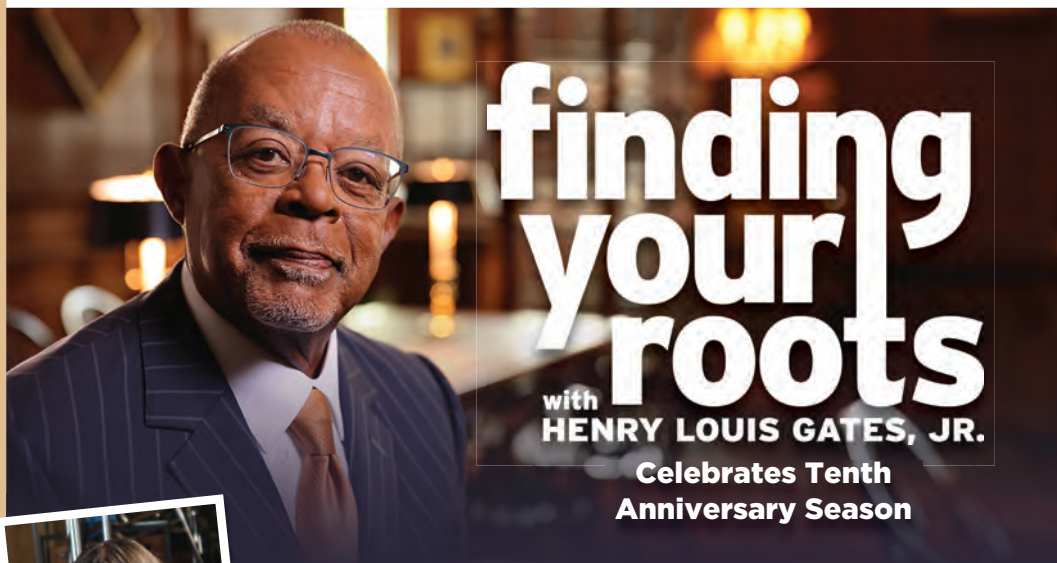
Dear Friends,

It’s a new year and we can’t wait to share all of the wonderful national and local programs we have in store for you this 2024. From the season 10 celebration of *Finding Your Roots*, to *Masterpiece* and our very own KLRN Originals, we are able to bring you all of these incredible programs thanks to your generous support. As your public television station, we are committed to educating, entertaining, and empowering those in our community by opening a world of lifelong learning through trustworthy and enriching programs on-air and online.

Thank you for watching and Happy New Year!

Arthur R. Emerson

President and CEO



Henry Louis Gates, Jr., host, writer, and executive producer of *Finding Your Roots*, is celebrating his tenth anniversary television season with a surprise twist. For the first time ever, he will explore the family mysteries of three members of the viewing public.

These special guests were chosen as part of a nationwide search that garnered over 9,000

submissions from hopeful fans. Gates is also the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University.

Series producers were looking for someone with a family mystery they hoped to solve. Although initially the search was to find one lucky viewer, three guests were ultimately chosen. Gates sat down with each of the guests to present them with their book of life.

The series continues to use the latest DNA technology, along with genealogical detective work to help guests learn about their family’s past — answering decades-old questions and sometimes changing an individual’s life for the better.

Season 10 includes celebrities and well-known guests Valerie Bertinelli, Danielle Brooks, LeVar Burton, Michael Douglas, Dionne Warwick, and others.

Airs Tuesday, January 2, at 7 p.m.



ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL

SEASON 4

All Creatures Great and Small, presented by *Masterpiece*, returns for season 4 with six new episodes for you to enjoy. Nicholas Ralph reprises his role as dedicated veterinarian James Herriot, renowned for his compassionate care for his animal patients, terrific sense of humor, and love of life. With a heartwarming story, picturesque settings, and talented cast, the show delivers entertaining drama for people of all ages.

As episode 1 begins, it is the spring of 1940 and Yorkshire Dales is as beautiful as ever. Change is on the horizon for everyone in Skeldale House. James and his wife, Helen, wonder when they should start a family, not knowing if James will be called to serve in the Royal Air Force. With Tristan away serving in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, his absence is felt by all, especially by his brother, Siegfried, who tries to keep it all together. Then a new veterinary undergraduate, Richard Carmody, arrives as an extra hand but causes complications in the house.

Returning cast members include Nicholas Ralph as James Herriot, Rachel Shenton as Helen Herriot, and Samuel West as Siegfried Farnon. New cast members are Neve McIntosh as highly efficient bookkeeper Miss Harbottle and James Anthony-Rose as student trainee Richard Carmody.

Airs Sunday, January 7, at 8 p.m.



MISS SCARLET & THE DUKE

SEASON 4

Miss Scarlet and The Duke returns for season 4 with many of your favorite actors reprising their roles. Starring in the show, Kate Phillips is outstanding in her role as Eliza Scarlet and Stuart Martin is brilliant in his role as William "The Duke" Wellington.

In Victorian London, a female detective is simply unheard of — but Eliza won't take no for an answer.

The season starts off with a comical and clever opening. Eliza is running her late father's business of Nash & Sons, and unfortunately things are not going so smoothly. It's possible that help may come from some familiar sources. Outside of work Eliza's relationship with William builds toward a looming decision that will shape both of their lives. A possible love triangle involving Eliza, the Duke, and Patrick will have consequences in significant and unexpected ways.

Rounding out the cast is Felix Scott as rival private detective Patrick Nash, Cathy Belton as housekeeper Ivy Woods, and Evan McCabe as Oliver Fitzroy. New to the cast are Paul Bazely and Curtis Kantsa.

**Airs Sunday,
January 7,
at 7 p.m.**



BIG LITTLE JOURNEYS

Every creature's life has a unique story — especially if it happens to be among the world's most unusual animals. In this three-part mini-series, presented by *Nature*, you'll discover how six tiny travelers embark on the greatest adventures of their lives.

In episode 1 a newly hatched turtle in Canada must avoid many obstacles, and her life depends on completing her trip before the frost kills her. She weighs only 5 grams, and at top speed she reaches a quarter-mile per hour.

Episode 2 takes place in Brazil where a family of golden-headed lion tamarins travels to the edge of their world to seek a new future. There are only 6,000 of this tamarin species remaining in the wild.

During episode 3, in the forests of western Madagascar, a tiny Labord's chameleon emerges from her nest. She's hungry and has one of the fastest tongues on earth. Her aim is to eat and grow efficiently because her species typically lives only one year.

The show takes viewers around the globe to educate and inform. It's the type of inspirational program that can lead to years of extended learning and discovery.

Airs Wednesday, January 10, at 7 p.m.





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— *Louann P.*

"Really enjoying the local programs about San Antonio and what's going on in our community." — *Nathan D.*

GORILLA

Loango National Park, also known as "Africa's last Eden," is on the Atlantic coast of Gabon in Central Africa. The park protects forest, beach, savanna, and mangroves. Mammals in the park include forest elephants, buffalos, leopards, and lowland gorillas. Gorillas have become accustomed to biologists who have studied them there for 20 years.

This documentary, presented by *Nature*, provides an intimate look at a silverback and his family. A silverback is an adult male that has developed a silver section of hair on his back and large crests on his head. A silverback is twice the size of an adult female. The program also features a newborn baby gorilla and the last remaining wild coastline in the African tropics.

Airs Wednesday, January 31, at 7 p.m.



Mission Statement

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