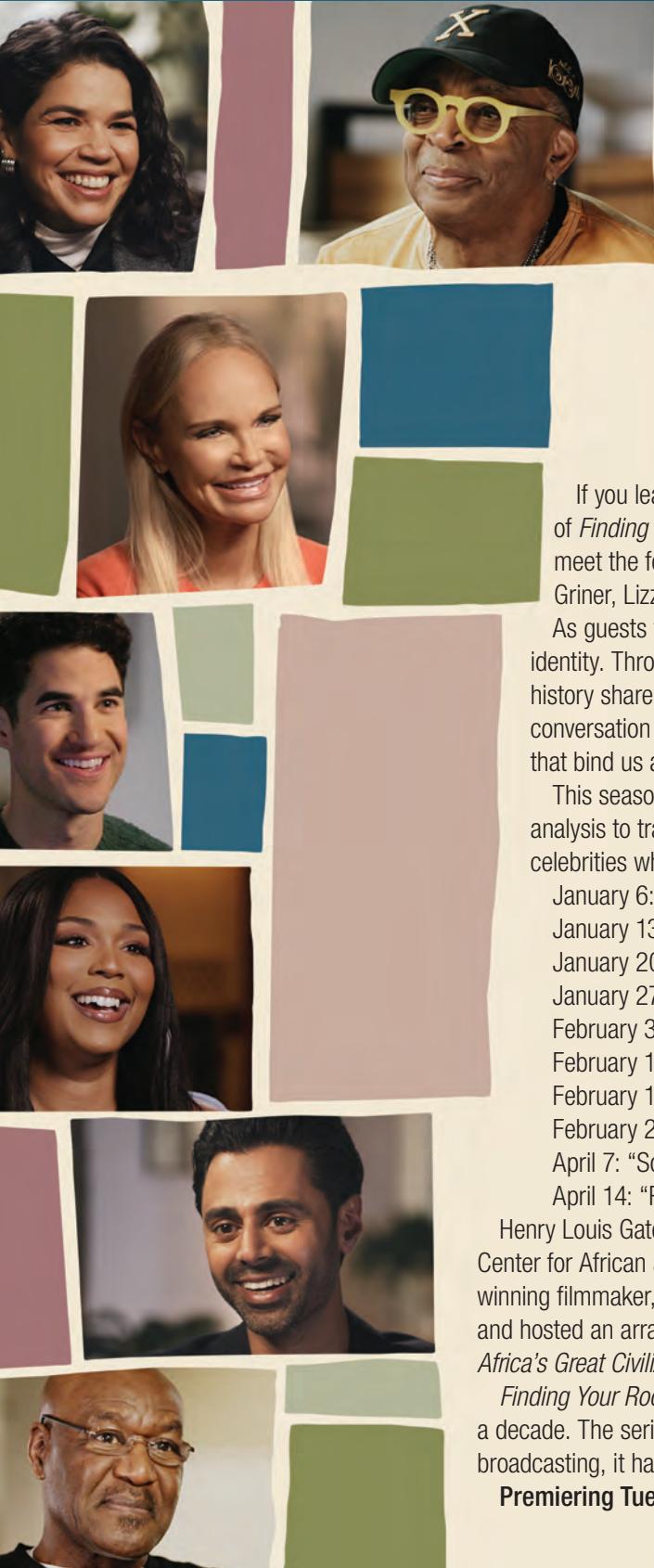




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finding your roots

with HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

SEASON 12

If you lean forward when you hear, "Are you ready to meet your DNA cousin?" — season 12 of *Finding Your Roots* should be at the top of your watch list. Beginning in January, you can meet the formerly unknown ancestors of Spike Lee, Kristin Chenoweth, Delroy Lindo, Brittney Griner, Lizzo, Rhiannon Giddens, and others.

As guests turn the pages of their book of life, revelations give way to complex questions about identity. Through Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s discerning touch, his guests learn what every family history shares — love, courage, and sacrifice. At the same time, Gates has stimulated a national conversation about identity with humor, wisdom, and compassion by revealing the connections that bind us all.

This season Gates and his team use genealogical detective work and cutting-edge DNA analysis to trace the family trees of 20 illustrious guests. Each of the 10 episodes pairs two celebrities whose stories share common threads.

January 6: "American Dreams" – actors Darren Criss and America Ferrera

January 13: "Great Migrations" – musician Wiz Khalifa and actor Sanaa Lathan

January 20: "Caribbean Roots" – actors Liza Colón-Zayas and Delroy Lindo

January 27: "The Road We Took" – actor Lizzy Caplan and comedian Hasan Minhaj

February 3: "Love & Basketball" – basketball superstars Brittney Griner and Chris Paul

February 10: "Westward Bound" – journalist Sara Haines and actor Tracy Letts

February 17: "Family Harmonies" – musicians Flea and Lizzo

February 24: "Artistic Roots" – filmmaker Spike Lee and actor Kristin Chenoweth

April 7: "Song of the South" – actor Danielle Deadwyler and musician Rhiannon Giddens

April 14: "Rags to Riches" – businessman Barry Diller and actor Kate Burton

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University. Emmy and Peabody Award-winning filmmaker, literary scholar, journalist, cultural critic, and institution builder, Gates has produced and hosted an array of documentary films for PBS including *The Black Church*, *Great Migrations*, and *Africa's Great Civilizations*.

Finding Your Roots has been acclaimed and beloved by critics and viewers alike for more than a decade. The series is a master class in documentary storytelling. One of the hallmarks of public broadcasting, it has been nominated for multiple Primetime Emmy Awards and NAACP Image Awards.

Premiering Tuesday, January 6, at 7 p.m.

Mrs Hall's Shortbread

Buttery, crumbly shortbread biscuits are an easy-to-make treat. Mrs. Hall serves them with a pot of tea... but they are baked by Bethany Heald, food stylist and home economist, who kindly shares her recipe.



- 8 oz unsalted butter, room temperature
- 4 oz superfine sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- Pinch of salt
- 12 oz all-purpose flour

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Grease and line two baking sheets (or baking trays/sheet pans) with parchment or nonstick baking paper.
3. In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter, sugar, and salt with a wooden spoon. Sift in the flour and gently mix until combined — don't overwork or the mixture will become tough.
4. Using your hands, roll the dough into a ball.
5. With a rolling pin, roll out the dough on a board. Cut the dough into shapes such as fingers or rounds, or use a stamp or fork to decorate if desired.
6. Place the shortbread pieces on the prepared baking sheets. Bake for 15–20 minutes — don't let the biscuits turn golden; they should remain pale.
7. Remove the trays from the oven and leave the biscuits to cool a little before transferring them to a rack to cool completely.
8. Sprinkle a little superfine sugar over the biscuits. Store in an airtight container for up to five days.

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Words from the President...

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Let's hope that the programs featured in this issue reflect the spirit of 2026. In fact, they're all about connections. The premiere of season 12 of *Finding Your Roots* unites celebrities including Spike Lee and America Ferrera with undiscovered family and a few surprising DNA cousins. The ever popular *All Creatures Great and Small* keeps viewers engaged with the caring and hilarious Skeldale family. And two deeply personal *Independent Lens* documentaries show the strength of family bonds.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention one more connection — and that's the unique affinity we share. Your love for our KLRN family is

unbreakable. Even though the future may look unpredictable, KLRN is here for you, bringing you educational resources and programming, news and information, arts and culture, great storytelling, and inspiring ideas that your support makes possible. Thank you for your enduring friendship and generosity.

Sincerely,

Arthur R. Emerson
President and CEO

MASTERPIECE

MISS SCARLET

SEASON 6

When last we saw the headstrong trailblazing detective Eliza Scarlet, her life and world had taken a dramatic turn. Detective Inspector Alexander Blake had moved to London and taken charge of Scotland Yard with no intention of enlisting her services. Confidante and housekeeper Ivy not only married coroner Barnabus Potts; now she also works at Scotland Yard keeping its clerical office in order.

But fear not! No one could possibly sideline Eliza. So, get ready to step back into the shadowy streets of Victorian London for

more murder and mayhem in this *Masterpiece* classic.

Returning for season 6 are Kate Phillips (Eliza Scarlet), Tom Durant-Pritchard (DI Alexander Blake), Cathy Belton (Ivy), Paul Bazely (Clarence), and Ansu Kabia (the mysterious Moses Valentine). They'll be joined by newcomers Sam Buchanan as George Willows, a young detective who's risen through police ranks, and Grace Hogg-Robinson as Isabel Summers, an ambitious newcomer to the clerical office working alongside Ivy.

If you can't wait for the premiere, *Miss Scarlet* is streaming on PBS Passport now. **Airs Sunday, January 11, at 7 p.m.**



What better way to start the new year than with a cup of tea served along with humor, kindness, and lush vistas of the Yorkshire Dales? That's right. It's time to settle in for the new season of *All Creatures Great and Small*. As the war in Europe winds down, our Skeldale family is ready to begin a new chapter — one shaped by change, hope, and the opportunities that come with a more peaceful future.

You'll be delighted to see the return of the original cast: Nicholas Ralph (James Herriot),

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Rachel Shenton (Helen Herriot), Samuel West (Siegfried Farnon), Anna Madeley (Mrs. Hall), Callum Woodhouse (Tristan Farnon), and Patricia Hodge (Mrs. Pumphrey).

There will be new veterinary cases to tackle, growing families, and a few new faces around town. But at its core, season 6 of *All Creatures Great and Small* celebrates what we all crave: community and compassion. If you also crave shortbread, take a look at Mrs. Hall's recipe.

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



Meet Phoebe and Jay Yarber. They're the stars of the latest PBS KIDS series. The program is designed to equip children ages 3–5 with the everyday literacy skills they need to find success in school and in life. Young viewers will have fun following the adventures of these 6-year-old fraternal twins. They live in fantastical Tobsy Towers with their dad, Pete, an eternal optimist, and their loving, no-nonsense Grandma Annie. Tobsy Towers is the unique setting for many of the close-knit Yarber family's adventures, and it was inspired by the grand old hotels in Los Angeles

that have been repurposed into affordable apartments.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to create a show that features so many different neighbors and thinkers who laugh together, help each other, and go on fun adventures," said co-creator Thy Than. "We hope viewers recognize themselves in one of our characters and that the show inspires them to notice all the signs, symbols, and texts that surround us in our daily lives."

Airs Monday, February 2, at 8:30 a.m.

INDEPENDENT LENS PRESENTS

VIVIEN'S WILD RIDE

Vivien Hillgrove has had a long and distinguished career as a sound and picture editor, working with filmmaking greats including Francis Ford Coppola and Miloš Forman, as well as famed documentary filmmakers Lourdes Portillo and Deann Borshay Liem. As macular degeneration has begun taking Vivien's eyesight, she has to navigate a transition to a new way of being and seeing.

In *Vivien's Wild Ride*, Hillgrove takes the helm as director for the first time while confronting the shame and loneliness she felt earlier in her life — having relinquished her baby as an unwed teenage mother. Uncovering the past proves to be a detective story, and Vivien's longtime partner, Karen Brocco, steps in to investigate. The pair live two different lives: to the fast-paced rhythm of feature films and to the steady beat on a little farm. Drawn to documentary films, Vivien begins reconciling these two worlds. *Vivien's Wild Ride* captures a story of transformation, reimagining what it means to see and to belong through acts of creation, connection, and care, not just through biological sight.

Airs Monday, January 26, at 9 p.m.



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— Ellen S., San Antonio

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