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September always feels like a bit of a reset. Routines return, the evenings start to cool down, and we have a good excuse to settle in with something worth watching or keep the radio nearby as we move through the day.

On WILL-TV, this month brings back favorites like **The Marlow Murder Club**; along with the final Susan Ryeland mystery, **Marble Hall Murders**; and the powerful new drama **Trespasses** featuring Gillian Anderson, which is reason enough to tune in! As always, there also is plenty of science to explore, including **Ages of Ice** and a new **NOVA** about a remarkable breakthrough in the fight against cystic fibrosis.

Closer to home, season 4 of **Prairie Fire** premieres. It is local storytelling and placemaking at its best, sharing the people, history, and places that make our communities so special.

And if cooking is more your speed, Saturdays will bring new seasons of **America's Test Kitchen**, **Cook's Country**, **Christopher Kimball's Milk Street**, and **Pati's Mexican Table**, plus the new series **food. curated**. There will be plenty of fall inspiration from public media's best cooking shows.

September also means it's time for our Fall Radio Fund Drive. With the loss of federal funding, support from our listeners and viewers matters more than ever. As a member, you already help fund the journalism, music, educational programming, and local storytelling our communities rely on. We appreciate you!

Whatever keeps you coming back to public media, we are glad you are here. Thank you for listening, watching, and making this work possible.

Willie Duncanson, director of broadcast operations and content



Season 4 ‘Prairie Fire’ premiere celebrates Route 66 anniversary

Illinois Public Media’s award-winning locally produced magazine program, **Prairie Fire**, returns at 7:30 pm Thursday, Sept. 17 with new local stories about the people and places of central Illinois. The season premiere celebrates the 100th anniversary of Route 66 and the role of the state of Illinois in the highway’s iconic history.



Join the **Prairie Fire** team as they introduce you to some of the interesting places — and people — along the Illinois portion of Route 66, including a stop at the American Giants museum in Atlanta, Illinois (above).

“This summer it’s been fun gearing up for the 100th anniversary of the commissioning of Route 66,” said producer DJ Roach. “It’s been educational seeing how significant Illinois was in the early years of the highway.”



Viewers will learn how the Illinois section of Route 66 played a role in historic alcohol smuggling. Commissioned during Prohibition, the smooth, fully paved road made the Illinois stretch a notorious high-speed corridor for rumrunners smuggling bootleg alcohol between rural central Illinois stills and underground urban speakeasies.

Other stories this season, include a visit to the graves of great Illinoisans with expert John Kokoris, and a trip to the Gridley Telephone Museum explores the origins of devices we now take for granted. This season also will examine Illinois’ most vibrant yet

vulnerable habitats — our wetlands. In another segment, viewers will have the chance to learn about the importance of native wildlife at the Illinois Wildlife Medical Clinic and witness how local staff and volunteers rehabilitate animals to be released back into the wild.

“We’re thrilled **Prairie Fire** is more popular than ever and growing in reach,” said Sarah Edwards, senior producer and director at Illinois Public Media and host of **Prairie Fire**. “The show is a chance to leave your own life for 30 minutes and explore the lives of Illinoisans who do fascinating things. In a culture defined by algorithms and short attention spans, we’re privileged to be in the business of telling these stories beautifully and with the depth they deserve.”

‘The 21st Show’ travels Route 66

The 21st Show also will celebrate the 100th anniversary of historic Route 66 during the week of Sept. 14–17. IPM’s statewide talk show airs at 11 am Monday through Thursday on WILL-AM 580 and is rebroadcast at 6 pm on Illinois Classical.

“**The 21st Show** will head up and down Route 66, exploring what makes Illinois the best 301 miles of the Mother Road,” said Brian Mackey, host of the show. Interviews include the American Giants museum in Atlanta, Illinois, a trip to downtown Chicago to talk to people at the actual start of Route 66, as well as a trip to the State Fair and other Route 66 attractions.



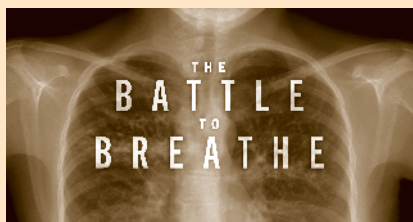


New series unlocks mysteries of our planet's coldest regions

The beginning of the 21st century has seen the fastest changes to the polar ice caps, and there is great urgency to understand how our lives are tied to the extremes of the world — the polar frontiers of land, sea, and sky. **Ages of Ice** is a three-part series that follows the brave scientists pushing the boundaries of exploration and human endeavor in Earth's coldest corners to understand the changes of ice and what this means for our planet's future. **Ages of Ice** airs Wednesdays at 9 pm beginning Sept. 16. Each episode will be available with WILL Passport on the day of its premiere.

'NOVA' continues to engage, educate

Season 53 of the science documentary series **NOVA** continues its exploration of space, technology, human history, and natural history with three new episodes airing Wednesdays at 8 pm.



The Battle to Breathe (Sept. 16) explores a "miracle cure" for cystic fibrosis, once considered a death sentence. Follow the decades-long scientific quest, fueled by desperate parents, that led to this breakthrough with potential implications for the future of personalized medicine.



Knowledge Keepers (Sept. 23) documents a unique form of science, practiced for millennia by Indigenous peoples in North America. From navigating the featureless Arctic to building energy-efficient homes in the desert, see how cultural traditions have led to remarkable innovations.



Stone Age Masterpiece (Sept. 30) is dedicated to the spectacular Ice Age cave art found in sites like Lascaux and Chauvet. Created by early humans between 17,000 and 36,000 years ago, these French caves contain hundreds of sophisticated charcoal and ochre paintings of animals in motion.

Highly anticipated trilogy finale premieres



Marble Hall Murders, an adaptation of the third and final installment in the Susan Ryeland series, premieres at 8 pm Sunday, Sept. 6, on **MASTERPIECE**. It is the follow-up to the critically acclaimed fan-favorites **Maggie Murders** and **Moonflower Murders**. In the final series, editor Susan Ryeland (Lesley Manville) is hired to work on a continuation novel of the Atticus Pünd (Tim McMullan) series, written by a troubled young author. When the job leads Ryeland into another murder case, she unexpectedly finds herself a suspect. You can watch **Maggie Murders** and **Moonflower Murders** now with WILL Passport and can stream all six episodes of **Marble Hall Murders** on Sept. 6.

Gillian Anderson stars in new drama series



Trespases is a Northern Irish romantic drama series set in 1970s Belfast during The Troubles. Adapted from Louise Kennedy's award-winning novel, the story follows Cushla (Lola Petticrew), a young Catholic schoolteacher, who begins an illicit affair with Michael (Tom Cullen), a married, upper-



middle-class Protestant barrister who frequently defends IRA suspects. Their affair is intoxicating and dangerous. As the forbidden love between Cushla and Michael deepens, violence looms and tensions rise. Cushla is pulled between duty and desire, family and freedom. Gillian Anderson, who stars as Gina Lavery, Cushla's sharp-tongued and grief-worn mother, also is an executive producer. The four-part series airs Sundays at 9 pm beginning Sept. 20. Binge all four episodes with WILL Passport beginning Sept. 20.

‘Sisi’ season 3 premieres Sept. 6

Sisi : Austrian Princess is a dramatic look at the complex and conflicted life of the Austrian Empress Elisabeth of Austria (Sisi). Power struggles in Europe, labor troubles in Vienna, and the conflict over the upbringing of their son — crown prince Rudolf — put Sisi and Franz's love to the test. Season 3 begins with the overthrow of Napoleon III in France causing turmoil in Vienna. Franz feels the need to begin his son's military training earlier than expected. Sisi objects and makes the decision to free her sensitive son from the barracks. From Walter Presents, the series is presented in German with English subtitles. The series airs Sundays at 11 pm beginning Sept. 6. Stream with WILL Passport.



Amateur detectives return in season 3

Now an established part of newly promoted DI Tanika Malik's (Natalie Dew) crime-solving team, retired archaeologist Judith Potts (Samantha Bond), dog walker Suzie Harris (Jo Martin), and vicar's wife Becks Stirling (Cara Horgan) are back in season 3 of **The Marlow Murder Club**, premiering at 7 pm Sunday, Sept. 6. The trio brings their unconventional methods to a string of high-profile murders, including the sudden death of the nicest man in Marlow (the town's beloved mayor) and a celebrity chef found dead at the launch of his cookbook with half the town in attendance. Becks finds herself a suspect at a university reunion in an eerie manor house. Catch up on previous seasons with WILL Passport, an added member benefit, and binge all six episodes of season 3 beginning Sept. 6.



WEEKDAYS

6 am

NPR Morning Edition with Leila Fadel, Steve Inskip, A Martínez, and Michel Martin

9 am

Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo

Vic makes each morning a classic morning!

Noon

Performance Today

2 pm

Classical Music

5 pm

NPR All Things Considered with Ailsa Chang, Scott Detrow, Mary Louise Kelly, and Juana Summers

6 pm

The 21st Show with Brian Mackey

7 pm Monday-Wednesday

The Evening Concert

Monday–Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm and 6 and 7 pm Sundays. Listings may change.

Monday:

The New York Philharmonic This Week

- 9/7 Gustavo Dudamel, conductor
Beethoven: Symphony No. 3, “Eroica”
Frederick Rzewski: The People United Will
Never Be Defeated (Orchestral Version)
- 9/14 Gustavo Dudamel, conductor
David Lang: the wealth of nations
Fleur Barron, mezzo-soprano
Davóne Tines, bass-baritone
New York Philharmonic Chorus
Malcolm J. Merriweather, director
- 9/21 & 9/28 To be announced

Tuesday:

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast

- 9/1 Leoš Janáček: Sinfonietta
Aaron Copland: Dance Symphony
Johann Strauss Jr.: Waltzes
Modest Mussorgsky (orch. Maurice Ravel):
Pictures at an Exhibition
- 9/8 Maurice Ravel: Menuet antique
Dmitri Shostakovich: Violin Concerto No. 1
Claude Debussy: La mer
Maurice Ravel: La valse
- 9/15 Jean Sibelius: Lemminkäinen, Op. 22
Richard Strauss: Ein Heldenleben, Op. 40
- 9/22 Pietro Mascagni: Cavalleria rusticana
Giuseppe Verdi: Chorus from Otello,
Nabucco, Macbeth, and Messa da Requiem
- 9/29 Hector Berlioz: Harold in Italy, Op. 16
Hector Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique, Op. 14

Wednesday:

WFMT Orchestra Series: European Broadcasting Union

- 9/2 German Radio Philharmonic Orchestra
Carl Maria von Weber: Overture to Der
Freischütz, Op. 77
Joseph Haydn: Cello Concerto No. 1 in C,
Hob. VIIb:1
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Symphony No. 41
in C, K. 551 (“Jupiter”)

WFMT Orchestra Series: National Centre for the Performing Arts (Beijing)

- 9/9 Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 2 in D Major, K. 211
Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major
(“Strassburg”), K. 216
Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major
(“Turkish”), K. 219
Yin Chengzong & Chu Wanghua: The Yellow
River Piano Concerto
- 9/16 Yao Chen: Sentiments: Autumn
Anton Bruckner: Symphony No. 4 in E-flat
Major
- 9/23 Gustav Mahler: Symphony No. 3
Qigang Chen: Wu Xing (The Five Elements)
Suite for Orchestra
- 9/30 Dmitri Shostakovich: Violin Concerto No. 2 in
C-sharp Minor, Op. 129
Dmitri Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5 in D
Minor
Sergei Prokofiev: Selections from Romeo and
Juliet Suites

7 pm Thursday

Prairie Performances with Mel Miller

The best of classical and jazz music in central Illinois.

8 pm Thursday

The Middle with Jeremy Hobson

This nonpartisan live call-in talk show focuses on elevating the voices of the people in the middle of the country.

7 pm Friday

Heifetz On Air

- 9/4 Music by Antonín Dvořák, Bedřich Smetana,
and Bohuslav Martinů
- 9/11 Music by Edvard Grieg and Jean Sibelius
- 9/18 Music by François Francœur, Franz Schubert,
Antonín Dvořák, Samuel Barber, Henri
Vieuxtemps, Robert Schumann, Ludwig van
Beethoven, and Enrique Granados
- 9/25 Music by Johannes Brahms, Antonín Dvořák,
Ludwig van Beethoven

8 pm Friday

Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft

- 9/4 **Make It An Old Fashioned**
Hi-fi artists and the songs that were
considered oldie in their day.
- 9/11 **Back to Broadway** (encore)
Another look at the tunes that made The Great
White Way.
- 9/18 **Voices in Motion**
Musical vocal groups and choruses of the hi-fi
era.
- 9/25 **Reprise Records**
A spotlight on the record label that Frank
Sinatra built.

9 pm Friday

Classical Music

SATURDAYS

7 am

NPR Weekend Edition

with Scott Simon

9 am

Classics By Request

Send requests to Vincent Trauth at classreq@illinois.edu or leave a message at **217-265-5064**.

11 am

Classics of the Phonograph

John Frayne's weekly exploration of memorable recordings from the 20th century.

- 9/5 **Debussy's Preludes Played by Two Master Pianists, Walter Gieseking and Robert Casadesus**
- 9/12 **Conductor Carlos Kleiber's Quest for Perfection**
- 9/19 **Toscanini's Opera Recordings**
- 9/26 **Beethoven's Septet, A Viennese Audience's Favorite**

Noon

Afternoon at the Opera

All performances are from the WFMT opera series: September will feature opera performances from the Los Angeles Opera, the Chinese National Theatre, La Scala, Milan, and The Wagner Festival in Bayreuth, Germany. Details of operas and performers will be posted online when available.

4 pm

Classical Guitar Alive! with Tony Morris

5 pm

Performance Today Weekend with Valerie Kahler
Classical music in concert from American Public Media studios and sites across the nation and around the world, as well as classical music news, interviews, and features.

7 pm

The Midnight Special with Marilyn Rea Beyer
A lively potpourri of folk, Celtic and bluegrass, show and novelty tunes, and hilarious comedy routines.

9 pm

Tiny Desk Radio

with Bobby Carter and Anamaria Sayre
Performances, interviews, and behind-the-scenes stories made exclusively for public radio stations.

NPR News Headlines at 9:01.

10 pm

Atomic Age Cocktail Party (See 8 pm Friday)
with Jason Croft

11 pm

Atomic Age Double Shot with Jason Croft
An episode from our archives.

- 9/5 **Burt Bacharach**
- 9/12 **Heavy Petting**
- 9/19 **Meet The Beatles**
- 9/26 **We're in the Money**

Midnight

Classical Music

SUNDAYS

6 am

Classical Music

7 am

NPR Weekend Edition with Ayesha Rascoe

9 am

Sunday Baroque with Suzanne Bona
NPR News Headlines at 9:01 and 10:01

1 pm

Pipedreams with Michael Barone

3 pm

Performance Today Weekend

5 pm

Reel Music with Matt Rogers
Music from the movies each week with an hour of orchestral themes from cinema's best film scores.

6 pm

The Evening Concert

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

- 9/6 Mily Balakirev: Octet for Flute, Oboe, Horn, Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano, Op. 3
Ludwig van Beethoven: Quartet in C-sharp Minor for Strings, Op. 131
- 9/13 Francis Poulenc: Sonata for Flute and Piano
Camille Saint-Saëns: Sonata for Oboe and Piano
Johannes Brahms: Sonata in F minor for Clarinet and Piano, Op. 120, No. 1
- 9/20 Antonio Vivaldi: Concerto in D Major for Lute, Two Violins, and Continuo, RV 93
- 9/27 Franz Schubert: Willkommen und Abschied for Voice and Piano, D. 767, Op. 56, No. 1
Schubert: Trio No. 2 in E-flat major for Piano, Violin, and Cello, D. 929, Op. 100

7 pm

Fiesta! with Elbio Barilari

- 9/6 **Women Composers from Venezuela, Mexico, and Brazil**
Music by Teresa Carreño, María Granillo, and Marisa Rezende.
- 9/13 **Music for Don Quixote**
Spanish and Latin American composers celebrating this monumental work by Miguel de Cervantes.
- 9/20 **The Great Alberto Ginastera**
The maestro's incredible catalog with some of Barilari's favorite recordings of Ginastera.
- 9/27 **Cello & Piano: Carlos Prieto & Edison Quintana**
Latin American and Spanish music recorded by these two masters.

8 pm

Prairie Performances (encore)

9 pm

Jazz Night In America with Christian McBride

10 pm

Classical Music

NPR News Headlines at 11:01

Overnight

Classical Music



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Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Neo + SMJ	5:00	Neo + SMJ	Jazz Network
NPR Morning Edition	6:00	R&B/Throwbacks	NPR Weekend Edition
	7:00		
R&B Smooth Jazz Neo-Soul	8:00		Illinois Soul Gospel
	9:00		
Funky Fridays Funk Ride (Fridays at 5 pm)	10:00	Dialogue	
	11:00		
	Noon	R&B/Throwbacks	R&B Dusties
	1:00		
	2:00		
	3:00		
	4:00		
	5:00		
Code Switch/Life Kit (M), Dialogue (Tu), Reveal (W), Throughline (Th), Funky Fridays continues (F)	6:00	The Wind Down with Will Downing	
The Quiet Storm	7:00	Catch the Flo	Soul of Jazz
	8:00		
	9:00	New Urban Jazz Lounge	Overnight: Neo + SMJ
	10:00		
	11:00	Jazz Night in America	
	midnight to 6 am	Overnight: Jazz Network	



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Jill Clements, Illinois Soul Manager

TOP 5 *R&B Artists*

Tying in to our on-air series, we feature the Top 5 R&B artists
of community members, staff members, and VIPs.

Danville native **Chris Hightower** has nearly a decade of stand-up comedy experience across the Midwest. A C-U Comedy alum, he has headlined at Jokes & Notes in Chicago, Comedy Shrine in Aurora, and Helium Comedy Club in St. Louis, while opening for stars like Mike Epps, Kevin Farley, and Chris Kattan.

His Top 5:

1. Stevie Wonder
2. Luther Vandross
3. Usher
4. Jill Scott
5. Jodeci



Healing Together: Black Mental Health and Wellness Conference returns

Mental health remains one of the most important conversations in the Black community, and this month local residents are invited to be part of a day dedicated to healing, education, and empowerment. The fourth annual **Black Mental Health and Wellness Conference**, sponsored in part by Illinois Soul, will be 8 am to 4 pm Saturday, Sept. 26, at Parkland College. Free and open to the public, the conference brings together mental health professionals, community leaders, caregivers, and advocates to explore strategies that promote emotional well-being and resilience. *To register, visit go.illinois.edu/4th-MHWC or scan the QR Code below.*



This year's keynote speaker, Dr. George Moore, offers a message centered on hope, healing, and the power of community.

Throughout the day, participants can choose from a variety of informative sessions covering topics such as mental health and the Black church, grieving, Black women's health and wellness, self-care and caregivers, wellness for veterans, the impact of domestic violence, and breaking the cycle of toxic masculinity. The conference will also highlight the importance of building strong community support systems through sessions focused on creating wraparound care and strengthening connections that foster lasting wellness. Organizers of the event seek to help reduce stigma while encouraging open conversations and access to valuable resources.



Where jazz meets hip-hop innovation



Experience the future of jazz when Kassa Overall brings his groundbreaking sound to the **Pygmalion Festival** at Gallery Art Bar in downtown Urbana on Saturday, Sept. 26. Tickets for this Illinois Soul sponsored event are available at thisispygmalion.com.

The acclaimed drummer, producer, rapper, and composer is reshaping the sound of modern jazz by blending fearless improvisation with hip-hop rhythms, spoken word, and socially conscious storytelling.

Raised in Seattle's rich musical landscape, Overall developed a passion for jazz and rap at an early age before studying at the prestigious Oberlin Conservatory. Since then, he has performed with artists including Jon Batiste, Vijay Iyer, Gary Bartz, Steve Coleman, and Theo Croker, while building an international reputation as one of today's most innovative voices. His latest release, "CREAM," transforms classic 1990s and 2000s hip-hop into inventive jazz instrumentals, celebrating the powerful connection between two distinctly Black musical traditions. Named a 2025 Doris Duke Foundation Prize recipient, Overall continues to challenge expectations and redefine what jazz can be.

'Funky Friday' goes to the next level

Weekends are about to hit a whole different groove. Starting at 8 am every Friday, **Funky Friday on Illinois Soul** is giving listeners even more funk to love — along with a touch of House music celebrating one of the most influential sounds to come out of Illinois. For those who know the rich history of House music, you already understand why this is the perfect addition to elevate your Friday vibe. Born in Chicago and shaped by generations of Black DJs, producers, and music lovers, House represents creativity, community, and the power of the groove. Now, Illinois Soul is blending the energy of funk and House rhythms to create the ultimate soundtrack for your weekend kickoff during **Funky Friday**, bringing you more music, more culture, and more reasons to celebrate the sounds that move us.



Monday - Friday			Saturday		Sunday		
NPR Morning Edition			5:00	The Middle (encore)	Thoroughline		
			6:00	Commodity Week	Inside Europe		
			6:30	State Week in Review			
			7:00	NPR Weekend Edition	NPR Weekend Edition		
			8:00				
1A			9:00	The Splendid Table	It's Been a Minute/ Wild Card		
			10:00	Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!			
The 21st Show with Brian Mackey		Statewide (F)	11:00	Weather Realness	Code Switch/Life Kit		
Here & Now with Jason Croft			Noon	The Moth Radio Hour	Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me! (repeat)		
			The Middle (F repeat)	1:00	This American Life	The Treatment	
				1:30		State Week in Review	
The Closing Market Report 2:06 pm			2:00	Radiolab	Reveal		
BBC Newshour		Commodity Week (F)	2:30				
Fresh Air with Terry Gross & Tonya Mosley			3:00	TED Radio Hour	On the Media		
All Things Considered			4:00	All Things Considered	All Things Considered		
			5:00	Hidden Brain	The New Yorker Radio Hour		
			6:00	Left, Right & Center	Travel with Rick Steves		
The 21st Show (repeat) Statewide (F)			7:00	Ezra Klein	This Old House Radio		
On the Media (M), Ezra Klein (Tu), Dialogue (W), The Middle (Th), Science Friday (F)			8:00	Latino USA	Weather Realness		
The Daily/Today Explained			9:00	Dialogue	Tiny Desk Radio		
On Point			10:00	Embodied	Sports in America		
BBC World Service			11:00	Sam Sanders Show	Not By the Playbook		
			Midnight	BBC World Service	Le Show		
			1 am to 5 am		BBC World Service		

Bold Listing = National/International News

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Todd Gleason, host, **Closing Market Report** and **Commodity Week**:

Opening Market Report: 8:49 am; **Market Update:** 10:58 am; **Midday Market Report:** 12:58; **Closing Market Report:** 2:06. **Fridays: Commodity Week:** 2:30; **Grain Market Summary:** 4:32.

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Reginald Hardwick, news and public affairs director, Illinois Public Media

The news from Illinois Public Media's award-winning staff of reporters, hosts, and producers can be heard during **Morning Edition**, **The 21st Show**, **Here & Now**, and **All Things Considered**:

Abigail Bottar, Jason Croft, Christine Hatfield, Emily Hays, Kulsoom Khan, Brian Mackey, Steve Morck, Stephanie Mosqueda, Tinisha Spain, Arjun Thakkar, and Jose Zepeda.

Yale Climate Connections: Monday–Friday at 5:34 and 9:30 pm

WILL Call: Wednesdays at 6:45 and 9:45 am and Thursdays at 5:44 pm on AM 580 and FM 90.9



WEATHER

Monday-Friday: Forecasts from meteorologists Ed Kieser and Andrew Pritchard throughout the day.

Radio fund drive: Let's keep the momentum going

This month, our Fall Radio Fund Drive comes at another important moment for Illinois Public Media. Last year, when we faced the loss of approximately \$1.5 million in annual federal funding, you stepped up. Longtime Friends of WILL increased their support, new donors joined our community, and together we began building a stronger foundation for the future.

But the challenge continues. Today, nearly 80% of our funding comes directly from community members like you. Every new membership, monthly sustaining gift, and renewed commitment plays a critical role in ensuring we can continue to provide trusted local journalism, NPR programming, Illinois Classical, Illinois Soul, and educational outreach.

As we head into our Fall Radio Fund Drive, Sept. 21–24, our goal is to raise \$75,000 to help sustain the programs and services our community relies on every day. This year, we're asking you to continue standing with Illinois Public Media. If you're already a member, please consider becoming a monthly sustainer or increasing your monthly sustaining gift. If someone in your life values the news, classical music, R & B, and active community engagement, invite them to join you in supporting the public media they count on.

Last year's response demonstrated the strength of this community. Now, we want to keep that support moving forward. Call in during our on-air drive or give online at willgive.org (QR Code at right). Together, we can continue to provide the local programs and outreach you depend on and be here for our community today and for years to come.



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ILLINOIS
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IPM launches weekday e-newsletter



Later this month, Illinois Public Media will launch a daily e-newsletter with a familiar name, 217 Today. You can sign up for the newsletter at will.illinois.edu/signup.

"This will be designed as a one-stop shop for people in central Illinois who want to get caught up on the day's headlines before heading home from work or school," said Reginald Hardwick, IPM's news and public affairs director. "It also offers our news team a chance to update stories

that break in the day without forcing people to wait until our afternoon newscasts at 4:04 and 5:04 on WILL-AM 580 and Illinois Classical FM 90.9."

Digital Editor Kulsoom Khan and Senior Editor Arjun Thakkar will curate the format and stories. It will arrive in e-mail inboxes Monday–Friday by 3 p.m. IPM will also continue publishing its weekly newsletter on top news stories. 217 Today will include original reporting from the IPM News team, local news stories from the Illinois Student Newsroom, stories from Harvest Public Media, our weekly arts/entertainment calendar WILL-Call, interviews from **The 21st Show** as well as forecasts from IPM meteorologists Andrew Pritchard and Ed Kieser. We also will provide links to other regional news outlets, including Capitol News Illinois, The News-Gazette, plus local radio and television stations.

Informed voters turn to IPM News

Although Illinois' general election is two months away, vote by mail and early voting is an option for many. In a partnership with the League of Women Voters of Champaign County, IPM News continues to provide critical coverage leading up to the Nov. 3 election. Our Election 2026 Voter Guide is online at go.illinois.edu/IPMelection2026.

Listen to election news and candidate interviews with WILL AM 580 and online at IPMnewsroom.org (QR Code at right). Interviews from **The 21st Show** also can be viewed on IPM's YouTube channel, @ILPublicMedia. In addition, audience members may submit questions for our candidate interviews through **Ask The Newsroom** at askthenewsroom.org. We will use your suggestions to inform our stories and guide our coverage.



Film unmask artificial intelligence

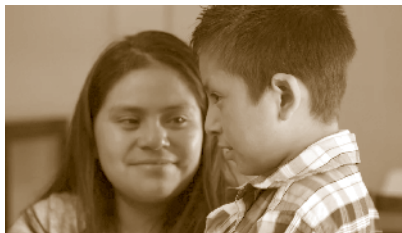


The mind-bending ***Ghost in the Machine*** is an investigative documentary exposing the buried history of artificial intelligence as a technology shaped by racism, misogyny, eugenics, and entrenched structures of power long before it entered everyday life. Rejecting the notion of AI as inevitable or objective, the film traces how myths of progress and efficiency have obscured deeper political and cultural agendas, revealing the ideological foundations beneath the systems now reshaping modern society. Who built these

systems, whose values do they encode, and who do they benefit? The film offers a visceral understanding of a technology that now touches nearly every aspect of modern life. ***Ghost in the Machine*** airs in the season 28 premiere of **Independent Lens** at 9 pm Monday, Sept. 14.

Who belongs in ‘We the People’?

A team of riders pedaled 3,265 miles from San Diego, California to St. Augustine, Florida, along the U.S.–Mexico border and across the Gulf Coast, listening to the people most impacted by America’s immigration practices and policies. Along the way, they heard their stories, witnessed their struggles, and encountered their courage, faith, and resilience firsthand. The resulting documentary, ***Who’s the We***, brings audiences face-to-face with those stories. The film follows a diverse group of riders as they meet migrants, border residents, advocates, faith leaders, and community members on both sides of the border, asking a central question: Who belongs in “We the People”? ***Who’s the We*** airs at 10 pm Friday, Sept. 25.



New series, seasons of cooking shows

A new cooking series joins our already impressive lineup of cooking shows on Saturday afternoon – with several series premiering new seasons this month. (See our grid on page 12.) The new show on the block — **food. curated.** — presents the human stories behind New York City’s vibrant and evolving food scene. For much of its life, **food. curated.** has also been a one-woman production. Filmmaker and host Liza de Guia researches, films, directs, and edits many of the stories. “What began out of necessity became one of the defining qualities of the series,” she said. “Working this way allows me to build trust with the people I film and create the kind of intimacy that makes these stories feel personal.”



Each episode of **food. curated.** follows a distinct theme, from the rise of Asian American Pacific Islander cuisine to women-led pastry shops to the home kitchen hustle. The series captures story-driven portraits of rising chefs, pioneering entrepreneurs, and unique culinary traditions reimagined for today. **food. curated.** airs Saturdays at 2:30 pm premiering Sept. 5.



In addition, don’t miss season premieres of these PBS favorites: Season 15 of **Pati’s Mexican Table** (2 pm Sept. 5) | Season 27 of **America’s Test Kitchen** (noon Sept. 19) | Season 19 of **Cook’s Country** (12:30 pm Sept. 19) | Season 10 of **Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street** (1 pm Sept. 5)



Remembering 9/11

Frontline rebroadcasts **The Man Who Knew** at 9 pm Tuesday, Sept. 8. Revisit the saga of FBI Agent John O'Neill and his warnings about Osama bin Laden before the 9/11 attacks. O'Neill's story provides a rare glimpse inside the FBI and helps answer the question: What did the U.S. government know and when?



'Leaning Out' airs Sept. 8.

Leaning Out is the story of Leslie E. Robertson, the lead structural engineer of the World Trade Center, who oversaw the construction of the world's tallest towers. He has been haunted by its fall,

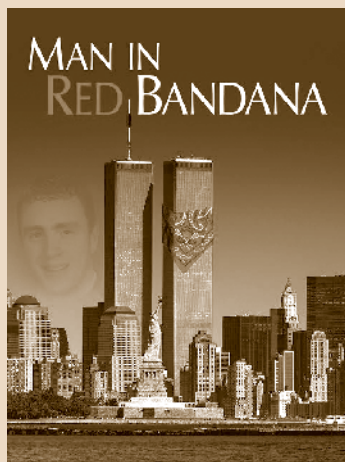
and families of 9/11 victims demand answers. The film is an intimate story about fulfillment, fragility, and a fighting spirit.

Leaning Out airs at 10 pm Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Man in the Red Bandana tells the inspirational story of an American hero: Welles Remy Crowther, a young man who worked on the 104th floor of the South Tower and saved many people on 9/11. Tragically, Welles died that day, but his heroics became known eight months later as a result of an ordinary item — his signature red bandana. The one-hour documentary is narrated by Gwyneth Paltrow. **Man in the Red Bandana** airs at 10 pm Friday, Sept. 11.



'Frontline' presents 'The Man Who Knew' Sept. 8.



'Man in the Red Bandana' airs Sept. 11.

A conversation with Bruce Springsteen

PBS News Presents: Bruce Springsteen: Finding America in Song is a special half-hour special as PBS News' Geoff Bennett talks with Bruce Springsteen for a rare and deeply personal conversation. The event marked the recent opening of the Bruce Springsteen Center for American Music at Monmouth University. But the conversation went much deeper, exploring Springsteen's life, career, and artistic legacy — from the stories and characters that shaped his songwriting to his place within the broader tradition of American music. **PBS News Presents: Bruce Springsteen: Finding America in Song** airs at 9:30 pm Friday, Sept. 25.



Film explores time and memory



For nearly 40 years, Ross McElwee has made documentaries about how his personal life intersects with the world at large. But the death of his 20-year-old son leaves him with hours of footage exposing both the bond and the barrier the camera forged between them. An ever-expanding hall of mirrors built from decades of home movies, **Remake** is both McElwee's attempt to hold onto his son and to let him go. **Remake** airs on **POV** at 9 pm Monday, Sept. 7.

Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Newsline	5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
Classical Stretch (M,W,F) Sit and Be Fit (Tu, Th)	5:30	Arthur	Arthur
Wild Kratts	6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
Weather Hunters	6:30	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters
Lyla in the Loop	7:00	Lyla in the Loop	Lyla in the Loop
Carl the Collector	7:30	Carl the Collector	Carl the Collector
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
Phoebe & Jay	8:30	Phoebe & Jay	Phoebe & Jay
Sesame Street	9:00	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
Work It Out Wombats!	9:30	Skillsville	Opportunity Knocks
Donkey Hodie	10:00	MotorWeek	Live from the LBJ Library
Rosie's Rules	10:30	Garden SMART	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
Elinor Wonders Why	11:00	Mid American Gardener	Sept. 6 11:00 Senior Authority 11:30 Market to Market Noon Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien 1:00 A Brief History of the Future 2:00 Maigret on MASTERPIECE (season 1) See p. 15. Sept. 13 11:00 Young People's Continental Congress 11:30 Market to Market Noon Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien 1:00 A Brief History of the Future 2:00 Maigret on MASTERPIECE (season 1) See p. 15. Sept. 20 11:00 Prairie Fire, See page 1. 11:30 Market to Market Noon Shenandoah 1:00 A Brief History of the Future 2:00 The Gold on MASTERPIECE (season 1) See page 15. Sept. 27 11:00 Start Up 11:30 Market to Market Noon Multiple Choice 1:00 A Brief History of the Future 2:00 The Gold on MASTERPIECE (season 1) See page 15.
Alma's Way	11:30	Follow the Blooms 9/19 Prairie Fire	
Molly of Denali	Noon	America's Test Kitchen Season 27 premieres 9/19	
Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	12:30	Cook's Country Season 19 premieres 9/19	
Arthur	1:00	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television Season 10 premieres 9/5	
Odd Squad	1:30	Dook Chase: A Chef's Journey	
M Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Tu Antiques Roadshow W Finding Your Roots Th Big Cats 24/7 F NOVA	2:00	Pati's Mexican Table Season 15 premieres 9/5	
M Marlow Murder Club (See p. 3) Tu Celebrity Antiques Road Trip W 9/2 Candy Foster: Musical Witness 9/9, 16 Journ. of Black Mathematicians 9/23, 30 American Stories 9/2 Historic HBCU Photograph (3:30) Th 9/3, 10 Resolve to Solve 9/17, 24 Ages of Ice (See p. 2) F 9/4 Nature: Dogs in the Wild 9/11 Secrets of the Dead 9/18 NOVA 9/25 Knowledge to Keep Us	2:30	food. curated. Series Premiere 9/5. See p. 10.	
	3:00	Jos. Rosendo's Steppin' Out Outside: Beyond the Lens (begins 9/19)	
	3:30	Les Stroud's Survivorman	
Antiques Roadshow	4:00	This Old House	
	4:30	Ask This Old House	
DW News	5:00	Horizons from PBS News	Compass Points from PBS News
BBC World News America	5:30	Antiques Roadshow	Rick Steves' Europe
PBS News Hour	6:00		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries
	6:30	As Time Goes By	

Bold titles Saturday afternoon indicate a new series or a new season of cooking shows. See page 10.

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Create 24/7 on 12.3
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1 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)
Artistic Roots. Henry Louis Gates Jr. maps the roots of director Spike Lee and actor Kristin Chenoweth. *Repeated 2 pm 9/2, 4 am 9/3 & 4 am 9/7.*
- 8:00 Billy The Kid: American Experience** (TV-PG) (DVS)
 A fascinating look at the boy behind the myth. On April 28, 1881, 21-year-old Henry McCarty, alias Billy the Kid, just days from being hanged for murder, outfoxed his jailors and electrified the nation with the latest in a long line of daring escapes. *Repeated 3 am 9/3 & 2 am 9/6.*
- 9:00 Al Capone: Icon** (TV-14)
 Is Al Capone the quintessential self-made American man, a ruthless killer, or both? Just his name sparks images of pin-stripe suits and bloody violence. To this day, Americans are fascinated by this celebrity gangster. The question is why? *Repeated 1 am 9/2, 2 am 9/3 & 3 am 9/6.*
- 10:00 Al Capone's Bloody Business: American Stories** (TV-14) (DVS)
 Hailed as an anti-hero and feared as a cold-blooded crime lord, Al Capone's bootlegging exploits, celebrity and ruthless activities made front-page headlines nationwide. From WTTW-Chicago, this film chronicles his rise to power and emergence as the Prohibition-era's face of organized crime. To this day, Al Capone remains revered, reviled, and relevant in life and death as the most notorious gangster in Chicago history.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

2 Wednesday

- 7:00 Big Cats 24/7** (TV-PG) (DVS)
 Part 1 of 6. The team begins a six-month expedition following lions, leopards, and cheetahs in the Okavango Delta. A huge wildfire threatens the big cats and the team. *Repeated 2 pm 9/3.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Egypt's Tombs of Amun. Follow archaeologists as they discover a long-lost ancient cemetery in Egypt's sacred desert. Treasures emerge unlike anything seen by the team, revealing details of a unique period when women had remarkable power. *Repeated 2 pm 9/4.*
- 9:00 Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Preserving Nature In Argentina and Antarctica. Part 3 of 4. *Repeated 1 am 9/3, 3 pm 9/3, 1 am 9/6 & 12 pm 9/6.*
- 10:00 A Brief History of the Future** (TV-PG)
Once Upon A Time. Part 3 of 6. How do stories shape the boundaries of belief about what is possible? Ari Wallach dives into the fundamental role storytelling plays in our lives and its potential to unleash the power of human imagination and creativity moving forward. *Repeated 1 pm 9/6.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

New seasons of performance series

Austin City Limits premieres season 52 Friday night at 9 pm Sept. 4, with that episode repeated in its usual Saturday at 11 pm time. Now the longest-running music series in American television history, **Austin City Limits** showcases popular music legends and innovators from every genre. Scheduled this month (Saturdays at 11): **Carlos Vives** (Sept. 4 & 5), **ACL Hall of Fame: Brandi Carlile** (Sept. 12), **Billy Strings** (Sept. 19), and **Miguel** (Sept. 26).

The Caverns Sessions (formerly **Bluegrass Underground**) premieres season 5 on Sept. 26 with Jeff Tweedy. Airing Saturdays at 10:30 pm, this series showcases live musical performances across various genres, taped 333 feet below ground in the Volcano Room of The Caverns in Pelham, Tennessee. Guests had not been announced.



3 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Paver Walkway, Mowing A Lawn 101.
- 8:00 World's Most Scenic River Journeys** (TV-PG)
The Niagara River, Canada and the USA. Part 1 of 6. The attraction-packed Niagara River is filled with adventure and beauty, as well as stories of Indigenous traders, shipwrecks, and daredevil stunts. Navigate the fascinating history and engineering of this border river between Canada and the United States, before arriving at the world-famous Niagara Falls. *Repeated 1 am 9/4.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Away with the Fairies. Season 1, episode 8 of 13. Phryne investigates the puzzling death of a magazine columnist and author of fairy stories. *Repeated 2 am 9/4, 6 pm 9/6 & 2 pm 9/7.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
 Season 1, episode 3 of 6. An old woman tells Sidney that someone wants her dead. Then she dies. *Repeated 3 am 9/4.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

A community — and best friends — divided

Bucks County, USA is a five-part documentary series filmed over four years that delves into the deep divisions and tribalism plaguing the nation by looking beyond politics to offer an impartial and human perspective on one painfully divided community — once-idyllic Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In the film, two 14-year-old best friends are our guides. They are polar opposites in every way, including their and their families' political beliefs. While their parents are adversaries, Evi and Vanessa rise above politics, allowing their differing views to strengthen rather than harm their friendship. These two teenagers will lead us through the complex web of strongly held beliefs as we delve into the lives of various adults and students at the center of Bucks County's culture wars. **Bucks County, USA** airs Mondays at 9 pm beginning Sept. 21.



4 Friday

7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 Made in the West (TV-PG)

In a world of fast fashion and fast furniture, functional art invites us to slow down and appreciate the details. It reflects the natural surroundings, and nowhere is this clearer than in the American West.

9:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)

Carlos Vives y La Provincia. Season 52 premiere. See page 13. Repeated 1 am 9/5 & 11 pm 9/5.

10:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)

Rodrigo y Gabriela featuring the Austin Symphony Orchestra.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

5 Saturday

7:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)

A Grain of Truth, parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 23, episodes 5 & 6 of 8. A trendy organic bakery in a restored mill is causing resentment among villagers. Several people are dosed with a dangerous hallucinogenic and then someone dies.

8:30 Signora Volpe (TV-14)

Secrets & Sacrifices. Season 1, episode 2 of 3. Sylvia helps out with an archaeological dig at the Castello di Monterosa and finds a skeleton buried in a shallow grave. The locals believe it's a teenage girl who disappeared 25 years ago.

10:00 Astrid (TV-14)

Wolf, Are You There? Season 5, episode 6 of 8. Astrid and Raphaëlle team up with a profiler brought in to assist on a high-profile case, as they hunt for a ritualistic killer linked to voodoo and a vanished woman.

11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)

Carlos Vives y La Provincia. See page 13.

6 Sunday

7:00 The Marlow Murder Club on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)

Queen of Poisons, part 1 of 2. Season 3 episode 1 of 6. See page 3. Repeated 12 am 9/7, 3 pm 9/7 & 2 am 9/8.

8:00 Marble Hall Murders on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)

Episode 1 of 6. See page 3. Repeated 1 am 9/7 & 3 am 9/8.

9:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)

Season 3, episode 6 of 7. Change arrives in a big way for several key characters at Downton Abbey. Repeated 2 am 9/7.

11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress (TV-14)

Season 3, episode 1 of 6. See page 3.

7 Monday

7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)

Vintage Indianapolis. Repeated 2 pm 9/8, 4 am 9/11, 4 pm 9/11 & 5:30 pm 9/12.

8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)

Vintage San Diego. Repeated 1 am 9/8, 4 am 9/9 & 4 pm 9/10.

9:00 POV (TV-14) (DVS)

Remake. See page 11. Repeated 2 am 9/9 & 3 am 9/12.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

8 Tuesday

7:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-PG)

Song of the South. Henry Louis Gates Jr. explores the family secrets of actor Danielle Deadwyler and musician Rhiannon Giddens. Repeated 2 pm 9/9, 4 am 9/10 & 4 am 9/14.

8:00 Bonnie & Clyde: American Experience (TV-14) (DVS)

Discover the true story of the most famous outlaw couple in U.S. history. Repeated 3 am 9/10.

9:00 Frontline (TV-PG)

The Man Who Knew. See page 11. Repeated 1 am 9/9.

10:00 Leaning Out (TV-G)

See page 11.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

9 Wednesday

- 7:00 Big Cats 24/7** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Part 2 of 6. The team follows lions, leopards, and cheetahs after a massive wildfire. *Repeated 2 pm 9/10.*
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Angkor: Hidden Jungle Empire. Deep in the Cambodian jungle lie the ruins of Angkor. New discoveries reveal how this ancient metropolis was built and what likely led to its devastating collapse. *Repeated 2 pm 9/11.*
- 9:00 Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Mindshift: Rewiring The Human Brain. Part 4 of 4. From sound waves that could rewire addiction to psychedelics that may reopen the brain's capacity to learn, Miles O'Brien explores bold brain science. *Repeated 1 am 9/10, 3 pm 9/10, 1 am 9/13 & 12 pm 9/13.*
- 10:00 A Brief History of the Future** (TV-PG)
Human. Part 4 of 6. Ari Wallach investigates the human ability to increase empathy and compassion. *Repeated 1 pm 9/13.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

10 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Tile Soap Holders; Swirl Ceiling.
- 8:00 World's Most Scenic River Journeys** (TV-PG)
The Hudson River, USA. Part 2 of 6. The mighty Hudson weaves 315 miles through some of New York State's most stunning natural landscapes, through the lush fall colors of the Adirondack Mountains and ending at the iconic Statue of Liberty. *Repeated 1 am 9/11.*
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Queen of the Flowers. Season 1 episode 9 of 13. The Honourable Miss Phryne Fisher has been chosen to refine a group of delinquent flower maidens for the annual flower parade. Then the body of one of her charges washes up on the beach. *Repeated 2 am 9/11, 6 pm 9/13 & 2 pm 9/4.*
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 1, episode 4 of 6. A shocking murder reveals the depths of homophobia in Cambridge. Geordie crosses swords with Sidney over conduct of the investigation. *Repeated 3 am 9/11.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

11 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Great Performances** (TV-PG)
Verdi's Requiem: The Met Remembers 9/11. Originally airing in 2021, this special honored the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with a special performance hosted by Misty Copeland and led by Met music director Yannick Nezet-Seguin featuring soloists Ailyn Perez, Michelle DeYoung, Matthew Polezani, and Eric Owens. *Repeated 2 am 9/13.*
- 10:00 Man in the Red Bandana** (TV-14)
See page 11.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

12 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
Dressed to Kill, parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 23, episodes 7 & 8 of 8. Parish chairwoman Lois Springfield is found dead in a local theater. The detectives assume it's because of her hostility toward a drag show being organized, but other motives are at play.
- 8:31 Signora Volpe** (TV-14)
Truffles and Treachery. Season 1, episode 3 of 3. When Sasha Pavlenko, the son of a Russian politician, is arrested in Rome for the murder of a fellow student, Sylvia's ex-husband asks her to investigate.
- 10:00 Astrid** (TV-14)
They Shoot Jockeys, Don't They? Season 5, episode 7 of 8. A racehorse is stabbed with an antique weapon. Astrid and Raphaele uncover revenge, family secrets, and a deadly twist at the stables.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
ACL Hall of Fame: Brandi Carlile.

'MASTERPIECE' marathons:

In anticipation of two season 2 premieres next month, the first season of two popular **MASTERPIECE** series will air in Sunday afternoon marathons. Each six-episode season 1 will air from 2–5 pm on two consecutive Sundays.



Maigret (Sept. 6 & 13) is the first contemporary television adaptation of Georges

Simenon's beloved novels about the streetwise Chief Inspector Jules Maigret (Benjamin Wainwright), who heads an elite police unit that is responsible for investigating all serious crime in and around Paris.

The Gold

(Sept. 20 & 27)

is a critically acclaimed crime drama inspired by the true story of one of the largest robberies in



British history — the 1983 Brink's-Mat robbery. Inspired by extensive research and interviews with some of those involved in the events, **The Gold** is a pulsating dramatization which takes a journey into a 1980s world awash with cheap money and loosened morals to tell this extraordinary and epic story for the first time in its entirety.

13 Sunday

- 7:00 The Marlow Murder Club on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Queen of Poisons, part 2 of 2. Season 3, episode 2 of 6. See page 3. Repeated 12 am 9/14, 3 pm 9/14 & 2 am 9/15.
- 8:00 Marble Hall Murders on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Episode 2 of 6. See page 3. Repeated 1 am 9/14 & 3 am 9/15.
- 9:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Season 3, episode 7 of 7. The Crawleys head to a Scottish hunting lodge, while the downstairs staff stays behind at Downton Abbey. New romances flare up, and a crisis unfolds. Repeated 2 am 9/14.
- 11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress** (TV-14)
Season 3, episode 2 of 6. See page 3.

14 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage Miami. Repeated 1 am 9/15, 2 pm 9/15, 4 am 9/18, 4 pm 9/18 & 5:30 pm 9/19.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage Boston. Repeated 4 am 9/16 & 4 pm 9/17.
- 9:00 Independent Lens** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Ghost in the Machine. See page 10. Repeated 2 am 9/20.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

15 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)
Rags to Riches. Henry Louis Gates Jr. maps the roots of actor Kate Burton and media mogul Barry Diller. Repeated 2 pm 9/16, 4 am 9/17, 4 am 9/20 & 4 am 9/21.
- 8:00 Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid: American Experience** (TV-PG) (DVS)
In the 1890s, Americans were captivated by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid as they robbed banks and trains in the West. But who were Robert Leroy Parker and Harry Alonzo Longabaugh? How did they come together to form the Wild Bunch gang? And how did they manage to pull off the longest string of successful holdups in history while eluding the Pinkertons, the nation's most feared detective force? Repeated 1 am 9/16 & 3 am 9/17.
- 9:00 American Masters** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Julia Alvarez: A Life Reimagined. This film is about the life and work of Julia Alvarez, one of America's most celebrated Latina writers. Now 72 years old, she feels that time is running out to tell all of the stories still within her. The film explores her childhood in the Dominican Republic, her complex family dynamics, the lifelong impact of their escape from the dictatorship, her feelings of displacement, hybridity and loss — and how she transforms all of this, in a nuanced, complex writing voice into poetry, essays and novels. Repeated 2 am 9/16.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

16 Wednesday

- 7:00 Big Cats 24/7** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Part 3 of 6. A fight with intruders leaves the lion pride males injured and the mothers with cubs vulnerable to attack. Xudum, the female leopard, takes risks to find a mate. Repeated 2 pm 9/17.
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
The Battle to Breathe. See page 2. Repeated 2 pm 9/18.
- 9:00 Ages of Ice** (TV-PG)
The Frozen Heart. Part 1 of 3. See page 2. Repeated 1 am 9/17 & 3 pm 9/17.
- 10:00 A Brief History of the Future** (TV-PG)
Together. Part 5 of 6. Throughout history, humans' unique capacity for cooperation has set us apart. Ari Wallach explores the internal changes we enact that have the potential to impact those around us, our broader communities, and societies. Repeated 1 pm 9/20.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

17 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Prairie Fire**
Season 4 premiere. See page 1.
- 8:00 World's Most Scenic River Journeys** (TV-PG)
The River Spey, Scotland. Part 3 of 6. Take a breathtaking journey on Scotland's River Spey, from its source in the Highlands winding through the spectacular mountains, to where the river meets the North Sea. Repeated 1 am 9/18.
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Death By Miss Adventure. Season 1, episode 10 of 13. Phryne investigates the death of a young female worker in a factory accident. Repeated 2 am 9/18, 6 pm 9/20 & 2 pm 9/21.
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Grantchester Season 1, episode 5 of 6. On holiday in London, Sidney and Georgie happen upon a murder. Repeated 3 am 9/18.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

18 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Joffrey Ballet: The Next Movement** (TV-PG) (DVS)
See page 20. Repeated 3 am 9/19, 2 am 9/21, 2 am 9/23 & 2 am 9/24.
- 9:30 Great Performances** (TV-PG)
Tiler Peck: Suspending Time. Follow acclaimed ballerina Tiler Peck as she overcomes injury to reclaim her place on stage and debut her own choreography with New York City Ballet, revealing the resilience and artistry behind a modern-day prima ballerina. Repeated 2 am 9/19.
- 10:30 Starstruck: Gene Kelly's Love Letter to Ballet** (TV-G)
Inspired by Gene Kelly's iconic work in Hollywood, this film is an immersive, theatrical experience for audiences to escape to the glamour and grace of 1960 Paris. Repeated 11 am 9/27.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

19 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
A Talent for Life, parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 6, episodes 1 & 2 of 10. Isobel Hewitt is an affluent pensioner with a young lover. Duncan Golf is a GP in the Village of Malham Bridge who is rumored to be having an affair. Then their corpses are discovered alongside one another by the river.
- 9:00 Signora Volpe** (TV-14)
A Debt of Honour. Season 2, episode 1 of 3. A pillar of the local community is found dead at the charity he runs, and Antonella's friend is arrested for his murder. Trying to clear the woman's name, Sylvia follows a trail of blackmail, family secrets, and illicit love.
- 10:30 Astrid** (TV-14)
One Wedding and Four Funerals. Season 5, episode 8 of 8. On a film set, an actor dies from fake bullets. Astrid and Raphaelle suspect a vengeful director lashing out at the man his wife was having an affair with, but is there more to the plot?
- 11:30 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Billy Strings.

20 Sunday

- 7:00 The Marlow Murder Club on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Murder in the Dark, part 1 of 2. Season 3, episode 3 of 6. See page 3. Repeated 12 am 9/21, 3 pm 9/21 & 2 am 9/22.
- 8:00 Marble Hall Murders on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
 Episode 3 of 6. See page 3. Repeated 3 am 9/22.
- 9:00 Trespasses** (TV-14)
 Episode 1 of 4. See page 3. Repeated 1 am 9/21 & 4 am 9/22.
- 10:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
 Season 4, episode 1 of 8. Mary is mired in grief. Meanwhile, both Tom Branson and Carson face figures from their pasts, and Edith experiments with modernism.

21 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage First Finds, Hour 1. Repeated 2 pm 9/22, 4 am 9/23, 4 am 9/25, 4 pm 9/25 & 5:30 pm 9/26.
- 8:00 To Be Announced**
- 9:00 To Be Announced**
- 10:00 Bucks County, USA** (TV-PG)
 See page 14. Part 1 of 5. Repeated 10 pm 9/28.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

22 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG) (DVS)
The Stories We Tell. Discover the unsolved mysteries behind the family stories of political organizer Donna Brazile, actor Ty Burrell, and artist Kara Walker. Repeated 2 pm 9/23, 4 am 9/24 & 4 am 9/28.
- 8:00 To Be Announced**
- 9:00 To Be Announced**
- 10:00 Great Chicago Fire: American Stories** (TV-PG)
 From WTTW-Chicago, this film tells the dramatic story of a defining moment in Chicago history — “the Great Fire of 1871” — when the city faced destruction, rebuilt, and laid the groundwork for a thriving future. Repeated 3 pm 9/23.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

23 Wednesday

- 7:00 Big Cats 24/7** (TV-PG) (DVS)
 Part 4 of 6. The Okavango Delta is transformed by the arrival of the flood, bringing new challenges for the big cats. The lion cubs experience water and its dangers for the first time. Repeated 2 pm 9/24.
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Knowledge Keepers. See page 2. Repeated 2 pm 9/25.
- 9:00 Ages of Ice** (TV-PG)
Polar Seas. Part 2 of 3. See page 2. Repeated 1 am 9/24, 3 pm 9/24 & 1 am 9/27.
- 10:00 A Brief History of the Future** (TV-PG)
Tomorrows. Part 6 of 6. Ari Wallach examines the ways we often see the concept of the future, the crucial need to think much bigger about what could come next, and how we all have more personal agency than we realize. Repeated 1 pm 9/27.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

24 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 Ask This Old House** (TV-G)
Outdoor TV; Granite Firepit.
- 8:00 World's Most Scenic River Journeys** (TV-PG)
River Dordogne, France. Part 4 of 6. A once vital highway, travel France's Dordogne River via traditional boats through the green heart of South West France. Fairy tale castles, which hide a once turbulent past, now form a tranquil playground that can be seen from a hot air balloon high in the sky. Repeated 1 am 9/25.
- 9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** (TV-14)
Blood and Circuses. Season 1, episode 11 of 13. The carnival is in town. Innocent fun turns to horror when one of the sideshow acts is murdered. Phryne poses as the magician's assistant to investigate. Repeated 2 am 9/25, 6 pm 9/27 & 2 pm 9/28.
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
 Season 1, episode 6 of 6. As Geordie's life hangs in the balance, Sidney has to defy police to stop a killing spree. Sidney's romantic life falls apart. Repeated 3 am 9/25.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

25 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with The Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Sing Democracy 250** (TV-PG)
Celebrate America's 250th and reaffirm the promise of democracy at the Minneapolis Signature Concert. Powerful choral performances honor our nation's founding ideals, inspire hope, and remind us that "We, the People" are at the heart of it all. *Repeated 3 am 9/26 & 2 am 9/28.*
- 9:30 PBS News Presents — Bruce Springsteen: Finding America in Song**
See page 11. *Repeated 4:30 am 9/26.*
- 10:00 Who's The We?** (TV-PG)
See page 10. *Repeated 1 am 9/26.*
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

26 Saturday

- 7:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
Death and Dreams, parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 6, episodes 3 & 4 of 10. Reunited with an old acquaintance in the guise of Dr. Jane Moore, Barnaby is called in to investigate an apparent suicide. Martin (the dead man) turns out to be a divorced gambler who was being treated for depression. Barnaby suspects murder.
- 9:00 Signora Volpe** TV-14
A Deadly Net. Season 2, episode 2 of 3. Freelancing for MI6, Sylvia poses as the PA for a diplomat's widow at her luxurious lakeside villa.
- 10:30 The Caverns Sessions** (TV-PG)
Jeff Tweedy. See page 13.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Miguel. See page 13.

27 Sunday

- 7:00 The Marlow Murder Club on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Murder in the Dark, part 1 of 2. Season 3, episode 4 of 6. See page 3. *Repeated 12 am 9/28, 3 pm 9/28 & 2 am 9/29.*
- 8:00 Marble Hall Murders on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Episode 4 of 6. See page 3. *Repeated 3 am 9/29.*
- 9:00 Trespasses** (TV-14)
Episode 2 of 4. See page 3. *Repeated 1 am 9/28 & 4 am 9/29.*
- 10:00 Downton Abbey on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Season 4, episode 2 of 8. The fates of several characters converge at an opulent house party where a famous guest performs, and a new friendship forms.
- 11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress** (TV-14)
Season 3, episode 3 of 6. See page 3.

28 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage First Finds, Hour 2. *Repeated 2 pm 9/29 & 4 am 9/30.*
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Vintage Honolulu. *Repeated 3 am 9/30.*
- 9:00 Voces: Omara — Cuba's Legendary Diva** (TV-14)
Meet the beloved Cuban singer Omara Portuondo, who has thrilled audiences for over half a century, from the stages of Havana's legendary nightclubs to her worldwide fame as part of the Grammy-winning Buena Vista Social Club. *Repeated 1 am 9/29.*
- 10:00 Bucks County, USA** (TV-PG)
See page 14. Part 2 of 5.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

29 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG) (DVS)
In Search of Freedom. Learn how the ancestors of Maya Rudolph, Shonda Rhimes, and Keenen Ivory Wayans struggled for freedom, and how each of these cultural trailblazers gains a new understanding of how they fit into this proud trajectory. *Repeated 2 pm 9/30.*
- 8:00 Frontline**
Scammed. *Repeated 1 am 9/30.*
- 9:30 To Be Announced**
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

30 Wednesday

- 7:00 Big Cats 24/7** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Part 5 of 6. The team witnesses a baby boom in the Delta. Lioness Matho must protect her cubs alone, while leopard mum Xudum reveals her newborns with danger looming nearby.
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-14) (DVS)
Stone Age Masterpiece. See page 2.
- 9:00 Ages of Ice** (TV-PG)
Part 3 of 3. See page 2.
- 10:00 Nature** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Canada: Surviving The Wild North. Journey from Canada's high arctic to boreal forest and discover how polar bears, coastal wolves, lynx, and more survive in the North. Timing and seizing opportunity can mean the difference between life and death in this wild and rugged outpost.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

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Documentary on Chicago's Joffrey Ballet comes to PBS

By Katie Buzard
Clef Notes editor

From Kartemquin Films comes **Joffrey Ballet: The Next Movement**, a feature-length documentary about The Joffrey Ballet's 14th-annual "Winning Works" competition for emerging choreographers. The film airs at 8 pm Friday, Sept. 18 on WILL-TV.

Based in Chicago, The Joffrey Ballet is considered one of the world's premier dance companies, playing a vital role in dance education and performance in Chicago and the greater Midwest. As part of "Winning Works," five choreographers, including one Chicago-based emerging artist, are selected to create new works in collaboration with dancers from the Grainger Academy of The Joffrey Ballet. The goal of the initiative is to broaden access for artists who have been historically excluded from the art form and empower them to help shape the future of dance.

A film crew led by alums of Kartemquin's Diverse Voices in Docs Fellowship program captured the journeys of the competition's 2024 winners through a series of interviews, vérité footage, and archive film and photography. The film, directed by Cam Be, follows choreographers Manoela Gonçalves, Jainil Mehta, Martha Nichols, Xavier Núñez, and Houston Thomas as they document their journeys from creating original works in collaboration with young dancers in the rehearsal room, to selling out world-premiere performances at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. The film captures the rise of emerging talent and challenges the perception that classical ballet is an elitist art form reserved only for those of a specific social stratum.

A guide to local orchestras this season

Central Illinois is fortunate to be home to a number of stellar professional orchestras. And the upcoming 2026–27 season is shaping up to be an exciting one. Clef Notes editor Katie Buzard meticulously compiled a comprehensive



overview of scheduled regional performances for readers of the e-newsletter. For the full article with highlights of local orchestras this season, scan the QR Code at left or go to go.illinois.edu/orchestras_2026-27. Buzard, a freelance writer and musician based in Chicago, also shares her top pick for each ensemble. Sign up to receive future editions of Clef Notes at will.illinois.edu/clefnotes.

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