

WXXI Events and Off Air Taping Highlights for Spring 2010

Celebrating Earth Day

Growing Greener Schools

Airs 4/1 at 10-11 p.m.

An hour-long PBS program outlining the steps necessary to green our schools and explaining the educational, physical, economic and healthful benefits that will result from this process.

American Experience: Earth Days

Airs 4/19 at 9-11 p.m.

Earth Days looks back to the dawn and development of the modern environmental movement through the extraordinary stories of the era's pioneers.

Independent Lens: Dirt!

Airs 4/20 at 10-11 p.m.

Inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth, find out how industrial farming, mining and urban development have led us toward cataclysmic droughts, starvation, floods and climate change.



Holocaust e' Genocide

Masterpiece Theater: The Diary of Anne Frank

Airs 4/11 at 9-11 p.m.

Among the Righteous: Lost Stories from the Holocaust from Arab Lands

Airs 4/12 at 10-11 p.m.

Thousands of people have been honored for saving Jews during the Holocaust-but not a single Arab. Looking for a hopeful response to the plague of Holocaust denial sweeping across the Arab and Muslim worlds, Robert Satloff sets off on a quest to find the Arab hero whose story will change the way Arabs view Jews, themselves, and their own history.

Living On: Remember the Holocaust

Airs 4/14 at 1-2 a.m.

This one-hour documentary presents a powerful first-person testimony of the Holocaust survivors who settled in Tennessee after the war.

Safe Haven

Airs 4/21 at 1-2 a.m.

Tells the story of America's one and only refuge shelter for victims of Hitler's Nazi Europe. One thousand people from 18 countries were brought to the United States to live out the war in peace in the small town of Oswego in Upstate New York.

Swimming in Auschwitz

Airs 4/28 at 1-2 a.m.

Interweaves the stories of six Jewish women imprisoned inside the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp during the Holocaust. They speak of camp families and faith, uplifting one

another while trying to retain their humanity. Their compelling testimonials reveal the power of laughter and community, even in the face of evil.

Worse Than War

Airs 4/14 at 9-11 p.m.

Based on Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's book of the same title, this is the first documentary to step back and focus on the general phenomenon of genocide: offering viewers profound insights about its dimensions, its patterns and causes, and its tragic role in politics and human affairs. In this epic documentary, Goldhagen travels, listens to witnesses, and confronts perpetrators in nine countries around the world, bringing viewers on an unprecedented journey of insight and analysis. He speaks with victims, perpetrators, witnesses, religious leaders, politicians, diplomats, historians, humanitarian aid workers and journalists.

As we Forgive

Airs 4/17 at 1-2 a.m.

A documentary about two Rwandan women coming face-to-face with the men who slaughtered their families during the 1994 genocide. The subjects of *As We Forgive* speak for a nation still wracked by the grief of a genocide that killed one in eight Rwandans in 1994. Overwhelmed by an enormous backlog of court cases, the government has returned over 50,000 genocide perpetrators back to the very communities they helped to destroy. Without the hope of full justice, Rwanda has turned to a new solution: Reconciliation. But can it be done?

<http://www.asweforgivemovie.com/index.php>

Programs of Interest

Frederick Douglass: Pathway from Slavery to Freedom

Airs 4/1 at 5-5:30 p.m.

The first in a new series called *Young American Heroes*, it tells the fascinating story of the young Frederick Douglass and his escape from the horrors of slavery at the age of 20.

www.youngamericanheroes.com/sub/the_heroes/our_heroes/FrederickDouglass/index.htm

The Buddha

Airs 4/7 at 8-10 p.m.

Tells the story of the Buddha's life, a journey especially relevant to our own bewildering times of violent change and spiritual confusion. The program was produced in conjunction with the exhibition *Pilgrimage and Buddhist Art*, organized by Asia Society Museum, New York, opening in March 2010. The companion website features the work of some of the world's greatest artists and sculptors, who across two millennia, have depicted the Buddha's life in art rich in beauty and complexity. <http://www.pbs.org/thebuddha/>

Canal Towns

Airs 4/9 at 2-3 a.m.

At the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Canal, WXXI travels from Palmyra to Fairport to Pittsford to Spencerport to Holley, exploring town and meeting people along the waterway. Through family stories, vintage photos, stunning contemporary images, *Canal Towns* looks at the past, present and future of an amazing man-made resource.

In the Footsteps of Marco Polo

Airs 4/16 at 1:30-3 a.m.

This documentary captures the remarkable, two-year, 25,000 mile attempt to retrace Marco Polo's legendary trek from Venice, Italy to China.

Documenting the Face of America

Airs 4/20 at 3-4 a.m.

Brings to life the remarkable stories behind the legendary group of New Deal-sponsored photographers who traversed the country in the 1930's and early 1940's, chronicling the lives of Americans -- rich and poor, urban and rural, black and white -- to create one of the most astonishing documentary portraits of America ever compiled.

Dissed-Respect: The Impact of Bullying

Airs 4/21 at 2:30-3 a.m.

This program encourages dialogue about the need to reduce the high-risk behavior of bullying.

Iroquois #1-4

Airs 4/23 at 1-3 a.m.

The series, much of which was filmed on Iroquois reservations, explores different aspects of Iroquois culture, including the oral story-telling tradition and its historical significance, as well as contemporary Iroquois art, education and current political issues.



Independent Lens 10-11:30 p.m.

<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens>

4/7 **Unmistaken Child** Are some people born natural leaders? When one of Tibet's greatest monks passes away, his shy and gifted disciple must complete a monumental task he did not seek—to find his reincarnated master in the form of a child. Plagued by doubt, he goes on a journey to find the next spiritual leader as thousands of followers and the Dalai Lama await his discovery.

Nova 8-9 p.m.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova>

4/6 **Hunting the Edge of Space** Part one - Examine how the telescope has fundamentally changed our understanding of our place in the universe.

4/13 **Hunting the Edge of Space** Part two - Examine how the telescope has fundamentally changed our understanding of our place in the universe.

Great Performances 8-11:30 p.m.

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf>

4/28 **Hamlet From the Royal Shakespeare Company**

Point-of-View 8-11 p.m.

<http://www.pbs.org/pov>

4/21 **Food Inc.** aims to remove the veil of mystery that has shrouded our nation's food supply and illuminate exactly how corporations are putting profit ahead of our health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of farm workers and the environment. The film features interviews with experts such as Eric Schlosser, author of *Fast Food Nation* and Michael Pollan, author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* as well as social entrepreneurs like Stonyfield Farm's Gary Hirshberg and Polyface Farms' Joe Salatin

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