



# WHYY's TV Highlights Guide



## Prime May Highlights:

- American Masters - Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story – Tuesday, April 1 at 9 PM
- Miss Austen on Masterpiece – Sunday, May 4 at 9 PM
- Independent Lens - Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's – Monday, May 5 at 10 PM
- FRONTLINE - Antidote – Tuesday, May 6 at 10 PM
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- American Delivery
- Shelter Me: The Cancer Pioneers
- Julie Andrews Forever
- Skydiving Over 60
- Aging in America: Survive or Thrive
- Miles, Morale and Memories: Bob Hope and World War II

### **Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 PM: *Brokenwood Mysteries - Fall from Grace***

A surprise guest interrupts the picnic that Kristin, Breen and Gina throw for Mike's birthday. The celebrations come to a halt when they realize that the visitor is Kristin's ex-boyfriend.



### **Friday, May 2 at 9 PM: *Great Performances - Now Hear This: Barrios: Chopin of the Guitar***

Agustin Barrios was born and raised in rural Paraguay, far from the world's artistic capitals, and brought up on folk music. He identified with the Guarani Indians of his home more than the European culture of Spain's former colonies. Through hundreds of concerts and new compositions, he captured the soul of Latin America to become the most important guitar composer of the 20th century



### **Saturday, May 3 at 1:30 PM: *Lucky Chow - Made in Taiwan***

Across Taiwan, there's a growing movement to produce familiar pantry staples - soy sauce, hot sauce, tofu, rice - in a hand-crafted way that respects the island's legacy. Two brothers take over the family soy sauce factory; a tofu maker uses traditional methods, as well as water from a bubbling mud volcano; and a collective of young urbanites seek out a life farming rice.



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**Saturday, May 3 at 9 PM: *Queens of Mystery - Death by Vinyl, Part One***

The series follows young Detective Sergeant Matilda Stone and her three mystery-writing aunts. Mattie is assigned the unglamorous job of searching for a lost dog, but the case is put on hold when one of the band's members turns up murdered.



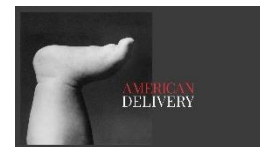
**Sunday, May 4 at 9 PM: *Miss Austen on Masterpiece***

In 1830, Cassandra Austen arrives in Kintbury after hearing of her friend Eliza's husband's impending death. But her true motive becomes clear: Cassandra is searching for the letters her sister Jane wrote to Eliza throughout their friendship.



**Monday, May 5 at 9 PM: *American Delivery***

In the U.S. more women die in childbirth than in any other wealthy nation. Amid a growing maternal health crisis, especially for women of color, *American Delivery* explores glimmers of hope, such as women finding their voice and autonomy, nurses listening to women and offering birth choices, and hospital leaders making community-based decisions.



**Monday, May 5 at 10 PM: *Independent Lens - Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's* – Premiere**

This documentary is an intimate portrayal of three families confronting the unique challenges of Alzheimer's and how this progressive neurodegenerative disease transforms roles and relationships. Whether it's a partner becoming a caregiver or an adult child shifting into being their parent's caretaker, these stories show how families evolve when a loved one is diagnosed.



**Tuesday, May 6 at 10 PM: *FRONTLINE - Antidote* – Premiere**

The U.S. broadcast debut of the award-winning film exposing the cost of opposing Vladimir Putin. The stories of an investigative journalist and a political activist putting their lives on the line standing up to the Kremlin, and the consequences.



**Wednesday, May 7 at 8 PM: *NATURE - Hummingbirds of Hollywood***

Amid the glamour of Hollywood, Terry Masear finds herself on a transformative journey as she nurtures wounded hummingbirds. Meet Cactus, Jimmy, Wasabi, Alexa, and Mikhail, Masear's diminutive patients, as we celebrate their small victories. The compassion and empathy that Masear shows her Lilliputian charges serves as a lesson to us all - the delicate beauty in profound acts of kindness.



**Wednesday, May 7 at 9 PM: *NOVA - Ultimate Crash Test: Countdown* – Premiere (2 parts)**

Go behind the scenes as scientists make a series of high-stakes decisions to ensure the ambitious experiment goes off without a hitch. They only have one shot. The plan is for 8 drivers to drive 8 different cars by remote control at 70 mph down a hazardous straightaway. The intense preparation for the most ambitious crash test ever conducted culminates in the moment of truth as the cars barrel down an airport tarmac and collide in a multi-vehicle pile-up.



**Wednesday, May 7 at 10 PM: *Bugs that Rule the World* – Premiere (4 parts)**

Journey into the world of insects, the planet's most populous but least appreciated creatures. A handful of scientists and enthusiasts around the globe explore the beauty and complexity of bugs. Episode one is entitled "Insect Apocalypse."



**Thursday, May 8 at 8 PM: *Brokenwood Mysteries - Stone Cold Dead***

Charity Highmore-Browne is the owner and curator of Brokenwood's Historic Village. Her sudden death by an arrow brings Mike and his team into the realm of New Zealand's colonial past as they deal with a blacksmith, a missionary, and the local postmaster. It appears that Brokenwood might have to come to terms with having its first serial killer.



**Friday, May 9 at 9 PM: *Great Performances - Next to Normal***

Experience this Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway musical directed by Michael Longhurst from London's Donmar Warehouse. Grammy nominee Caissie Levy stars in the story of a suburban family struggling with the effects of mental illness.



**Saturday, May 10 at 1 PM: *Pati's Mexican Table - Canyon Cuisine***

For the indigenous Raramuri people, long-distance running through Chihuahua's majestic Copper Canyon is a way of life. In Huetosachi, community leader Maria Monarca teaches Pati about the art of cooking with corn in Raramuri cuisine.



**Saturday, May 10 at 8 PM: *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries - Away with the Fairies***

Phryne investigates the puzzling death of a magazine columnist. To get to the truth, she must unearth the deceptions and rampant rivalries of the magazine's thoroughly modern working women - and dig into the past of their token male employee. Meanwhile, Phryne rekindles her affair with Lin Chung - whose arranged marriage has stalled in a mire of family politics and intrigue.



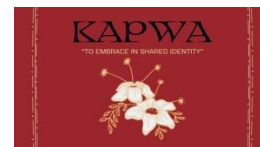
**Saturday, May 10 at 11 PM: *Austin City Limits - Maren Morris***

Country superstar Maren Morris showcases gems from her Grammy-nominated album Humble Quest alongside chart-topping hits in a career-spanning hour.



**Sunday, May 11 at 3 PM: *On Stage at Curtis Concert Special: Kapwa***

*On Stage at Curtis* takes you out of the classroom and onto the stage for a special concert. Curtis Institute of Music musicians, Glimmerglass Festival Young Artists, and seasoned professionals present KAPWA, which means to "embrace in shared identity." This concert highlights Chinese, Filipino, Hawaiian, Indian, Japanese, Korean, and Tongan cultures.



**Sunday, May 11 at 8 PM: *Call the Midwife***

Joyce faces a disciplinary hearing over a recent complaint. Dr. Turner volunteers at a methadone clinic to treat heroin addiction. Meanwhile, the Turners get news of May's adoption hearing, and Sister Catherine is invited to take her first vows.



**Monday, May 12 at 10 PM: *Independent Lens - And so it Begins* – Premiere**

This documentary follows the Philippines' turbulent 2022 presidential race, with the son of ousted former dictator Ferdinand Marcos waging a combative social media campaign against his more progressive opponent, incumbent Vice President Leni Robredo. Following it all is independent journalist and Nobel-winner Maria Ressa, with an eye toward the specter of increasing autocracy.



**Tuesday, May 13 at 10 PM: *Shelter Me: The Cancer Pioneers***

This feature documentary is about groundbreaking clinical trials for dogs with cancer and how these same treatments are being fast-tracked for people with cancer. The immunotherapies that the dogs and people are receiving are showing tremendous results. Dogs are amazing and bring so much to our lives...and are now helping save our lives!!



**Thursday, May 15 at 9:30 PM: *Julie Andrews Forever***

*Julie Andrews Forever* follows the impressive trajectory of the award-winning British performing legend. With her crystalline voice and captivating presence, Andrews has delighted audiences in numerous roles on stage and screen. The documentary features clips from *The Sound of Music*, *My Fair Lady*, *Camelot*, and *Victor Victoria*. It also includes scenes from her TV specials with Carol Burnett. (*Encore Saturday, May 17 at 7 PM & Sunday, May 18 at 6 PM*)



**Friday, May 16 at 9 PM: *Great Performances - Yellow Face* – Premiere**

Tony-winning playwright David Henry Hwang's comedy from Roundabout Theatre Company stars Daniel Dae Kim as an Asian American playwright who protests yellowface casting in the blockbuster musical "Miss Saigon," only to mistakenly cast a white actor as the Asian lead in his own play. The repercussions resonate in this farce about the complexities of race. *Yellow Face* is an "is-he-or-isn't-he" comedy of identity, show business and autobiography.



**Friday, May 16 at 8:30 PM: *On Stage at Curtis - Isabella Isza Wu Organ Finding the Key***  
Pursing her Master's in Organ Performance allowed her to take a role at the world's largest pipe organ, the Macy's Wanamaker Organ. Known to many as Isza, she studies Organ with Alan Morrison, Harpsichord with Leon Schellhase and Improvisation with Jeffrey Brillhart.



**Saturday, May 17 at 2:30 PM: *Louisiana Coastal Cooking***

Today on Louisiana Coastal Cooking we check out an initiative that returns restaurant oyster shells to the wild, creating a living shoreline that helps protect Louisiana's coastal environment. We join tribal elder Theresa Dardar at the Pointe-au-Chien Tribal Headquarters in Montegut for Pot Fried Shrimp and sample Chef Dana Honn's Jazz Fest Shrimp and Vegetable Tacos.



**Monday, May 19 at 7:30 PM: *To Dine for with Kate Sullivan - Eva Longoria***

Eva Longoria's hit TV show *Desperate Housewives* made her a household name. Since that time, she has used her fame and her platform to give voice to the Latin experience in America. Eva shares her own personal story of going after a big dream and what that process has taught her about success and the power to uplift the next generation of Latina women.



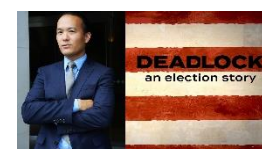
**Monday, May 19 at 9 PM: *American Experience - Mr. Polaroid* – Premiere**

Meet Edwin Land, the visionary scientist and inventor of the Polaroid camera. When introduced in 1948, the Polaroid revolutionized amateur photography -- by the 1970s, people across the globe were shooting over a billion Polaroids a year. The camera helped earn Land a reputation as one of the most visionary and prolific inventors and entrepreneurs of the 20th century. His invention would inspire the leaders of the 1990s tech boom, including Steve Jobs, who saw Land as both a guru and godfather.



**Tuesday, May 20 at 9 PM: *Deadlock***

Americans seem to have forgotten how to have a public dialog about challenging topics without acrimony. But research shows that audiences are exhausted by the win-lose model. *Deadlock*, offers an alternative - moderator, Aaron Tang, Professor of Law at the University of California, Davis, presents the panel with a hypothetical scenario based on real life situations to pull participants into substantive, challenging and humanizing conversations about key issues.



**Tuesday, May 20 at 10 PM: *FRONTLINE - Hurricane Helene's Deadly Warning***

Learn how Hurricane Helene became an ominous warning about America's lack of preparedness. With NPR, drawing on a decade of reporting on disasters and their aftermath, how and why the U.S. is more vulnerable than ever to climate change-related storms.



**Thursday, May 22 at 9:30 PM: *Nine Parts***

One woman, nine stories. *Nine Parts* is set in Michigan at the height of the pandemic, an Iraqi American woman torn by her father's death attempts to grieve at the site of the oldest Iraqi Church in North America. What starts in isolation becomes communal as Iraqi women come to and through her with their personal stories of love and resilience.



**Friday, May 23 at 7:30 PM: *Journey to the Scripps National Spelling Bee***

WHYY is proud to present the 2025 regional winners who will participate in the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee. Students from South Jersey and Philadelphia will compete; you'll meet the winners from each region and learn about their journey to the Scripps National Spelling Bee stage. Along the way, you may also learn how to spell a word or two.



**Friday, May 23 at 9 PM: *Great Performances - Girl from the North Country***

*Girl from the North Country* reimagines 20 legendary songs by Bob Dylan. This spiritually uplifting story is set in Duluth, Minnesota, in 1934, when a group of wanderers' lives intersect at a house full of music, life and hope. Nominated for seven 2022 Tony Awards including Best New Musical, among the classic Dylan songs woven into the narrative are "Like a Rolling Stone."



**Saturday, May 24 at 7 PM: *Miles, Morale and Memories: Bob Hope and World War II***

Legendary entertainer Bob Hope and his troupe of performers traveled more than 80,000 miles during World War II to entertain the troops. Hope and his troupe often performed near the frontlines in Europe and the Pacific. (*Encore Sunday, May 25 at 6 PM & Monday, May 26 at 3 PM*)



**Sunday, May 25 at 12 AM: *Austin City Limits - Adrian Quesada: Boleros Psicodelicos***

Black Pumas founder Adrian Quesada brings to life the music of his acclaimed Spanish-language album *Boleros Psicodelicos* in a thrilling hour, with international guest vocalists iLe, Natalia Clavier, Girl Ultra, Clemente Castillo and more.



**Sunday, May 25 at 8 PM: *National Memorial Day Concert 2025***

America's national night of remembrance live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol honors the service of our men and women in uniform. Hosted by Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise, the 2025 concert features stories interwoven with performances by world-renowned artists and the National Symphony Orchestra,



**Monday, May 26 at 8 PM: *Independent Lens - Make Peace or Die: Honor the Fallen***

Riddled with survivor's guilt after his unit lost 17 men during "Operation Enduring Freedom" in Afghanistan, Marine veteran Anthony Marquez makes it his mission to reconnect with the Gold Star families of the fallen. By carving and hand-delivering a battlefield cross for each of the families affected by loss, Anthony finds the path to heal himself.



**Tuesday, May 27 at 9 PM: *Tyrus Wong - American Masters***

Discover the art, life and enduring impact of Tyrus Wong, the renowned Chinese-American painter behind Bambi and Rebel Without a Cause, via new and never-before-seen interviews, movie clips and art. Wong once exhibited with Picasso and Matisse.



**Tuesday, May 27 at 10:30 PM: *Amache - An American Injustice***

Amache: An American Injustice explores the unconstitutional suspension of the civil rights of Japanese Americans, who – despite the extraordinary loss of homes, property, and freedom – survived their imprisonment at the Amache incarceration site with dignity and resilience.



**Wednesday, May 28 at 9 PM: *NOVA - Decoding the Universe: Quantum***

Welcome to the quantum universe, where particles can spin in two directions at once and observing something changes it. Buckle up for a wild ride through the discoveries that proved all of this to be true and paved the way for the digital technologies - and the powerful quantum sensors and computers of tomorrow.



**Thursday, May 29 at 7:30 PM: *James Patterson in Conversation with Terry Gross***

WHYY honors renowned author James Patterson with the 23rd Lifelong Learning Award. This special event features an interview between James Patterson and Terry Gross, host of Fresh Air. Started in 2002, the WHYY Lifelong Learning Award recognizes an honoree who has demonstrated a passion for lifelong learning for themselves and for all those they can inspire.



**Thursday, May 29 at 9 PM: *Skydiving Over 60***

A team of 110 elite senior athletes from across the globe gather in pursuit of a skydiving world record. These seniors range in age from 60 to 90+ years old and have been featured widely, including The New York Times, AARP Magazine, and the Wall Street Journal.



**Thursday, May 29 at 10 PM: *Aging in American: Survive or Thrive***

Fifty years ago, there were 23 million Americans over the age of 65. Today there are 55 million. Using Dr. Robert Butler's Pulitzer Prize winning book, Why Survive? as a guide, the film explores critical topics such as healthcare. Narrated by Martin Sheen; this documentary celebrates the promise of increased longevity while addressing crucial and unprecedented public policy challenges.



**Friday, May 30 at 9 PM: *Great Performances - Kiss Me, Kate***

A love letter to the theater blending Shakespeare with backstage romance, the show was the crowning achievement of Porter's celebrated career. The 2024 revival of Kiss Me, Kate at London's Barbican Theatre stars Tony-winner Stephanie J. Block (The Cher Show) and Irish star Adrian Dunbar (Line of Duty) as Porter's famously feuding couple.



**Saturday, May 31 at 2 PM: *Cooking with Legends: Lidia Bastianich & Jacques Pepin***

Join longtime friends and chefs Lidia Bastianich and Jacques Pepin for mouth-watering recipes and personal family stories. Their combined knowledge doubles the fun when they come together to share the recipes that made their careers.



**Saturday, May 31 at 8 PM: *Neil Diamond - Hot August Night/NYC***

Considered by many to be his best work, Hot August Night NYC is a compilation of Neil Diamond's biggest hits, performed across his four sell-out shows at Madison Square Garden during his 2008 tour. As he invigorated his back catalogue with new energy, it shows his skills as a performer and consummate showman. This is Diamond the icon in full glory.



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