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Quote



"Is there any way I could view this show? I live in SE Pennsylvania. I could possibly set a record for binge watching all 34 seasons. I'm even willing to move to Idaho for many reasons, including being in the broadcast area." –Dominick



On Friday, November 4, Idaho Reports will feature the two candidates vying for the 2nd congressional seat in D.C. This episode will explore the current state of the two parties and where a divided country and a divided state go from here. Congressman Mike Simpson discusses the civil war going on within the Republican Party, and Jenifer Martinez talks about a possible missed opportunity in the era of Trump.

On Tuesday, November 8, Idaho Reports will be live online from 8 p.m. until the results are in. The Idaho Reports crew will bring instant responses and analysis of all the Idaho races from the Senate to a sheriff's race in Adams County. Guests include congressional candidates, party officials, and legislators. It will be your one stop for everything Idaho politics on election night. Idaho Reports will also provide live updates on air during PBS NewHour.



December 2-4



Enjoy a weekend filled with special music, entertainment, and outdoor adventure. Among the highlights are a new hourlong Outdoor Idaho special, "Beyond the White Clouds," a look at this extraordinary place in Idaho and the decades-long fight to create the

Hemingway-Boulders, White Clouds, and Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness areas. Speaking of extraordinary places, Rick Steves ventures outside Europe to take viewers on a family trip to Cuba, and we have a new special, Christmastime in New Orleans. We also present a lush look at Utah's spectacular national parks in National Park Symphony — The Mighty Five.

In the performance genre, My Music presents "Get Down Tonight: The Disco Explosion." In addition, we have a new program from André Rieu called Waltzing Forever, and a concert, Van Morrison: Live at the Rainbow. Great Performances presents "Joan Baez' 75th Birthday Celebration" with guests Jackson Browne, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Judy Collins, David Crosby, Emmylou Harris, Damien Rice, Mavis Staples, Richard Thompson and Paul Simon. Finally, Idaho fan favorites Celtic Woman are returning to Idaho, and Idaho Public Television has tickets for contributions during Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas.

Join us during the evenings when IdahoPTV will be live on-air.

In the Community



Free Screenings

Community screenings of Wild Kratts "Creatures of the Deep Sea" plus a bonus sneak peek of our newest program for kids: "Splash and Bubbles" begin at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, November 11
Hayden Discount Cinema
Hayden (corner of Prairie and Highway 95)

Saturday, November 12
Overland Park Cinemas
Boise

The screenings are free, but registration is required online at www.idahoptv.org or by phone at 1-800-543-6868.

Trailing of the Sheep

Friends of Idaho Public Television board director Norma Douglas coordinated a booth at the Trailing of the Sheep Festival Fair. This is what she had to say about the event:

"We had a truly amazing turnout at our booth at the Sheep Festival Fair. As of right now, they don't have a nose count on attendees (people, that is, not sheep) but we are talking about many, many THOUSANDS of people. The fair was huge and our booth was a major attraction. I had great local volunteers behind the table and I was out in front, talking with everyone. We were faced with at least 20 people all day long, kids and parents, asking questions, entering the raffle. Many of these people are from out of town, but most are Idahoans from all over the state.



Nearly everyone told us that we were the only station they ever looked at. People told us how they grew up with Big Bird. We also heard a lot about the PBS terrific election coverage, major appreciation for the NewsHour. On the Idaho level, people from all over the state love Outdoor Idaho, even love to watch repeats, plan vacations that way, etc. And Marcia has many fans here too, heard about specific interviews they enjoy. And, of course, folks mourning the end of Downton were delighted to hear about Victoria. Poldark is in good standing with everyone too, and the Roadshow.



People said they came over when they saw Big Bird and Gwen on the signs. And the kids went bonkers over the little lambs we had as giveaways.

It's truly heartwarming to see how many families we reach. We do make a real difference to our viewers, and they care enough to stop and tell us that!

Hanna Read Newbill, Director of Marketing from the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, recently presented their 40th Season poster signed by the actors, to Ron Pisaneschi IdahoPTV General Manager as a thank you to Idaho Public Television for being a media sponsor.



Our IdahoPTV Productions



“Owyhee Adventures”

– Airs Thursday, November 17, at 8 p.m.

The Owyhee desert may look like a dry and desolate place, but beyond the endless sage are hidden gems: twisting waterways and narrow canyons with sheer walls and towering pinnacles. It's some of the most remote country in the entire United States, a lonely landscape that only a handful of adventurous people visit each year.

Greg Stahl of Idaho Rivers United describes it this way: “It's inaccessible, inhospitable and yet a wonderful and rejuvenating place. You have to be here to really understand the grandeur that exists in the Owyhee plateau.”

Outdoor Idaho accompanies Stahl as he floats down one of the Owyhee River's remote tributaries, Deep Creek. Camera crews also follow a group exploring the East Fork of the Owyhee in packrafts. This new sport combines hiking and ultra-lightweight rafts.

In addition, crews embark on a canyoneering adventure in a secluded part of the desert few people have ever seen. It's a challenging trip into a boulder-strewn slot canyon. “The Canyonlands are a very special place. It's worth some hardship. There's no other place like it,” says hiking guide Shane Moser.



Dialogue

“Creating ‘Game of Thrones’”

– Airs in two parts, November 4 & 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Host Marcia Franklin talks with David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, the co-creators and lead writers of the blockbuster HBO series, “Game of Thrones.” The show has won more Primetime Emmys than any other scripted series. The duo talks with Marcia about what attracted them to George R. R. Martin’s books, on which the programs are based, what they think of the criticism that the shows are too violent, how they work together, and how they deal with the fear of the unknown on such a large project. In part 2, Franklin asks about the effect of their multimillion dollar series, “Game of Thrones,” on the countries in which they film, the technological breakthroughs it’s achieved, what they’d like the legacy of the series to be, and their next project. And...dragons!



“In the Spotlight: Walter Robinson”

– Airs Friday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Walter Robinson, the editor of the “Spotlight” investigative team at the Boston Globe that won the Pulitzer Prize for its investigation of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. A movie about the team’s efforts, “Spotlight,” won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2016. Robinson discusses the stresses involved in the investigation, why he believes it was so important, and what he thought of the film.

“Voices in the Ocean: Susan Casey”

– Airs Friday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Journalist Susan Casey talks with Franklin about her love for the deep sea. She’s written several books about efforts to help creatures who live in the ocean, including dolphins, for which she has a special affinity. The two discuss the unique abilities of dolphins, threats to the ocean, and why Casey is so enamored with what she calls the parallel universe of the sea.



“Digestive System”

– Airs November 15 at 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT

Your body needs food for energy, vitamins and minerals. But food needs to be broken down into a substance your body can use. That’s the job of your digestive system. Your digestive system starts its job even before you eat your first bite. On this program, host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests, gastroenterologists Drs. Matt Sericati and Brian Story, will answer students’ questions.