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On the cover: Jenna Coleman is Queen Victoria in the first few years of her reign in the Masterpiece miniseries Victoria, beginning in January on WGCU HDTV.
Click here to see a brief clip from the first episode of Victoria.
While studying the monarchy in the media as a history student at the University of Cambridge, Daisy Goodwin read the diaries of Queen Victoria. The daughter of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathern and German-born Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, Alexandrina Victoria ascended to the throne in 1837, just a few weeks after her 18th birthday. In 1840, she married her first cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. The couple had nine children — to Goodwin, an early clue that perhaps the Victorian era wasn’t quite as prudish as reputation serves.

Further proof was an interesting passage in one of Victoria’s more than 100 diaries. “I read this entry about Albert wearing white cashmere breeches with nothing underneath, and I got a strong sense of the woman behind this. You think of Victoria as an old lady but you realize she was a passionate teenager who liked men,” Goodwin said in a telephone interview from London.

Goodwin is the scriptwriter of the eight-hour, seven-part series Victoria, a Masterpiece production beginning Jan. 15 on WGCUTV, as well as the companion novel of historical fiction by the same title published by St. Martin’s Press. The short chapters of the book read like scenes – not surprisingly, Goodwin said people tell her she is a visual writer – and paint the picture of an independent young woman who demonstrated strength and wisdom beyond her years. And apparently beyond her stature, as she was barely 5 feet tall. These qualities were necessary to thwart the selfish attempts at manipulation by everyone around her. This was in an era when girls who would grow up to be ladies of rank would learn just “watercolours and the pianoforte,” Goodwin writes in the novel.

Goodwin implies that it was to protect their own status that Victoria’s mother and her mother’s companion, Sir John Conroy, kept young Victoria “under house arrest,” as she called it, throughout her childhood. “She was not allowed to choose her own friends or really to have any freedom,” Goodwin said. Her companions were her spaniel, Dash, and a collection of dolls.

“But unlike a lot of Victorian women she was never cowed, she wasn’t submissive, she wasn’t afraid of her own contradictions. She was a powerful figure with a huge impact on the 19th century,” Goodwin said. “Even though women didn’t have the vote and were considered the property of their husbands, with a woman in charge then, she had to have made a powerful difference in the way women were perceived. She was queen, mother, wife, and yet she was powerful. It shifted the paradigm, really.”

Although at 18 she was no longer bound by others’ restrictions, nearly everyone she knew would try to control her. But Victoria would continue to fend off these challenges to her autonomy — most of them based on her anatomy and her singlehood. In the aftermath of an unpopular move, in which she sent a doctor to examine a pious lady-in-waiting whom she erroneously suspected of pregnancy, people close to her gossiped that she had gone mad. As Goodwin writes, “…there was the general belief that young unmarried women were susceptible to hysteria, which could only be cured by marriage and motherhood.”

Victoria followed a succession of ill-behaved male monarchs who kept mistresses and were indiscreet. Despite plenty of rumor and innuendo, she was the first to have remained true to her spouse, Goodwin said. She and Albert had a faithful marriage, Goodwin said, “and that was a rarity.”

Goodwin said the film version of her story covers a slightly longer time period, but is still just a few years of what would be a reign of more than 63 years.

**Watch WGCUTV**

*Victoria*

The seven-part series premieres Sunday, Jan. 15.

See page 15 in this magazine for a special screening invitation.

▲ Jenna Coleman is Queen Victoria and Rufus Sewell is Lord Melbourne.
William Shakespeare rapidly churned out dramas, and generally was not short on words – at least not the spoken kind. Stage directions were another matter. Since plenty of his characters die by the sword, whether in battles or duels or sneak attack, this left a gap to be filled in theatrical productions. Enter the choreographer of staged combat.

Southwest Florida Fencing Academy owner Charles Johnson is a self-described “history freak.” He has staged a few combat scenes for local productions. And although he doesn’t claim to be an expert on this, he has suited up in Elizabethan gear, armed himself with vintage-era weapons, and demonstrated swordplay of the era at schools and libraries in Southwest Florida for years.

This month on WGCU TV, the three-part series *The Hollow Crown* combines history plays *Henry VI, Part I; Henry VI, Part II;* and *Richard III*. They include plenty of skirmishes, including a battle for control of England’s throne in what’s known as the Wars of the Roses.

We visited Johnson to learn a little bit about the fighting we might see in the series. Johnson and Florida Gulf Coast University student Jason Moore, who has been fencing since age 9, met us in period garb: pantaloons, blouses, fencing jackets, leather boots and some very serious weapons. First lesson: Henry VI, Richard III and all the other fighting nobility would have said swords by pronouncing the W. Theirs probably were broadswords and rapiers, the latter being the most often used dueling weapon, Johnson said.

Men of the 15th century were a “quarrelsome lot,” Johnson said. While the Wars of the Roses were about who would wear the crown of the monarch, plenty of fighting took place on the level of the street brawl. “It was my gang against your gang kind of thing,” he said. “You’re on my turf and I want you off.”

Matters of honor were determined by broadsword, rapier and dagger, often by duels. It was the era of “might makes right” rather than judge and jury. Weapons and combat of European history eventually tamed into a sport – one Johnson has been teaching for more than two decades in a nondescript space tucked back from Fowler Avenue in Fort Myers.
ADULTS can learn right along with the kids when the latest episode of *Curious Kids* debuts this month. Titled *Lakes, Rivers & Estuaries*, the show takes viewers on a trek throughout Southwest Florida’s watery worlds without the need for boots or bug spray.

Jaden, Sophie, Andrew, Sierra and Eva trace water from Lake Okeechobee down the Caloosahatchee River into the Charlotte Harbor estuaries and the Gulf of Mexico, stopping along the way to fish for bass, learn about salinity and the creatures whose lives depend on water quality, and hear from experts such as Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist Barron Moody and Florida Gulf Coast University’s Win Everham. State Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen gives them some ideas for civic engagement on water quality and Jaden’s mom gives them tips on environmentally friendly cleaning.

“Since Lake Okeechobee and water issues were at the forefront of news stories in 2016, we thought it would be a good time to offer kids and their families an in-depth look at the subject,” said writer and producer Rosmary Emery. “Understanding the landscape and its functionality is key to conserving it for future generations.”

WGCU premiered *Curious Kids* in spring 2011 as Southwest Florida’s only public broadcasting program for kids starring kids. Since then, international singer/songwriter/educator Emery has directed 14 programs, including the regional Emmy Award-winning episode, *What Is a Watershed?*
THE STRING THEORY OF Black Violin

By Dayna Harpster

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“We are not identical, no!
But I am not invisible, no!”

From Invisible
by Black Violin
ON the street, it would be hard to miss Kevin Sylvester, who uses the stage name Kev Marcus. “I’m a 6-foot-2, 260-pound black guy,” he says. He is used to his appearance provoking certain reactions. But he also observed from a young age that reactions are different when he holds a violin. “It’s a tool. A way I can change people’s perceptions of me.”

Along with childhood friend and viola player Wil B., Marcus hopes that he is continuing to change perceptions about music and race.

Music critics usually describe Black Violin’s sound as a combination of classical, hip-hop, jazz and R&B, a “multi-genre sound” and “classical boom.”

“We’re both from Caribbean backgrounds,” Marcus explained. “So we grew up at home listening to soca, calypso and reggae. And we studied classical. Then after class we would be listening to hip-hop, whether that’s Biggie (Smalls) or Jay Z … and all of that created the kind of gumbo we play.”

By class, he meant as far back as junior high, when the two musicians met at an arts magnet school in Fort Lauderdale. It came time to choose an instrument. “I wanted to play anything else, but that’s all they had left,” Marcus said. Wil B.’s take on the viola was similar. They both chose to make peace with the situation, which eventually led to the birth of Black Violin.

Marcus recalled a moment that would define them musically during his junior year at Dillard High School of Performing Arts. It was after school. He was working at his first job, at a furniture store, and was bored. “It was 1998. I had a cell phone, a Sony Ericsson. And this song by Busta Rhymes, Gimme Some More, had this really eerie violin line and it would loop over and over,” he said. So he programmed it in his phone as a ringtone. Then he made the fortunate mistake of taking his phone to school, where it rang during class. The other students recognized the ringtone and loved it. “So after class I showed them the notes and they started playing them, and we put in the cello lines. And the whole orchestra learned it. And we had this big competition in Lakeland, and we walked in, and there’s all the other orchestras, and we walked in playing Busta Rhymes, and it was super cool.”

He earned a full scholarship to Florida International University and by this time, was not only trying to influence his own image but that of the violin. He continued to collaborate with Wil B. — Wilner Baptiste — who was studying at Florida State University and working just as hard on the viola.

Soon, the way they were combining their classical training with a hip modern sound was heard — not just by a growing number of fans but also by other musicians. Winning the 2005 Showtime at the Apollo Legend award ensured that, but even more, proved to the duo that they were onto something.

Since then, Black Violin has opened for or played with Aerosmith, Kanye West, Alicia Keys, Tom Petty, Lupe Fiasco and Mike Shinoda of Linkin Park. Marcus and Baptiste have made appearances on Angelina Ballerina on PBS and at President Obama’s inaugural ball.

They’re on tour now. “At one part of the show I’ll look around and see people who are white, black, purple and green, 5-year-olds to 70-year-olds,” said Marcus. “I’ll look and there will be an older white woman with her eyes closed, listening, and a 12-year-old kid next to her nodding to the hip-hop, during the same song.”

But with lyrics — or really, spoken word — such as found in Stereotype, the message is as important as the music.

“Stereotype: An often unfair and untrue belief that many people have about … All people or things with a particular characteristic are the same … Stereotype: An often unfair and untrue belief that many people have about other people or things …”

“We want to be able to use our platform not just to make people dance, but to make them think,” he said.
Have you heard? For the first time ever, StoryCorps is coming to Southwest Florida. Yes, WGCU has teamed up with StoryCorps. Its iconic Airstream will roll in to our area on Jan. 2.

As loyal listeners of WGCU FM already know, StoryCorps brings touching stories told by folks from all over the country to your radio each Friday morning during Morning Edition. These recorded conversations and interviews tell diverse stories of America.

Since its founding in 2003, StoryCorps has touched the lives of more than a quarter million people, and as of last year, 66,080 signature StoryCorps interviews were in the Library of Congress collection.

At press time, StoryCorps is still finalizing a location for its Airstream and the WGCU staff is working on plans for listening events as well as other engagement activities. Watch our web site, Facebook and enewsletter for updated information.

StoryCorps is responsible for taking reservations for the approximately 140 interviews/conversations that will be recorded in Southwest Florida from Jan. 2 through Feb. 5. StoryCorps Southwest Florida reservations open Thursday, Dec. 22 @ 10 am at www.storycorps.org/reservations or by calling 1.800.850.4406.

WGCU is honored to bring StoryCorps to Southwest Florida to meet and record the stories of our neighbors and friends. If you want to hear StoryCorps’ weekly interviews, tune to 90.1FM or 91.7 FM.

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Focus on Friends: Rev. Gary and Christine LaCroix

WGCU hits the right note for concert VIPs

Like many of our members, WGCU is a constant, reliable companion to the Rev. Gary and Christine LaCroix. “We wake up to WGCU every morning and count on it to keep us up on the news and information all through the day,” Gary said.

Gary is a Lutheran pastor in Cape Coral and Christine is a retired education administrator, and they consider themselves life-long learners. They enjoy the informative and engaging topics on radio shows like The Diane Rehm Show and Wait, Wait…Don’t Tell Me. Both enjoy history and historical fiction; their favorite PBS shows are Poldark, Indian Summers and Downton Abbey. Tuning in to WGCU provides a way for them to travel, attend concerts and performances and stay on top of current affairs.

Gary and Christine support the arts, religious organizations, schools and of course, public media. They give to pass on these resources to the next generation.

Gary and Christine LaCroix are WGCU’s VIP chairs for the Twisted Strings concert on Feb. 11, 2017, at Six Bends Harley-Davidson’s Top Rocker Field in Fort Myers. “It will bring to the residents of Southwest Florida a different presentation of string instruments and music that will be new to many. Music has a unique way of crossing the lines that divide groups,” Christine said.

For more information about the event, go to www.wgcu.org/events. To learn more about becoming a Leadership Circle member, contact membershipservices@wgcu.org.

Gina Dengler,  
Major Gifts Officer
1 THURSDAY
8 pm HD Andre Rieu: Waltzing Forever
Join Andre Rieu for an evening of music in a medieval town in the Netherlands. Rieu engages the crowds with vocalists, dancers and the 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra.

9:30 pm W Independent Lens How to Survive a Plague
See the story of two coalitions - ACT UP and Treatment Action Group - made up of innovative activists, many of them HIV-positive, who fought to turn AIDS from a death sentence into a manageable condition.

2 FRIDAY
8 pm E Ed Sullivan’s Rock and Roll Classics - The ’60s
Relive unforgettable live performances from the greatest music icons in the world, including performances from the Beatles, the Doors, the Rolling Stones, the Animals, the Beach Boys and more.

9 pm HD Rocktopia Live in Budapest: A Classical Revolution
A performance at the Hungarian State Opera House in Budapest fuses classical music with classic rock, from Mozart to Queen.

3 SATURDAY
8 pm HD Magic Moments: The Best of ’50s Pop
Taped in Atlantic City’s Trump Taj Mahal, a concert is hosted by Mary Lou Metzger, Phyllis McGuire and Pat Boone, and features a cavalcade of 1950s pop music recording legends.

4 SUNDAY
7 pm E Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas
The all-female ensemble performs in a moving and festive celebration filmed at Dublin’s Helix Theatre.

10 pm HD Get Down Tonight: The Disco Explosion (My Music)
A ‘70s disco party features KC & The Sunshine Band, Chic, Leo Sayer, Irene Cara, the Trammps and more.

11 pm W My Louisiana Love
Journey with filmmaker Monique Verdin on a quest to connect with her ancestral roots within the Houma Nation, a Native American community reeling from decades of environmental degradation and natural disasters.

7 WEDNESDAY
8 pm W Expedition Pearl Harbor
Join the first expedition to explore inside the USS Arizona since the event that will live in infamy, as state-of-the-art imaging technology reveals the aftermath and incredible story of the Pearl Harbor attack.

9:30 pm E Burt Bacharach’s Best
This first-time ever archival PBS special on the composer and songwriter includes all the original artists performing Bacharach’s hits with rare archival footage and clips from the 1960s and 1970s.

10 pm HD Eat Fat, Get Thin with Dr. Mark Hyman
Many of us have long been told that fat makes us fat, contributes to heart disease, and generally erodes our health. Now a growing body of research is debunking our fat-phobia.
Make Plans Now to Experience This Spectacular Holiday Light Show!

December 15-23, December 26-30, 2016 and January 2-4, 2017: 6-9pm each evening

Night Lights in the Garden features entertainment, family activities, festive sweets and treats, and much more! And new this year, Night Lights in the Garden will include our seasonal exhibit, Origami in the Garden, lit especially for the evening event, providing a dramatic view of these enchanting sculptures. The 25 playful, large-scale works of art will be on view each evening during Night Lights in the Garden.

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DECEMBER TV HIGHLIGHTS

8 THURSDAY
8 pm HD My Music Presents: The Carpenters Close to You & Holiday Memories
A music-filled documentary traces the Carpenters’ career through the eyes of Richard Carpenter and the group’s friends in the music business.

10 pm W America Reframed A Will for the Woods
Musician, folk dancer and psychiatrist Clark Wang prepares for his own green burial, determined that his final resting place will benefit the Earth.

11 pm W The Quietest Place on Earth
The Hawaiian Islands are the most remote major island group on Earth. On the second-largest island of Maui, the Haleakala volcano rises 10,000 feet – nearly two miles – into the sky. And the massive crater located at its summit carries the unique distinction of “The Quietest Place on Earth.”

9:30 pm W An American Mosque
A documentary about religious freedom and the struggle against intolerance set in a rural California town is sparked by the destruction of a mosque. See how a community responds through painful but ultimately positive discussions about the perception of Islam in America.

9 FRIDAY
8 pm W Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler Kumbh Mela
Every 12 years, tens of millions of men, women and children gather on the flood plain of the Ganges and Yamuna Rivers in Allahabad, India, for the world’s largest religious gathering.

9 pm W Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler Osun-Osogbo
Feiler travels to Nigeria with a group of African-American pilgrims who are attending an annual festival in honor of the Yoruba goddess Osun.

10 pm E WGCU Pledge favorites
Tune in to see the best of WGCU programming.

10 SATURDAY
8 pm E Sherlock on Masterpiece The Abominable Bride
Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman return as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in the acclaimed modern retelling of Arthur Conan Doyle’s classic stories. But now, our heroes find themselves in 1890s London.

10 pm W Doc World Tocando La Luz
A film weaves together the lives of three women who are blind and trying to survive in a rapidly changing Cuba.

11 SUNDAY
8 pm W Nature Love in the Animal Kingdom
Animals dance, sing, flirt and compete with everything they’ve got to find and secure a mate. For many, the all-important bonds they share as a couple are what enable the next generation to survive. But can we call these bonds love?

9 pm HD Great Performances The Hollow Crown: Henry VI, Part 1
England is in crisis. War rages and divisions within the English court threaten the crown. Young Henry VI causes outrage by marrying Margaret of Anjou. The scene is set for civil war.

13 TUESDAY
8 pm E Anne of Green Gables
Enjoy a new adaptation of the classic novel about the orphaned Anne, placed in the care of uptight Marilla and her brother Matthew, played by Martin Sheen. Neither Anne nor Marilla could predict the profound effect they’d have on each other’s lives.

9 pm W Independent Lens Happiness
Pyanki is a 9-year-old monk living in Laya, a Bhutanese village high in the Himalayas. The nearest road is a three-day walk distant, and Pyanki has never left his village. In 2012, however, the world will came to him: Laya would at long last be connected to electricity.

9:30 pm E Pollyanna
Enjoy an adaptation of the children’s classic novel Pollyanna, about the young orphan whose effortless charm captures the hearts of family, friends and strangers alike and who believes that a little positive thinking can make a big difference.

14 WEDNESDAY
8 pm HD Nature Legendary White Stallions
Go backstage with the Lipizzans and their riders at the famous Spanish Riding School of Vienna. The ancient “court of kings” trains horses for years to execute difficult artistic and athletic maneuvers that very few will master.

9 pm E American Masters Mel Brooks
Ironically, this larger-than-life little man is very private and has been fairly reclusive since his wife of 41 years, Anne Bancroft, died in 2005.

10 pm W PBS NewsHour
The evening news broadcast, hosted by Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff, offers news updates, analysis, live studio interviews and more.

Thursday, Dec. 8 @ 10 pm HD Il Volo Notte Magica
Join the international superstar trio Il Volo and special guest Placido Domingo for a night of music under the stars in Florence, Italy’s Santa Croce Square.
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DECEMBER TV HIGHLIGHTS

15 THURSDAY
9 pm W Passing On
Explore the end of life through a series of sensitive stories that are emotionally engaging and full of information.

10 pm E NOVA Treasures of the Earth Power
Discover how Earth’s natural treasures provide bountiful energy to power our modern world yet are also driving us to seek new, cleaner alternatives.

16 FRIDAY
7 pm W Frontline From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians – Pax Romana/A Light to the Nations
Drawing upon new and controversial historical evidence, the film transports the viewer back 2,000 year to the time and place where Jesus of Nazareth once lived and preached and challenges familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity.

9 pm W Three Faiths, One God:
Judaism, Christianity, Islam
While there have been differences among these religions, there was a rich cultural interchange between Jews, Christians, and Muslims that took place in Islamic Spain and other places over centuries.

11 pm HD Charlie Rose
Join the host for this the nightly one-hour program that engages in one-on-one, in-depth conversations and round-table discussions with guests.

17 SATURDAY
8 pm W Soundbreaking
Part 7, Sound and Vision
See how music videos transformed our experience of music - from David Bowie, Devo and Madonna to Nirvana.

18 SUNDAY
9 pm HD Great Performances
The Hollow Crown: Henry VI, Part II
Rivalries erupt. Feeble King Henry is overshadowed by Queen Margaret. Edward IV takes the throne, but brother Richard has eyes on the crown.

10 pm W Doc World
Five Days to Dance
A couple of dancers appear one morning in a High School. It’s Monday and they announce to a group of youngsters that they have five days to get up on stage and dance.

11:30 pm HD Shakespeare’s Tomb
Historian Dr. Helen Castor explores the mysteries surrounding Shakespeare’s burial place.

19 MONDAY
9 pm HD Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir
Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis
Hear Broadway star Laura Osnes, British screen actor Martin Jarvis and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in the annual Christmas concert.

20 TUESDAY
8 pm HD Frontline
From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians, Part 1
Chart the epic rise of Christianity, from the life of Jesus to the period that followed his death.

9:30 pm W Everyone Has a Place
This work of art was performed by a unique pairing of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and choir Le Chateau. The film features a series of interviews, concert footage and a peek backstage.

Thursday, Dec. 15 @ 8 pm HD Preserving Our Waters
A look at the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve has wider implications when considering Southwest Florida’s growing population and how its needs affect the ecosystems upon which people depend.

10 pm HD Frontline
From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians, Part 2
View the rise of Christianity from a small Jewish sect to an official religion of the Roman Empire.

21 WEDNESDAY
8 pm HD Nature Snow Chick
Enjoy the intimate and incredible journey of a tiny Emperor penguin chick from the moment he emerges from the egg to the moment he begins a life of his own. Meet his mom and dad and the rest of the new chick gang in the world’s most extreme nursery.

9 pm HD NOVA Secrets of Noah’s Ark
Witness an investigation of the biblical flood story, leading to the reconstruction of an ark.

10 pm HD Secrets of the Dead
The Lost Gardens of Babylon
See what the spectacular Hanging Gardens of Babylon looked like and how they were constructed.
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22 THURSDAY
8 pm HD Joyful & Triumphant
The FGCU University Choir and Bower School of Music Chamber Choir perform seasonal songs from around the world in a show from Moorings Park Presbyterian Church in Naples. WGCU

9 pm W Adventists
Explore the realities, and some of the ironies, of one of the few American-born religions: Seventh-day Adventism.

11 pm E Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops
See Dec. 19 for program description.

23 FRIDAY
8 pm W Frontline
From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians, Part 2
Examine the period after the first revolt and trace the development and impact of the Gospels. Revisit the increasingly hostile early relationship between Christians and Jews.

9 pm HD Shakespeare Live! From the RSC
On the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, Great Performances presents the RSC's star-studded gala, with David Tennant, Benedict Cumberbatch, Judi Dench, Joseph Fiennes, John Lithgow, Ian McKellen, Helen Mirren, David Suchet and others.

11 pm E Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience
The Spirit of the Season
The Emmy-winning tenor goes solo in a spirited holiday special, channeling Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett in an era-spanning, up-tempo production.

24 SATURDAY
8 pm W Buddha
Two and a half millennia ago, a new religion was born in northern India, generated from the ideas of a mysterious Indian sage, the Buddha.

10 pm W America Reframed
Our Mockingbird
A documentary uses Harper Lee’s 1960 novel To Kill a Mockingbird as a lens to view race, class, gender and justice - then and now.

11 pm E Joshua Bell Presents Musical Gifts
The violinist welcomes cameras into his Manhattan home for a salon-style holiday performance.

25 SUNDAY
7:30 pm HD Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2016
Join the women of Nonnatus House for a yuletide in London.

9 pm HD Great Performances
The Hollow Crown: Richard III
In his quest for the crown, Richard plans the murder of his brother George. After the death of Edward IV, Richard's path to the throne is clear, except for the princes in the tower.

11:30 pm HD Secrets of the Dead
Resurrecting Richard III
What do the bones of King Richard III reveal? When amateur historians set out to find the bones of Richard III under a parking lot in England, everyone thought they were mad. Until, a skeleton - hunchbacked and with an arrow in its spine - emerged.

26 MONDAY
9:30 W On Story
Breaking Bad: A Conversation with Vince Gilligan
Creator of the hit series reflects upon the show's storytelling, along with his inspirations and influences.

Monday, Dec. 26 @ 10 pm HD Independent Lens
Meet the Patels
Ravi Patel, whose tradition-minded Hindu family is not happy that he's single at almost 30, enters the semi-arranged marriage system in America. Explore the influence of culture and identity on an intense, personal, important part of life - love.

11 pm E In Their Own Words
Queen Elizabeth II
Follow Queen Elizabeth II's remarkable life, from her youth to her uncle's abdication, her father's coronation as King George VI, her experience during World War II, her sudden ascension to the throne and her reign of more than 60 years.

27 TUESDAY
8 pm E Royal Wives at War
Take a fresh look at the abdication crisis of 1936 and kidnappings.

28 WEDNESDAY
8 pm HD Nature
Cold Warriors: Wolves and Buffalo

9 pm HD NOVA
Building Pharaoh's Chariot
Follow a team of archaeologists, engineers and woodworkers who build two replicas of Egyptian royal chariots.

10 pm E American Experience
Bonnie & Clyde
Discover the true story of the most famous outlaw couple in U.S. history. The Barrow gang was believed responsible for at least 13 murders, including two policemen, as well as robberies and kidnappings.
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29 THURSDAY

8 pm W Egypt’s Treasure Guardians
Follow a group determined to bring Egypt back from the brink: to discover more of the country’s history, keep its heritage safe and persuade tourists to visit again.

9 pm W The Blueprint: The Story of Adventist Education
More than a century ago, Adventist Ellen White championed the now widely used “whole person” approach to education that encompasses body, mind and spirit.

10 pm E Nature
Raising the Dinosaur Giant
Have scientists discovered the biggest animal to have ever walked the planet? Deep in a South American desert, a giant is awakened after 101 million years of sleep.

30 FRIDAY

7:30 pm W American Masters: Eero Saarinen
Explore the life of the modernist architect behind visionary buildings like St. Louis’ Gateway Arch. Travel with his son, cinematographer Eric Saarinen, as he visits his father’s work on a cathartic journey shot in the latest drone technology.

8:30 pm W Independent Lens
Meet The Patels
See December 26 for show description.

11 pm E American Experience
Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid
Separating fact from fiction, this program explores the last pair of outlaws to flee on horseback into a setting sun.

31 SATURDAY

8 pm HD Live from Lincoln Center
New York Philharmonic New Year’s Eve
Ring in the new year with a night of American classics, including beloved works by Rodgers & Hammerstein, featuring Joyce DiDonato with the New York Philharmonic.

10:30 pm E Brian Wilson and Friends: A Soundstage Special Event

11:30 pm W Crisis of Faith
Narrated by Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Amy Grant, this film examines how biblical interpretations of slavery divided religious denominations and ultimately, the nation, in the Civil War era.
Kids can celebrate the holidays with their favorite PBS characters a bunch of times this month, as some December favorites come back and a few new shows debut.

New tales from *Thomas & Friends* and *Bob the Builder* join favorites including *Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas*, *The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas* and *Peg+Cat Holidays*.

Check wgcu.org/tvschedules for these shows and more.

**HDTV 31.1/Cable 3 & 440** Here’s the current lineup of PBS Kids shows weekdays on WGCU HDTV.

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Watch WGCU HDTV
**Curious Kids** new episode
*Lakes, Rivers & Estuaries*
A local production starring Southwest Florida kids
Saturday, Dec. 17 @ 7 am, re-airing @ 9 am

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The inimitable Ms. Child had many facets to her personality: She was a cook, yes, but also a TV pioneer, an American icon, and even a clerk in the OSS (predecessor to the CIA). PBS offers an amusing quiz to see which one you are at http://www.pbs.org/food/features/julia-child-quiz/. (Hint: Is your favorite kitchen tool a chef’s knife, blowtorch, corkscrew or kitchen timer?)
StoryCorps in Southwest Florida

Mark your calendars for StoryCorps in Southwest Florida Jan. 2 through Feb. 5, 2017. At press time, the staff of StoryCorps had not announced where the iconic Airstream will be parked. The StoryCorps staff will book all 140 time slots. Reservations for interviews may be booked only through StoryCorps, beginning Dec. 22 @ 10 am at www.storycorps.org/reservations or by calling 1.800.850.4406. WGCU will not take reservations.

WGCU is planning a listening event and other engagement opportunities. Look for up-to-date information in our enewsletter, on WGCU’s Facebook page and at wgcu.org.

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