



**Tolkien & Lewis: Myth, Imagination & the Quest for Meaning
Thursday, August 1 at 10 pm**

On a dreary September evening in 1931, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and their friend and fellow scholar, Hugo Dyson, met for dinner in a college dormitory in Oxford, England. Lewis's transformation from atheist to theist to Christian was based on the insights of Tolkien and Dyson as they engaged in deep conversation about mythology, reality, ritual, imagination, and faith. Current day scholars continue the discussion that took place in that room and invite viewers to draw their own conclusions about the meaning of life and the role that mythology and imagination play in determining belief.

American Masters: Worlds of Ursula K. Le Guin | Friday, August 2 at 9 pm

Explore the remarkable life and legacy of late feminist author Ursula K. Le Guin, whose groundbreaking work, including "The Left Hand of Darkness," transformed American literature by bringing science fiction into the literary mainstream.



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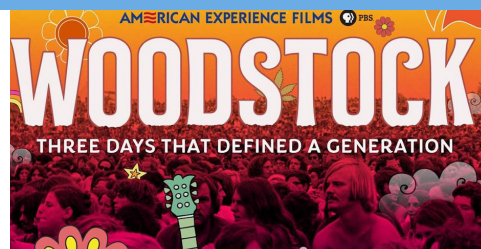


POV: The Distant Barking of Dogs | Monday, August 5 at 10 pm

Follow the life of 10-year-old Ukrainian boy Oleg over a year, witnessing the gradual erosion of his innocence beneath the pressures of the on-going war in Eastern Ukraine. Having no other place to go, Oleg and his grandmother Alexandra stay and watch as others leave the village, showing just how crucial—and fragile—family is for survival.

**Woodstock: Three Days That Defined a Generation
Tuesday, August 6 at 9 pm**

American Experience celebrates the 50th anniversary of the concert that became a touchstone for a generation. The film brings the three-day concert to life through the voices of those who were present at what became the defining moment of the counterculture revolution.

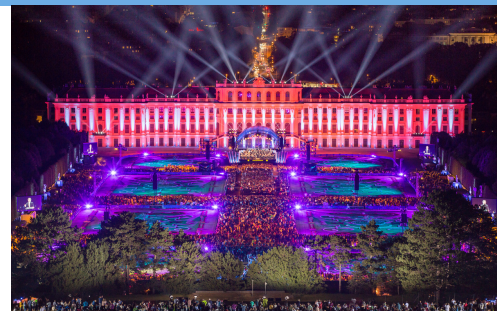


Future of America's Past | Thursday, August 8 & 15 at 9 & 9:30 pm

Notable scholar Ed Ayers takes viewers to places that define complex and evocative chapters in American history. He visits the sites - both familiar and unknown - of significant events that can be difficult to understand and discuss, and speaks with individuals who offer a range of perspectives. Throughout the series, Ayers meets with public historians working to preserve the past, including Virginia's Fort Monroe, the spot where slavery began in British North America. [A VPM Production.](#)

**Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert 2019
on Great Performances | Friday, August 9 at 9 pm**

Enjoy the world-renowned Vienna Philharmonic's annual concert from Schonbrunn Palace with guest conductor Gustavo Dudamel and famed pianist Yuja Wang performing pieces including Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."





**Great Performances:
Rodgers & Hammerstein's The Sound of Music
Friday, August 16 at 9 pm**

Enjoy a new U.K. production of the long-running hit that garnered the Best Musical Tony for 1959. "The Sound of Music" is the inspiring true story of the von Trapp Family Singers' escape from Austria during the rise of Nazism.

ABBA Forever: A Celebration | Saturday, August 17 at 8 pm

Celebrate the supergroup with Neil Sedaka, Donny Osmond, Tim Rice and the band members themselves. Featuring a greatest hits soundtrack including "Dancing Queen" and "Mamma Mia!," the program includes original interviews and rare archival footage.



The O'Jays: Live in New York | Saturday, August 17 at 9:30 pm

Join the R&B supergroup for a concert featuring their greatest hits, fan favorites and new songs. Taped in March 2019, performances include "Love Train," "Use Ta Be My Girl," "For The Love Of Money," "Enjoy Yourself" and more.

Downton Abbey Live! | Sunday, August 18 at 9 pm

Downton Abbey Live! will reveal never-before-heard stories from the PBS series plus clips of the upcoming movie and a warm look back at one of the most successful period dramas in history. Want more Downton Abbey? Don't miss the rebroadcast of Downton Abbey Returns" on Sunday, August 18 at 7 pm.



PBS Previews: Country Music | Tuesday, August 20 at 10 pm

This September, Ken Burns tells the story of Country Music. Now, catch a special preview of this exciting series. Meet the filmmakers, go behind the scenes, and enjoy exclusive clips from the film.

Magical Land of Oz | Premieres Wednesday, August 28 at 10 pm

An exploration of one of the most magical lands on the planet. Australia's unique wildlife includes a tree-dwelling kangaroo, a spider that survives underwater and a bird that spreads fire. 3-part series.



**Big Family: The Story of Bluegrass Music
Friday, August 30 at 9 pm**

The 2-hour documentary seeks to tell the comprehensive history of bluegrass, from the early days of Bill Monroe's dream to the present moment when the music is subdividing into a number of sub-genres, all very much alive and growing, all over the world. Big Family does so with a blending of archival footage and audio, recent interviews with the biggest names in the music, and live stage performances by the artists keeping the traditions alive.