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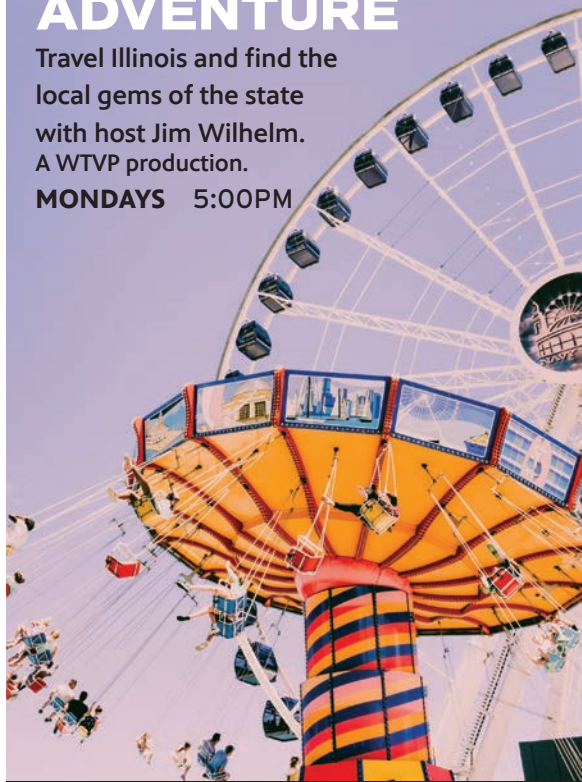
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MONDAYS 5:00PM



THE CITIES WITH JIM MERTENS

Hosted by award-winning news anchor Jim Mertens, THE CITIES goes beyond the headlines to explore the issues, events, and stories that matter most to Eastern Iowa and Illinois residents.

THURSDAYS 7:00PM

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HIGHLIGHTS



Walking with Dinosaurs

The legend is back as Walking with Dinosaurs returns. Meet six iconic dinosaurs, emerging from incredible dig sites as we tell these heroes' stories of struggle, love and survival.

SUNDAYS IN JULY 7:00PM

Alan Cumming's Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland

An epic adventure aboard the Royal Scotsman, an iconic luxury train that promises an unparalleled odyssey through the landscape of Scotland.

TUESDAYS IN JULY 7:00PM
(begins July 15)



Concord's Secret History

Uncovering a long-hidden secret from the birthplace of the American Revolution, this documentary reveals how slavery shaped Concord and its surrounding areas.

THURSDAY JULY 3 11:00PM



Old Enmities, New Friendships

Former wartime enemies Japan and South Korea are strengthening ties and seeking to close ranks with Taiwan.

SATURDAY JULY 19 6:00AM

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The Roosevelts

AN INTIMATE HISTORY

Follow the Roosevelt trio for more than a century, from Theodore's birth in 1858 to Eleanor's death in 1962.

It's an intimate human story about love, betrayal, family loyalty, personal courage and the conquest of fear.

THURSDAYS IN JULY 9:00PM
(begins July 10)



Pati Jinich Explores Panamericana

Pati Jinich travels from the northernmost point of the US in Alaska through Canada, learning about the unique people and issues of each region.

SUNDAY JULY 27 8:00PM



Caregiving

From Executive Producer Bradley Cooper, this is the story of caregivers navigating the ups and downs of their work, revealing the state and the stakes of care in America today. Narrated by Uzo Aduba and directed by Chris Durrance.

SUNDAY JULY 20 8:00PM



Brazil: The Truck of Happiness

In bright colors and festooned with lights, the "Hurricane Truck of Happiness" drives through the streets in the evenings playing music and letting everyone join the party.

SUNDAY JULY 27 7:30PM

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PRIMETIME

1 TUESDAY

7:00 Rick Steves' Europe

7:30 Samantha Brown's Places to Love

8:00 John McGivern's Main Streets

8:30 Curious Traveler

9:00 Prairie Sportsman

9:30 Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out

10:00 Finding Your Roots



Forever Young

11:00 Variety Studio: Actors on Actors

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2 WEDNESDAY

7:00 Antiques Roadshow
New York City, Hour 1

8:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries
Death at Victoria Dock: Outraged by the brutal slaughter of a young man, Phryne promises to find out who is responsible.

9:00 Queens of Mystery
Murder in the Dark: Part 1

10:00 New Tricks



Communal Living

11:00 Rick Steves' Europe

11:30 Samantha Brown's Places to Love

3 THURSDAY

7:00 The Cities

7:30 Whitney Reynolds

8:00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Valerie Singleton and Diane Louise Jordan

9:00 Statue of Liberty



Ken Burns traces the development of the Statue of Liberty, from its conception to its complicated and often controversial construction and final dedication.

10:00 250th Anniversary of the US Army

Join WQPT PBS in celebrating the United States Army.

11:00 Concord's Secret History

Unravelling a long-suppressed secret set in the birthplace of the American Revolution, where the opening shots were fired in 1775, explores the history that few people know—how slavery affected Concord and its surrounding areas.

4 FRIDAY

7:00 America's Test Kitchen

7:30 Cook's Country

8:00 Lidia's Kitchen



8:30 100 Days, Drinks, Dishes and Destinations

9:00 Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television

9:30 Key Ingredient with Sheri Castle

10:00 Ask This Old House

10:30 This Old House

11:00 Austin City Limits
Jorge Drexler

5 SATURDAY

7:00 Classic Gospel
Give The World a Smile

8:00 Austin City Limits
Jorge Drexler

9:00 Song of the Mountains
David Childers, Kyle Petty, and The Goodfellers

10:00 Radio Bristol's Farm and Fun Time

Dallas Wayne & Redd Volkaert, and The Mavericks

11:00 Rick Steves' Europe

11:30 John McGivern's Main Streets

6 SUNDAY

7:00 Walking with Dinosaurs



Band of Brothers: A gang of armoured dinosaurs battle to reach adulthood, pursued by a group of Utahranators, one of the most formidable predators that's ever lived.

8:00 Walking with Dinosaurs

The Pack: 71 million years ago, a young Albertosaurus, a relative of T. Rex, must prove herself in a deadly hunting pack or face starvation. Today, paleontologists in Canada uncover her remains, which reveal her battle for survival.

9:00 Secrets of the Dead

Jurassic Fortunes: Some people collect works of art, others collect dinosaurs.

10:00 Walking with Dinosaurs
Band of Brothers

11:00 Walking with Dinosaurs
The Pack

7 MONDAY

7:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries

Death at Victoria Dock: Phryne has no idea how deep she'll have to go to solve this murder.

8:00 Grantchester on Masterpiece



Season 10, Episode 3: Alpha's romantic dinner plans are upended by an unexpected visitor at the vicarage.



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9:00 Unforgotten on Masterpiece

Episode 5: Cassie and Sunny interview two of the suspects again and get closer to the truth. Balcombe believes she knows the cause of Walsh's death.

10:00 Unforgotten on Masterpiece

Episode 6: Despite a tragic turn of events, Sunny and the team narrow down the suspects. Will they succeed in bringing Walsh's killer to justice?

11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress
Episode 3**8 TUESDAY****7:00 Rick Steves' Europe****7:30 Samantha Brown's Places to Love****8:00 John McGivern's Main Streets****8:30 Curious Traveler****9:00 Prairie Sportsman****9:30 Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out****10:00 Finding Your Roots**
Hidden in the Genes**11:00 Variety Studio: Actors on Actors****11:30 Variety Studio: Actors on Actors****9 WEDNESDAY****7:00 Antiques Roadshow**
New York City, Hour 3**8:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries**

Raisins and Almonds: A young man's death in a bookshop pulls Phryne into a world of Jewish politics, alchemy, and poison.

9:00 Queens of Mystery

Murder in the Dark, Part 2

10:00 New Tricks Mad Dog**11:00 Rick Steves' Europe****11:30 Samantha Brown's Places to Love****10 THURSDAY****7:00 The Cities****7:30 Whitney Reynolds****8:00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip**

Roberta Taylor and Trudie Goodwin

9:00 The Roosevelts: An Intimate History

Get Action (1858–1901): Examine the early lives of Theodore Roosevelt and his younger cousin, Franklin.

11:00 American Experience

Surviving the Dust Bowl: For ten years dust storms ravaged the parched and over plowed southern plains, turning bountiful wheat fields into desert.

11 FRIDAY**7:00 America's Test Kitchen****7:30 Cook's Country****8:00 Lidia's Kitchen****8:30 100 Days, Drinks, Dishes and Destinations****9:00 Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television****9:30 Key Ingredient with Sheri Castle****10:00 Ask This Old House****10:30 This Old House****11:00 Austin City Limits**
Margo Price/Molly Tuttle and Golden Highway**12 SATURDAY****7:00 Classic Gospel**
Sweeter As The Days Go By**8:00 Austin City Limits**
Margo Price/Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway**9:00 Song of the Mountains**
Tammy Rogers & Thomm Jutz**10:00 Radio Bristol's Farm and Fun Times**
Melissa Carper, Scythian**11:00 Rick Steves' Europe****11:30 John McGivern's Main Streets****13 SUNDAY****7:00 Walking with Dinosaurs**
The Journey North: During their long migration north, Pachyrhinosaurus face deadly predators and a storm that threatens their survival.**8:00 Walking with Dinosaurs**
Island of Giants: Inspired by a discovery in Portugal, this is the story of Lusotitan, a giant long-necked dinosaur on a quest for love.**9:00 Cecil, The Real Lion King**

The story of one of the biggest wild lions in Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park, who was lured out of the animal reserve in 2015 and killed by an American dentist and trophy hunter.

10:00 Walking with Dinosaurs
The Journey North**11:00 Walking with Dinosaurs**
Island of Giants**14 MONDAY****7:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries**
Raisins and Almonds

8:00 Grantchester on Masterpiece

Season 10, Episode 4: Alph and Geordie investigate witchcraft at a home for disadvantaged children run by Alph's old friend. When a body turns up, Alph must face the possibility his friend is involved.

9:00 Unforgotten on Masterpiece

Season 5, Episode 1: DCI Jessica James' first day on the job is shaken by a sudden and devastating turn.

10:00 Unforgotten on Masterpiece



Season 5, Episode 2: The team works to ID the body in the chimney as forensics reveal the cause of death.

11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress
Episode 4

15 TUESDAY

7:00 Alan Cummings Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland



Alan boards the train in Edinburgh and receives an exclusive tour of the train before settling into his luscious cabin. He also visits the Commando Memorial in Lochaber, the Silver Sands of Morar, Glenfinnan Monument, and more.

8:00 John McGivern's Main Streets

8:30 Curious Traveler

9:00 Prairie Sportsman

9:30 Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out

10:00 Finding Your Roots
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11:00 American Experience
Surviving the Dust Bowl: For 10 years dust storms ravaged the parched and over plowed southern plains, turning bountiful wheat fields into deserts.

16 WEDNESDAY

7:00 Antiques Roadshow



Fort Worth, Hour 2

8:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries
Ruddy Gore

DAYTIME SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
6:00AM	Prairie Sportsman	Yoga in Practice			
6:30AM	America's Heartland	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum 🐼			
7:00AM	Lyla in the Loop 🐼	Pinkalicious & Peterrific 🐼			
7:30AM	Alma's Way 🐼	Lyla in the Loop 🐼			
8:00AM	Wild Kratts 🐼	Alma's Way 🐼			
8:30AM	Daniel Tiger 🐼	Molly of Denali 🐼			
9:00AM	Donkey Hodie 🐼	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood 🐼			
9:30AM	Arthur 🐼	Rosie's Rules 🐼			
10:00AM	MotorWeek	Donkey Hodie 🐼			
10:30AM	John McGivern	Sesame Street 🐼			
11:00AM	Ask This Old House	Molly from Denali 🐼			
11:30AM	This Old House	Work It Out Wombats 🐼			
12:00PM	Rick Steves' Europe	Alma's Way 🐼			
12:30PM	Illinois Adventure	Daniel Tiger 🐼			
1:00PM	Milk Street	Carl the Collector 🐼			
1:30PM	Lidia's Kitchen	Elinor Wonders Why 🐼			
2:00PM	American Test Kitchen	Wild Kratts 🐼			
2:30PM	Cook's Country	Wild Kratts 🐼			
3:00PM	100 Days	Odd Squad 🐼			
3:30PM	Am. Bountiful	Rick Steves' Europe			
4:00PM	The Cities	Rick Steves' Europe	Antique Roadshow	Grantchester on Masterpiece	Finding Your Roots
4:30PM	Whitney Reynolds	Samantha Brown			
5:00PM	Antiques Roadshow	Illinois Adventure	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	Queens of Mystery	Actors on Act
5:30PM		The Cities			Actors on Act
6:00PM	Finding Your Roots	Chicago Tonight			
6:30PM		BBC World News			

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General Audience

News

8:00 Austin City Limits
Rober Glasper/Domi and JD Beck

9:00 Song of the Mountains
Compton & Newberry / Cedar Hill /
Valerie Smith & Liberty Pike

**10:00 Radio Bristol's
Farm and Fun Time**
Blue Cactus, Twisted Pine

11:00 Rick Steves' Europe

**11:30 John McGivern's
Main Streets**

20 SUNDAY

**7:00 Alan Cumming's
Most Luxurious Train
Journeys Scotland**
Alan boards the train in Edinburgh
and receives an exclusive tour of the
train before settling into his cabin.

8:00 Caregiving



This is the story of caregivers
navigating the ups and downs of
their work, revealing the state and
the stakes of care in America today.

**10:00 Unseen: How We're
Failing Parent Caregivers
& Why It Matters**

Many parent caregivers are
exhausted and isolated, and their
mental and physical struggle is a
public health crisis that costs us all.

**11:00 Independent Lens:
Matter of Mind:
My Alzheimer's**



An intimate portrayal of three
families confronting the unique
challenges of Alzheimer's and
how this progressive disease
transforms roles and relationships.

21 MONDAY

**7:00 Miss Fisher's
Murder Mysteries**
Ruddy Gore: A strange onstage
death pulls Phyrne into the world
of actors and opium.

**8:00 Grantchester
on Masterpiece**
Season 10, Episode 5: Leonard
wakes in a jail cell after a night of
drinking—and things only get worse.

**9:00 Unforgotten
on Masterpiece**
Season 5, Episode 3: While Sunny
takes a trip to Paris and Jess drops
in on an unsuspecting potential
suspect, the pair continue to clash.

**10:00 Unforgotten
on Masterpiece**
Season 5, Episode 4: Sunny and
Jess struggle to stay focused as
their personal lives emplode.

11:00 Sisi: Austrian Empress
Episode 5

22 TUESDAY

**7:00 Alan Cumming's
Most Luxurious Train
Journeys Scotland**
Alan visits the Isle of Bute for a
tour of Mount Stuart. He also gets
special access to a rare copy of the
first folio of William Shakespeare,
gets a taste of an exclusive
adventure trip, and so much more.

**8:00 John McGivern's
Main Streets**

8:30 Curious Traveler



9:00 Prairie Sportsman

**9:30 Joseph Rosendo's
Steppin' Out**

10:00 Finding Your Roots
Children on Exile

11:00 American Experience
Boys of '36: Explore the thrilling
story of the American rowing team
that triumphed at the 1936 Olympics
in Nazi Germany.

23 WEDNESDAY

7:00 Antiques Roadshow



Indianapolis, Hour 1

**8:00 Miss Fisher's
Murder Mysteries**
Murder in Montparnasse: As Phyrne
delves into a new investigation
around the disappearance of the
widow of a Parisian painter, she
remembers her first love.

9:00 Queens of Mystery
Death by Vinyl, Part 2

10:00 New Tricks
The Truth is Out There

11:00 Rick Steves' Europe

**11:30 Samantha Brown's
Places to Love**

24 THURSDAY

7:00 The Cities

7:30 Whitney Reynolds



**8:00 Celebrity Antiques
Road Trip**
Phyllis Logan & Kevin McNally

**9:00 The Roosevelts:
An Intimate History**
The Fire of Life (1910-1919):
Theodore Roosevelt leads a
progressive crusade that splits his
own party, undertakes a deadly
expedition into the South African
jungle, campaigns for American
entry into WWI – and pays a terrible
personal price.

11:00 American Experience
Nazi Town, USA: Explore the rise
of the German American Bund, a
1930s organization of American
Nazis. With chapters across the
country, the Bund represented what
experts believe was a “very real
threat of fascist subversion in the
United States.”

25 FRIDAY

7:00 America's Test Kitchen



In-depth equipment reviews, taste
tests, and amazing culinary recipes
for the home cook.

7:30 Cook's Country

8:00 Lidia's Kitchen

**8:30 Steven Raichlen's
Project Fire**

**9:00 Christopher Kimball's
Milk Street Television**

**9:30 Key Ingredient
with Sheri Castle**

10:00 Ask This Old House

10:30 This Old House

11:00 Austin City Limits
Jenny Lewis and Muna

26 SATURDAY

7:00 **Classic Gospel**



Gaither Vocal Band

8:00 **Austin City Limits**

Jenny Lewis and Muna

9:00 **Song of the Mountains**

The Fairfield Four

10:00 **Radio Bristol's**

Farm and Fun Time

Willi Carlisle, The Steel Wheels

11:00 **Rick Steves' Europe**

11:30 **John McGivern's**
Main Streets

27 SUNDAY

7:00 **Alan Cummings**

Most Luxurious Train
Journeys Scotland

Alan visits the Isle of Bute for a tour of Mount Stuart. He also gets special access to a rare copy of the first folio of William Shakespeare, gets a taste of an exclusive adventure trip, and so much more.

8:00 **Pati Jinich Explores**
Panamericana



Alaska—Wild Harvest: Pati travels from the northernmost place in the US to the remote island community of Halibut Cove—discovering that subsistence living transcends all differences.

9:00 **Pati Jinich Explores**
Panamericana

Juneau & Whitehorse—Sister Cities: Pati explores the sister cities of Alaska's capital Juneau, and the capital of Canada's Yukon Territory, Whitehorse. She finds a pioneering culture of artistry and entrepreneurship thriving alongside the unforgiving wilderness.

10:00 **Pati Jinich Explores**
Panamericana

Alberta—Canada's Changing Heartland: In Canada's heartland, Alberta, Pati dives into cowboy culture and learns how thriving immigrant communities in Edmonton and Calgary are reshaping the Canadian identity.

11:00 **Nature's Wisdom**
Thru Native Eyes



An exploration of the two conflicting stories about life in America. One says everything is connected—what we do to one part of the web affects the whole. The other, the familiar Western narrative, claims the living world exists for us to take, without the need to give anything back.

28 MONDAY

7:00 **Miss Fisher's**

Murder Mysteries

Murder in Montparnasse: As Phyrne delves into a new investigation around the disappearance of the widow of a Parisian painter, she remembers her first love.

8:00 **Grantchester**
on Masterpiece

Season 10, Episode 6: Alpha and Geordie investigate when a member of a rock band is murdered.

9:00 **Unforgotten**
on Masterpiece

Season 5, Episode 5: Sunny and Jess attempt a reset as they follow the clues in the case.

10:00 **Unforgotten**
on Masterpiece

Season 5, Episode 6: Can Sunny, Jess, and the team bring the clues in the case together and unravel the secrets to solve it?

11:00 **Sisi: Austrian Empress**
Episode 6

29 TUESDAY

7:00 **Alan Cumming's**

Most Luxurious Train
Journeys Scotland

Alan's first stop is a soul-stirring guided visit to Culloden. He also visits the village of Plockton, Garve, and more.

8:00 **John McGivern's**
Main Streets



8:30 **Curious Traveler**

9:00 **Prairie Sportsman**

Alclair Outdoors and Robotic Weed Control

9:30 **Joseph Rosendo's**
Steppin' Out

Cuba: A Journey of Heritage & Heart

10:00 **Finding Your Roots**

Things We Don't Discuss: Pamela Adlon and Kathryn Hahn discover the truth about their scandal-plagued ancestors.

11:00 **American Experience**

Nazi Town, USA: Explore the rise of the German American Bund, the 1930s organization of American Nazis.

30 WEDNESDAY

7:00 **Antiques Roadshow**

Indianapolis, Hour 3

8:00 **Miss Fisher's**
Murder Mysteries



Away with the Fairies: Phyrne investigates the death of a magazine columnist and author of fairy stories.

9:00 **Queens of Mystery**
Smoke and Mirrors, Part 1

10:00 **New Tricks**
Fresh Starts

11:00 **Rick Steves' Europe**

11:30 **Samantha Brown's**
Places to Love

31 THURSDAY

7:00 **The Cities**

7:30 **Whitney Reynolds**

8:00 **Celebrity Antiques**
Road Trip

Dame Diana Rigg & Neil Dudgeon

9:00 **The Roosevelts:**

An Intimate History

The Storm (1920-1933): Franklin Roosevelt runs for vice president in 1920 and seems assured of a still brighter future until polio devastates him the following summer.

11:00 **Bob Dole, Italy and**
World War II



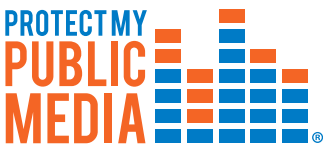
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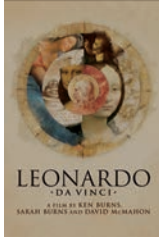
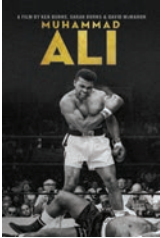
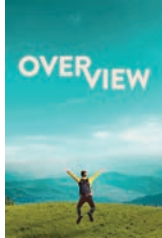
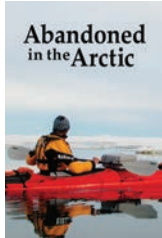
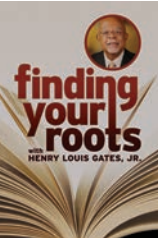
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WQPT PBS is proud to join the national celebration of America's 250th anniversary by engaging our community in meaningful, local ways.

Over the next two years,

we'll reflect on our nation's past, engage with its present, and look ahead to its future—honoring our region's deep roots, celebrating the diversity that shaped America, and inspiring everyone to see their unique part in its unfolding story.

Here's what's ahead:

- **Exclusive preview screenings of Ken Burns' *The American Revolution***, followed by panel discussions that bring the past into today's conversations.
- **Our First Book initiative** will put civic-minded books into children's hands, helping young readers understand their role in a democracy.
- **Documenting 'Civic Sparks'** — our production team is filming content that highlights regional people making a difference in the Mississippi Valley region.
- **Volunteer with WQPT**, our new outreach program connecting the station and viewers with service opportunities at nonprofit organizations across the Quad Cities.

Stay connected to everything we're doing by following us @wqptpbs & visit wqpt.org/250.

Thank You, Chris



Chris Gramkow—our longtime marketing, creative, collaborator and partner—is stepping away after 29 incredible and dedicated years with us.

Chris began in 1996, designing our monthly program guide, 354 issues in all. His original layout earned national recognition, and ever since, he's been the driving force behind our public-facing brand.

From our station logo and countless marketing materials to our digital presence and ever-evolving and nationally-recognized website, he continually raised the bar—balancing strategy, impactful design, rich content, and engaging, user-friendly experiences that kept our audiences and viewers like you connected every step of the way.

“Public television has been one of the great through-lines of my life, personally and professionally,” he shared. “I’ve had the honor of working with several PBS stations—

including PBS Guam—but WQPT has always felt like home and family. I’m excited to see where the team takes things next—their creativity and fresh energy are already moving the station forward in impactful ways.”

Now a Colorado resident of over 20 years, Chris added, “WQPT PBS holds a special place in my heart—not just as my hometown station, but as the starting point for my professional career. In some way, nearly all of my clients have found me through connections that trace back to the station.”

Chris brought more than just immense talent—donating over \$150,000 in In-Kind contributions to support our community-driven mission, calmly handled countless last-minute requests, responded to emails after hours, and consistently supported the station’s evolving needs. Even as he planned his departure, he helped ensure a smooth transition.

Chris, thank you for your exceptional work, dedication, creativity, and heart. You have helped shape how WQPT PBS shows up in the world, and we’re better because of it.

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