

## LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

◆ August 13, 2015 ◆ 12:00 Noon ◆

LPB Board Room ◆ 7733 Perkins Road ◆ Baton Rouge, LA

**Members Present:** Chair Chris Goudeau, William Weldon, Wayne Berry, Gwendolyn “Gigi” Carter, Barbara DeCuir, Kathy Kliebert, Father James Carter, Scott Richard, Gwen Guillotte, Glenn Kinsey, Barry Landry, Dr. Katara Williams, and Julie Cherry

**Members Absent:** Carolyn Hill, David Bondy, Deano Thornton, Melissa Kyle, Robyn Merrick, and Lee Meredith

**Employees Present:** Beth Courtney, Clay Fourrier, Terri Crockett, Joanne Gaudet, Kevin Gautreaux, Don Ballard, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Chris Goudeau, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Goudeau called for motion to accept April 9, 2015 meeting minutes. William Weldon motioned and Barbara DeCuir seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Dr. William Weldon presented the current LETA Financial Report. The Foundation copies were distributed to members. See attached report.

Beth provided some background on last year’s financial support from the Foundation. (see attachment). Joanne gave the Financial Report for LETA (see attachment). Chris asked what we could expect from investments. Fr. Carter asked about reducing the purchasing power of the endowment if we remove all of the income. Chris responded that an informal policy had been established that LETA would never ask the Foundation to remove funds from the principal, only from the income that the principal has been able to produce. The discussion was preparatory for the Resolution from LETA asking the Foundation to transfer funds for FY 2015-16.

**Friends Report:** Terri gave an overview of the Friends finances and discussed upcoming events – **2015 Art & Travel Auction**, asking the board members to participate, **The World of Downton Abbey Holiday Trip**, and the **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** activities planned for September.

**Underwriting-** See attached report

**Production:** Clay demonstrated the new LPB app available for those who have smart phones and iPads. Clay showed a clip of an LPB program called “Katrina: Ten Years After” that has been completed and will be aired nationally on PBS. A general discussion followed about conditions in New Orleans

Kevin Gautreaux made a presentation about "Louisiana Public Square" and the show concerning Civil War monuments and audience response to that show. He, then, spoke about American Graduate and our participation with that program.

Beth spoke about gubernatorial debates/forums. LPB/CABL debate will be in Lafayette October 14, 2015. A forum will be held a Southeastern on September 2, 2015 with an audience comprised only of higher-ed students and the topic will be education.

**Other Business:** Don Ballard gave an update on the Spectrum auction and where LETA might stand in that process. The auction date is March 29, 2016. The possibility was mentioned that the Lake Charles area might be a market that could go from UHF to VHF.

**Resolution:** Chris Goudeau, Chairman read the Resolution of the Board of Directors, Louisiana Educational Television Authority (see attached) Moved by William Weldon, seconded by Barbara DeCuir. Motion carried unanimously.

**Programming:** Beth presented the Programming Update. See attachment.

**Adjournment:** William Weldon motioned to adjourn the meeting and Barbara DeCuir seconded. The motion carried.

With no further business meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m...

Submitted by: Carol Manship

# AGENDA

## LETA FULL BOARD

THURSDAY, August 13, 2015 ♦ LPB Board Room

7733 Perkins Road ♦ Baton Rouge, LA 70810 ♦ [www.lpb.org](http://www.lpb.org)



1. Call to Order -Chris Goudeau  
*LETA Chairman*
2. Approval of Minutes -Action Item
3. Financial Updates -Joanne Gaudet
  - a. LETA Finances
  - b. Foundation Finances
  - c. Report Wrapping up FY 15
  - d. Anticipated Budget for FY 15/16
  - e. LETA Request from Foundation for funds for FY 15/16 -Action Item
4. Friend's Report -Terri Crockett
  - a. Financial Statement
  - b. Summer Pledge Drive Update
  - c. Special Events  
Downtown Abbey Christmas Trip  
Art Auction
5. President's Report -Beth Courtney
  - a. Katrina, Rita Activities  
Documentary – "Katrina: Ten Years After"
  - b. September Annual Meeting/40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities
  - c. Education Report – Ready to Learn
6. Underwriting Report -Beth Courtney
  - a. (See Handout)

7. Production Report

- a. Preview of Katrina Documentary
- b. Viewing of 30 second spot about LPB app
- c. Louisiana Public Square
- d. American Graduate

-Clay Fourrier

-Kevin Gautreaux

8. Spectrum

-Don Ballard

9. Other Business  
APTS meeting

-Beth Courtney

10. Adjournment

## LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

◆ June 11, 2015 ◆ 12:00 Noon ◆

LPB Board Room ◆ 7733 Perkins Road ◆ Baton Rouge, LA

**Members Present:** Chair Chris Goudeau, William Weldon, Wayne Berry, Gwendolyn “Gigi” Carter, Barbara DeCuir, Kathy Kliebert, Father James Carter, and Julie Cherry

**Employees Present:** Beth Courtney, Clay Fourrier, Terri Crockett, Jeanne Smith, Joanne Gaudet, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Chris Goudeau, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Goudeau, called for motion to accept April 9, 2015 meeting minutes. William Weldon motioned and Barbara DeCuir seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** William Weldon gave an overview of the finances of LETA.

Kathy Kliebert entered the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

The Foundation copies were distributed to members. See attached report. Chris Goudeau asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. William Weldon made the motion, Barbara DeCuir seconded. The motion carried.

**Friends Report:** Terri gave an overview of the Friends finances (see attached report) and discussed upcoming events – **2015 Art & Travel Auction**, asking the board members to participate, **The World of Downton Abbey Holiday Trip**, and the **Poldark Preview Screening** at the Manship Theater

**Chairman’s Report:** Chris Goudeau mentioned the 2014 LPB Annual Report. Beth asked the board members what they thought should go in the report. A discussion followed with Kathy suggesting that small pie charts be included to show diminishing funds over time. Gigi talked about ways to lobby legislators “off season” about the importance of LPB. There was general agreement with the caveat by Beth that our success is also our burden – when you belong to everybody, you belong to nobody.

Chris stated that there was no meeting in July. He asked for a motion to confirm that and William Weldon made the motion, Gigi seconded. The motion carried.

**President’s Report:** Beth talked about the lack of financial support for LPB in this legislative session. Julie suggested getting a report done that would show legislators the benefits of LPB on every parish. Beth said she would certainly consider that. She also stated that she will be looking through the entire state budget to see who got

money and how we could partner with them in terms of filming videos, promos, films, etc.

Beth talked about the summer KidsCamp program and said her goal is to have up to 25 camps every summer. Barbara wants a summer camp for older children and Beth reminded her that our mandate was early education.

**Underwriting-** Jeanne Smith presented the Underwriting Report. (See attached report) She spoke about her meeting with Robert Scheckenberger with Chase Bank regarding becoming an underwriter and how the bank's interests now lay in workforce development and STEM

**Production:** Clay Fourrier gave highlights on the upcoming topics for "Louisiana: The State Were In" that include a comprehensive wrap-up of this legislative session with the Capitol Roundtable Discussion and "Perfect Storm" that provides an explanation of the budget shortfall and other pertinent issues related to our financial woes.

He showed the board members how to access online the PBS Online Film Festival where two of our films are entered. Clay then showed a clip of an LPB program called "Katrina: Ten Years After" that is currently in production.

**Programming:** Beth presented the Programming Update. See attachment.

**Adjournment:** William Weldon motioned to adjourn the meeting and Barbara DeCuir seconded. The motion carried.

With no further business meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m..

Submitted by: Carol Manship



## RESOLUTION

### **CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY AUGUST 13, 2015**

At a regular meeting of the Members of the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2015, at its principal office bearing the municipal address of 7733 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, pursuant to notice and at which a quorum were present and voting, upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

“WHEREAS the Members of the Louisiana Educational Television Authority received the budget and appropriations reports for the fiscal year 2015-16,

WHEREAS the Louisiana Television Educational Authority has determined that the state general funding and projected self-generated revenues will fall short of the amount necessary to satisfy the minimum financial obligations of the Louisiana Educational Television Authority for the fiscal year 2015-16, and

WHEREAS the amount of the funding shortfall is estimated to be ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00); now then

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Educational Television Authority respectfully requests that the Foundation for Excellence in Louisiana Public Broadcasting grant ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00) for the fiscal year 2015-16 to allow the Louisiana Educational Television Authority to meet its financial obligations.”

## ATTESTATION

The undersigned hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Members of the Louisiana Educational Television Authority held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at which a quorum of the Members of the Authority was present and voting, upon a motion duly made and unanimously carried, and that the resolution has not been rescinded or changed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have signed our names on this \_\_\_\_\_th day of August, 2015.

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Christian Goudeau, Chairman  
Louisiana Educational Television Authority

Council for Development of French in  
Louisiana (CODOFIL)

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Kathy H. Kliebert, Secretary  
Louisiana Educational Television  
Authority  
Secretary of DHH

*see LETA files  
for original  
8-13-15*



## Board Meeting 8/13/15

### LETA

8.3% through the fiscal year

#### REVENUE

Total revenue to date is **\$810,021** which is 10% of our overall budgeted revenue.

We've deposited **\$800,000** of our general fund which is 15.6% of the total general fund budget.

We've deposited **\$10,021** in self-generated revenue, which is less than 1% of the total self-generated budget.

#### EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures through 7/31 were \$795,392 which is 10% of the total annual budget.

Largest expenses to date are salaries and related benefits in the amount of **\$475,268** which is 8% of the annual personnel budget and **\$222,766** in one-time interagency payments which includes \$194,423 to Risk Management.

Total net of revenue over expenses is **\$14,629**.

### FOUNDATION

#### BALANCE SHEET:

Cash and receivables totaled \$4,325,511 as of July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Market Value of investments as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$32,903,494

#### REVENUE & EXPENSE:

Total revenue of \$903,676 includes \$701,425 billed to schools for subscriptions to the Discovery on-line service.

Total expenses through July 31<sup>st</sup> were \$152,897.98.

**\$2,405,811** FY15 Foundation net revenue

**\$2,139,988** FY15 Foundation Transfers to LETA

**\$265,823** remaining Foundation net revenue

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**Foundation FY15 Revenue:**

2,148,056 CPB  
1,491,223 Friends  
638,877 Productions  
434,260 Underwriting  
279,193 Admin (mostly Sprint 184,536)  
445,157 Other (mostly truck gross \$436,707)  
755,192 Ed Services (mostly Discovery \$724,075)  
22,430 DVD/Book sales

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**6,214,388** Total Revenue

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**Foundation FY15 Cash Expense:**

2,214,489 Programming acquisitions  
714,063 Discovery streaming  
52,071 Travel / Training / Registration  
59,397 Advertising  
62,747 Printing  
31,557 Property & Equipment Maintenance  
78,020 Equipment & Other Rentals  
12,259 Software Licenses  
93,076 Dues & Subscriptions  
8,256 Postage & Shipping  
2,557 Misc  
83,947 Supplies  
346,146 Professional Services

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**3,758,585** Total Cash Expense

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**Foundation Net Revenue:**

6,214,388 Revenue  
3,808,577 Expense

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**2,405,811** Net Revenue

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**Foundation Transfers to LETA:**

748,532 Various Project Net Revenue  
435,471 Reimbursement for Staff Time & Project Overtime  
955,985 Direct Support

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**2,139,988**

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**LETA STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**AS OF: July 31, 2015**

	PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ACTUAL TO-DATE	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ACTUAL TO-DATE	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BALANCE
<b>REVENUE</b>				
GENERAL FUND	\$ 945,368	\$ 800,000	\$ 5,132,426	\$ 4,332,426
SELF GENERATED	\$ 13,849	\$ 10,021	\$ 2,466,273	\$ 2,456,252
INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 415,917	\$ 415,917
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 959,217	\$ 810,021	\$ 8,014,616	\$ 7,204,595
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 511,759	\$ 475,268	\$ 5,819,020	\$ 5,343,752
TRAVEL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207
OPERATING SERVICES	\$ 100,656	\$ 93,804	\$ 1,687,889	\$ 1,594,085
OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$ 697	\$ 1,096	\$ 65,517	\$ 64,421
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,375	\$ 23,375
OTHER CHARGES	\$ -	\$ 2,458	\$ 41,703	\$ 39,245
ACQ & MAJOR REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS	\$ 23,296	\$ 222,766	\$ 375,905	\$ 153,139
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$636,408	\$795,392	\$ 8,014,616	\$7,219,224
NET		\$ 14,629		

**Foundation for Excellence in Louisiana Public Broadcasting**  
 Balance Sheet  
 As of 7/31/2015  
 (In Whole Numbers)

	Current Year
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	
Chase Checking Account	2,477,977
Money Market - Chase	1,455,289
<b>Total Cash</b>	3,933,266
Receivables - Other	392,245
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	4,325,511
<b>Other Assets</b>	
	133,740
<b>Long Term Investments</b>	
BRAAF	1,012,855
Investments	29,151,909
Market Valuation Investments	2,738,730
<b>Total Long Term Investments</b>	32,903,494
<b>Total Assets</b>	37,362,745
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Payables</b>	
A/P Vendor	8,157
<b>Total Payables</b>	8,157
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	8,157
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	8,157
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	
	37,354,587
<b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	37,354,587
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	37,354,587
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	37,362,744

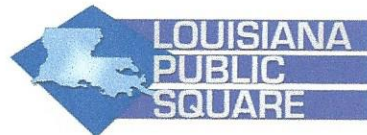
**Foundation for Excellence in Louisiana Public Broadcasting**  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
From 7/1/2015 Through 7/31/2015

	<u>Prior Year Actual</u>	<u>Current Year Actual</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Production	2,950.00	3,250.00
Underwriting	134,761.72	119,321.92
Self Generated	617,103.94	780,857.28
Realized&Unrealized Gain/Loss	(304,393.47)	0.00
Interest and Dividend Income	(2,660.80)	201.73
Royalties	3,031.96	44.80
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>450,793.35</u>	<u>903,675.73</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Personnel	3,799.93	10,375.04
Travel	2,007.51	2,826.84
Training/Registration	0.00	310.00
Operating Services	105,279.99	106,446.95
Operating Supplies	3,490.79	4,637.20
Professional Services	18,106.50	22,817.34
Other Charges	(15,475.86)	5,484.61
Acquisitions/Major Repairs	2,099.95	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>119,308.81</u>	<u>152,897.98</u>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<u>331,484.54</u>	<u>750,777.75</u>



## Louisiana Public Broadcasting

Overview of *Louisiana Public Square* and *American Graduate*



### Louisiana Public Square (LPS) [www.lpb.org/publicsquare](http://www.lpb.org/publicsquare)

- LPB's award winning monthly news and public affairs program in its 11<sup>th</sup> season
- Format of hour long show: citizen roundtable discussion followed by Q&A with panel of experts
- *Louisiana Public Square* currently airs on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in LPB's 6 markets and in New Orleans on LPB's sister station WLAE-TV32.

### **"Symbol or Statement? History in Public Spaces"**

In light of racially motivated violence in Charleston, South Carolina, and the controversy generated about the display of the Confederate battle flag and memorials on public grounds, *Louisiana Public Square* explored these issues in July on "Symbol or Statement? History in Public Spaces."



- The program generated the second largest number of web comments -35 - of all programs to this point. "Decoding Common Core" generated the most, 37.
- Our online survey about the issue was taken by 757 individuals. This is more than 7 times the number of prior respondents.
  - The results can be found here: <https://surveymonkey.com/results/SM-VV9FWRKY/>

### **Sample comments**

- "I associate the Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia with the Klan and with Jim Crow. It does have historic relevance but that relevance lost any positive meaning at least during the sixties if not much earlier."  
Posted by Ted Morgan
- "There's a difference between being offended and being oppressed. Build up our history, not tear it down."  
Posted by Tim Shea Carroll
- "Very powerful! I was for removing the monuments in public spaces but now would be willing to let them remain only if the other sides of the story are told. I am a Caucasian..."  
Posted by Philip Waters



### American Graduate initiative [www.lpb.org/americangraduate](http://www.lpb.org/americangraduate)

- American Graduate is an initiative of public media broadcasters across the country to help their communities find solutions to the dropout crisis. It's supported by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
- LPB is proud to join more than 80 public radio and television stations across 30 states helping to keep students on the path to a high school diploma.

### LPB activities

- Early Education Outreach
  - LPB has hosted intensive literacy and science camps for 800 preschoolers at high-need schools around the state.
  - LPB has distributed mobile science labs to 32 schools and trained teachers to use them to incorporate science into curriculum.
  - LPB has established 27 lending libraries in schools.
  - LPB has hosted *Super Why!* camps for 4 and 5-years-olds for the last three summers at its own facility.
- Young Heroes
  - Twenty-year partnership with Baton Rouge Rotary Club recognition of 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade students around Louisiana who have excelled in the classroom, served their community or overcome adversity in their own lives.
- Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council
  - Inclusion of LYAC members from around the state on *Louisiana Public Square* started in 2005.
  - Allows high school students a voice in the conversation and helps LPB reach an underrepresented demographic.



### Production

- "Destination: Graduation" town hall meeting in November highlighting dropout prevention "Champions" from around the state.
- "Back on Track: Louisiana Graduates" April Town Hall meeting focusing on students and former dropouts and their path towards graduation.
- Recognition of *American Graduate* "Champions" including Glen "Big Baby" Davis; City Year's Gwen Hamilton & Jennifer Epplett Reilly; and PBS Digital Innovators.

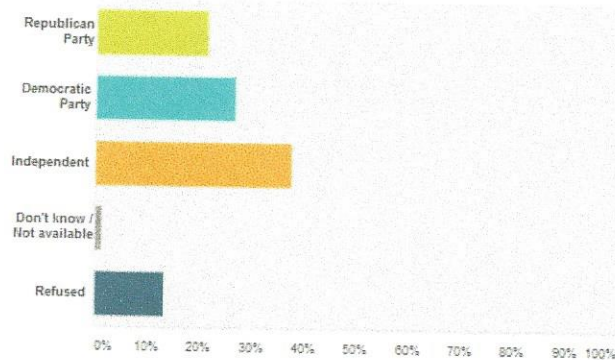
### Upcoming

- October town hall meeting highlighting early education changes and challenges underwritten by Entergy.
  - Remote location TBD.
  - Record date: Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

# Snapshot data on Louisiana Public Square viewers based on July survey

## What is your political party affiliation?

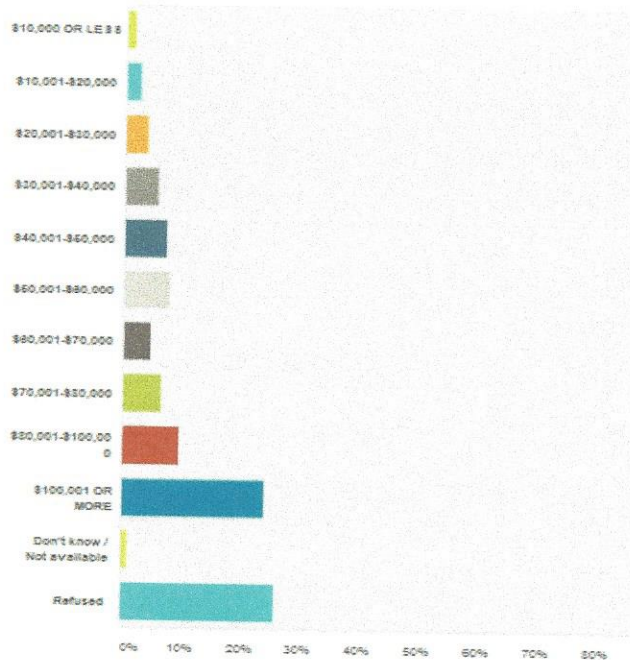
Answered: 712 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses
Republican Party	21.21% 151
Democratic Party	25.69% 190
Independent	37.50% 287
Don't know / Not available	1.26% 9
Refused	13.34% 95
Total	712

## What is your total 2010 household income before taxes? Please keep in mind this information is only for statistical purposes and will remain strictly confidential.

Answered: 750 Skipped: 22







**LETA Executive Finance Committee Meeting**

**FY 2014-2015 GOAL - \$500,000**

**Booked Business as of Aug. 14, 2014 – \$102,469.92 ( 20% goal)**

Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission (\$20,187.50)

Louisiana Companies/Querbes & Nelson (\$16,500)

Community Coffee (\$8,500)

**Proposals**

LA SHIIP (\$7,000)

Baton Rouge General (\$6,500)

ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Charitable Fund (\$50,000)

ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Marketing Fund (\$15-\$35,000)

Louisiana DOTD (\$50,000)

Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway (\$5,000-\$7,500)

Louisiana Forestry Association (\$8,500)

BASF (\$25-\$35,000)

Historic New Orleans Collection (\$5,000-\$25,000)

CLECO (\$8,500)

National WWII Museum (\$8,500)

**LPB-**

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## PROGRAMMING

### Fall Highlights:

#### **AUGUST on LPB**

##### **KATRINA TEN YEARS AFTER: A SECOND LIFE A SECOND CHANCE**

It was something that no one had ever witnessed before - images of what appeared to be the total destruction of a major American city. Katrina Ten Years After: A Second Life A Second Chance looks back at those ill-fated days and how, ten years later, the city of New Orleans has achieved what seemed almost unimaginable a decade ago – the resurrection of one of America’s most beloved cities. Many of Katrina’s survivors will never return to New Orleans. But others, both long-time residents and new arrivals have come here together, determined to rebuild their city, maybe better than before, if they can, because it’s home. -- **Sunday, August 23 @ 7:00pm**  
**Encores:** 8/23 @ 8:30pm; 8/27 @ 8:00pm, 8/28 @ 9:00pm; 8/29 @ 7:00pm; 8/30 @ 11:00pm; 9/6 @ 11:00am; **PBS National Airdate:** Thursday, August 27 @ 9:00pm ET; **Statewide Air-date:** August 29 @ 7:00pm

#### **SEPTEMBER on LPB**

**ARTHUR & GEORGE ON MASTERPIECE** -- Martin Clunes (“**Doc Martin**”) stars as world-famous author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in this three-part adaptation of Julian Barnes’ acclaimed novel that follows the separate but intersecting lives of two men: a half-Indian son of a vicar who is framed for a crime he may not have committed; and Doyle, who investigates the case. -- **Sundays, September 6-20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**\*Fun Fact:** DOC MARTIN (Season 7) returns to LPB in January 2016.

**“INDIAN SUMMERS” on MASTERPIECE** -- Julie Walters plays the glamorous doyenne of an English social club in the twilight of British rule in India. The lavish 9-part series explores the collision of the English ruling class and local people agitating for Indian independence. The two sides alternately clash and merge in intricate games of power, politics and passion. Also starring are Henry Lloyd-Hughes, Jemima West, Nikesh Patel, Roshan Seth and Lillete Dubey. -- **Sundays, September 27-November 15, 8:00-9:00 p.m. ET and November 22, 8:00-10:00 p.m.**

**THE CIVIL WAR 25th ANNIVERSARY** -- Producer and director Ken Burns’ award-winning film **THE CIVIL WAR** will rebroadcast over five consecutive nights this month, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of its 1990 premiere. This is the first time the film will be in high definition, further enhancing the vision of Burns and his cinematographers Allen Moore and Buddy Squires more than 25 years ago. -- **Monday-Friday, September 7-11, 8:00-10:30 p.m.**

**WALT DISNEY on AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** -- Walt Disney was uniquely adept at art as well as commerce, a master filmmaker who harnessed the power of technology and storytelling. This new two-part, four-hour film offers an unprecedented look at Disney’s complex life and enduring legacy, featuring rare archival footage from the Disney vaults, scenes from some of his greatest films and interviews with biographers, animators and artists who worked on early films, including Snow White, and the designers who helped turn his dream of Disneyland into reality. - **Monday-Tuesday, September 14-15, 8:00-10:00 p.m.**

**GORONGOSA PARK *Rebirth of Paradise*** -- Experience the inspiring rebirth of an African wilderness through the eyes of Emmy Award-winning wildlife cameraman Bob Poole. Darting lions, wrestling crocs, facing down angry elephants — it's all part of a day's work as he joins the battle to re-wild a legendary national park. -- **Tuesdays, September 22-October 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**I'LL HAVE WHAT PHIL'S HAVING** -- Journey with Phil Rosenthal, creator of the TV hit "Everybody Loves Raymond," as he learns from the chefs, vendors, culinary leaders and style-setters who keep their communities' traditions alive and create new ones. Rosenthal visits kitchens on and off the well-worn gastronomic path, leading viewers from one of the least expensive Michelin-starred restaurants in Asia to a Los Angeles bakery training former gang members. -- **Mondays, September 28-November 2, 9:00-10:00 p.m.**

#### **OCTOBER on LPB**

**THE WIDOWER** – This drama is the true story of Malcolm Webster, a nurse by profession and, on the surface, a perfect gentleman: well-spoken, personable and charming. He's also a spendthrift and killer. He marries, and attempts to kill, a succession of women to cash in their life insurance policies. -- **Sundays, October 4-18, 9:00-10:00 p.m.**

#### **HOME FIRES**

Samantha Bond (*Downton Abbey*) and Francesca Annis (*Reckless*) star as bitter rivals for control of the Women's Institute in a rural English town as it struggles with the onset of World War II. -- **Sundays, October 4, 7:00-8:00pm.**

**THE BRAIN WITH DAVID EAGLEMAN** -- Neuroscientist David Eagleman explores the human brain in an epic series that reveals the ultimate story of us, why we feel and think the things we do. This ambitious project blends science with innovative visual effects and compelling personal stories, and addresses some big questions. By understanding the human brain, we can come close to understanding humanity. -- **Wednesdays, October 14-November 18, 9:00-10:00 p.m.**

#### **LPB'S 2015 ART & TRAVEL AUCTION**

LPB's annual fundraising event featuring artworks contributed by Louisiana artists. All offers can be viewed at [lpb.org/auction](http://lpb.org/auction) where bids may be entered online. -- **Thursday, October 22, 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

#### **NOVEMBER on LPB**

**NOVA: MAKING OF NORTH AMERICA** -- This unprecedented, 3-part series presents a bold and sweeping biography of our homeland. How was it built? How did life evolve? How did the landscape shape us? Host Kirk Johnson embarks on an epic road trip to uncover the clues just beneath our feet. -- **Wednesdays, November 4-18, 8:00-9:00 p.m.**

**EDDIE MURPHY: THE KENNEDY CENTER MARK TWAIN PRIZE** -- This special honors comedian and actor Eddie Murphy, the latest recipient of The Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. From the stage of The John F. Kennedy Center for the

Performing Arts in Washington, DC, a lineup of the biggest names in comedy salutes the 18th recipient of the humor prize. -- *Monday, November 23, 8:00-9:30 p.m.*

**THE PILGRIMS on AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** -- Acclaimed filmmaker Ric Burns explores the converging forces, circumstances, personalities and events that propelled a group of English men and women west across the Atlantic in 1620. With distinct and riveting personal histories, passionate religious beliefs and the will to survive — even through violent means — these first immigrants reveal the history of our nation's beginnings. -- *Tuesday, November 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.*

## **2016**

### **DOWNTON ABBEY, Season 6 – Premieres Sunday, January 3, 2016**

The final season will be 10 hours over 9 episodes, with a 10 week rollout beginning January 3 and concluding March 6. PBS will pause the new episode rollout on February 28, the week before the finale (that night became the Oscars night) for a catch up marathon and related DA content. **Fun Fact:** Downton Abbey” will have its own float in the January Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

### **MERCY STREET – Premieres Sunday, January 17, 2016 (following DA)**

U.S. Civil War drama filmed on location in Virginia, the six-part series is the first American drama to air on PBS in more than a decade. Starring: Josh Radnor, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Gary Cole, Peter Gerety, Norbert Leo Butz, McKinley Belcher III, Shalita Grant, Hannah James and Cherry Jones. It is executive produced by Ridley Scott and David W. Zucker of Scott Free with Lisa Q. Wolfinger and David Zabel.

### **JACKIE ROBINSON – April 2016**

Tells the story of Jack Roosevelt Robinson, a sharecropper's son who elevated an entire race and country when he broke major league baseball's color barrier in 1947. From Ken Burns.