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Watch Meets Listen



From Broadcast to Podcast...

Welcome to NEPM Now, the new quarterly publication of New England Public Media. Every issue will offer a taste of what to look forward to in the coming months — on every screen and every speaker. You'll also have the opportunity to learn more about the important work we are doing in the community and the events that we are hosting — even in these days of COVID-19.

And while we're on the subject of every screen and every speaker, we want to make sure you know that you can listen to livestreams of NEPM 88.5 and the NEPM News Network at nepm.org. And now, you can watch a livestream of our NEPM TV programming too! It's another great example of what we call "Watch Meets Listen."

Election 2020: On Every Screen and Every Speaker

VOTE 2020

Many consider this to be the most important election of our lifetimes, so it's critical to have a news source that you trust. As an NEPM supporter, you know you can depend on NPR's

[Morning Edition](#) and [All Things Considered](#) as well as the [PBS Newshour](#) for balanced, fact-based reporting on all aspects of the national election. Meanwhile, [Connecting Point](#) will continue to provide local discussions, and the NEPM News team will be there to help you navigate the issues around our local races. Read the [NEPM Voter Guide](#) — coming to nepm.org in October — and you'll have a sound understanding of the arguments for and against the ballot questions in Massachusetts.

VIRTUAL DEBATE PARTIES

Get ready for the debates with virtual parties streamed from a number of local hangouts throughout the region. Members of

our News team and guests will host discussions before each Presidential debate (**Sept. 29, Oct. 15, and Oct. 22**) — and the VP debate (**Oct. 7**). Visit nepm.org for more information.

PBS DOCUMENTARIES PROVIDE CONTEXT



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Before the votes are cast, as it has for every election since 1988, *Frontline* presents [The Choice](#) (**Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 9 p.m.**), its critically acclaimed election year special offering interwoven investigative biographies of both major-party candidates. [Voces: Latino Vote—Dispatches from the Battleground](#) (**Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 9 p.m.**) travels to the states of Nevada, Texas, Florida and Wisconsin for an exploration of what is important to Latinos today — and how a

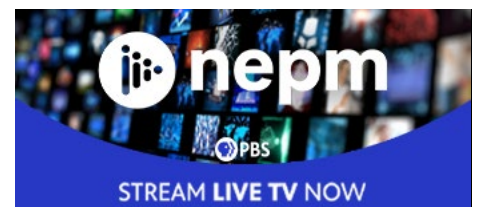
candidate's victory could rest in their hands. [Independent Lens "Represent"](#) (**Monday, Oct. 26 at 10 p.m.**) heads to the Midwest to follow three female candidates of color as they attempt to reshape local politics.

ELECTION CONVERSATIONS ON THE NEPM NEWS NETWORK

[America Are We Ready](#) will feature three nights of inclusive conversations that will lift the voices of voters around the country (**Sept. 22-24 at 8 p.m.**). [America Amplified](#), which puts people at the center of its reporting process, returns for six consecutive weekly programs focusing on the elections, starting **Oct. 10 at 3 p.m.**

POST ELECTION — WHERE ARE WE GOING?

We're talking with our friends at the Springfield Public Forum about a post-election collaboration. If plans fall into place, you'll have the chance to hear public media professionals talk about where our nation is headed after November 3. As we like to say, "Stay tuned."



...and Everything in Between



[Now Hear This Season 2](#)

Premieres Friday, Sept. 18 at 9 p.m.

Join renowned violinist and conductor Scott Yoo, as he chases the secret histories of some of the greatest composers of classical music — Haydn, Mozart and Schubert. In the season premiere, he discovers how Haydn borrowed folk music from Scotland, Hungary and Austria to create his famous “Emperor Quartet.”

Image Courtesy of Arcos Film + Music



[American Routes](#)

Listen Saturdays at 6 p.m. on NEPM 88.5 Starting Sept. 19

Produced in New Orleans, *American Routes* presents a broad range of American music — blues and jazz, gospel and soul, old-time country and rockabilly, Cajun and zydeco, Tejano and Latin, roots rock and pop, avant-garde and classical. Host Nick Spitzer discovers the shared musical and cultural threads in these American styles and genres.



[Independent Lens: Feels Good Man](#)

Watch Monday, Oct. 19 at 10 p.m.

Amid the tumult of the 2016 presidential election season, a popular cartoon frog meme emerged as the unifying symbol for the alt-right. Follow the harrowing journey of Pepe the Frog, the creation of artist Matt Furie, and his transformation from light-hearted comic book character to registered hate symbol.

Image Courtesy of Christian Bruno



[Fresh Air Weekend](#)

Listen Saturdays at 7 a.m. on NEPM 88.5 Premieres Oct. 3

Fresh Air Weekend highlights some of the best interviews and reviews from past weeks, and new program elements specially paced for weekends — interviews with writers, filmmakers, actors and musicians, and excerpts from live in-studio concerts.



[Masterpiece: Roadkill](#)

Premieres Sunday, Nov. 1 at 9 p.m.

Ambition knows no bounds, nor does corruption in a new political thriller starring Hugh Laurie as scheming UK government minister Peter Laurence. Scripted by two-time Academy Award nominee David Hare. Crime may not pay, but politics sure does.



[1A](#)

Listen Weeknights at 9 p.m. on the NEPM News Network Premieres Oct. 5

With a name inspired by the First Amendment, *1A* delves into important issues politics, technology, and what connects us across the fissures that divide the country. Hosted by Jenn White, the program also delves into pop culture, sports and humor.

Image by Jason Marck



[America Amplified: Racism in New England](#)

Listen Saturdays, at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 10 p.m. on the NEPM News Network

Engage in topics related to systemic racism in our region — history that often overlooks New England, housing policy, education, and how the long-standing disparities that people of color face have been exacerbated by COVID-19. The 4-part series starts Sept. 19.



[Word Matters Podcast](#)

Listen at NEPM.org

At the end of the day, do you eat dinner or supper? This isn't a dietary question, it's a linguistic one — the sort of intriguing question that you will find on our new podcast, produced in partnership with editors from Springfield's Merriam-Webster. It's for readers, writers and anyone who ever loved their English class.

Tell Me Something Good VALLEY VOICES

Our popular story-telling series returns with two new story slams that will be livestreamed via Zoom from the stage at the Academy of Music Theatre in Northampton (Thursdays, Oct. 8 and Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m.) From the comfort of your home, hear true stories told live without notes by your friends and neighbors. More information at nepm.org.



Back to School-ish

Parents who are navigating a new landscape for school this fall can turn to NEPM for the best in educational content.



PBS Learning Media provides free standards-aligned videos, interactives and lesson plans. **PBS Parents** is a trusted source for information on child development and early learning with expert tips on raising children. Find information at nepm.org.

NEW FROM PBS KIDS: [ELINOR WONDERS WHY](#)

This fall, our youngest viewers are having fun with Elinor (**weekdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on NEPM**), who models the foundational practices of science inquiry and engineering design, using her amazing powers of observation and willingness to ask questions. The multiplatform series, encourages children to follow their curiosity, figure out answers, and learn about the natural world around them.

TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT RACISM

PBS KIDS Talk About: Race and Racism (Friday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. on NEPM Kids)

will feature kids and their parents talking about race and racial justice-related topics in an age-appropriate way, such as noticing differences in race, understanding what racism can look like, and embracing the role we all have to play in standing up for ourselves and each other. Find more resources at pbsparents.org.

BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Following our "Summer Fiction Series," we transition to "**Books for Young People**" in the fall. Tune in to **Morning Edition** on NEPM 88.5 Fridays to meet local authors and learn about the books that they are creating for young readers.

The Age of Nature

AN NEPM VIRTUAL EVENT

Get a sneak peek of one of the most highly anticipated PBS programs coming this fall, *The Age of Nature*, in which scientists and conservationists from all over the world examine ways we can restore our planet. Join NEPM, Springfield Museums and The Nature Conservancy, plus The Trustees of Reservations, the Connecticut River Conservancy, US Fisheries and Wildlife and other local environmental advocacy groups and specialists for a virtual preview of the film and live discussion. More info at nepm.org.

Then, watch *The Age of Nature* **Wednesdays, October 14–28 at 10 p.m.** The 3-part series asks whether newfound awareness of nature could bring about a new chapter in the human story. From Borneo to Antarctica, the resilience of the planet is providing hope for a more positive future.



Watch



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NEPM-DT	57.1	2	7	12
NEPM-Create	57.4	237	182	1277
NEPM-Kids	57.3	217	180	1276
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NEPM-HD	57.1	857	782	1221

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Always: PBS Newshour



Now: Ken Burns Collection



Oct. 18: The Trouble with Maggie Cole



Nov. 19: Thou Shalt Not Kill Season 2

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