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Quotes
“Thank you for all you and your station provide our community.” – Christine

“Thank you, IPTV, for educating, informing, entertaining, enlightening & broadening my perspective. I appreciate your efforts.” – Carole

REMI Special Jury Award
On November 22, WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival Executive Director Hunter Todd and Artistic Director Kathleen Haney presented a Special Jury Award for Outstanding Creative Excellence to Idaho Public Television for winning more Remi Awards for Creative Excellence than any other production company or television network in the 52 year history of the film festival.

“Idaho Public Television has consistently entered brilliant documentary and news programs in our international television competition over the past 25 years, and subsequently been awarded more Awards for Creative Excellence than any television network, production company or television producer group in the world!” Todd says. “IdahoPTV has produced programs dealing with all aspects of Idaho, its people, the countryside, its culture and way of life, the great natural beauty of the state, and the many unique people and places.”

Haney says, “Idaho Public Television has captured the very heart and soul of the great state of Idaho, its people and its beauty over the past several decades!”

Join Us
December 6 - 8

During DecemberFest, we will present an array of special programs to delight audiences. It all begins Friday, Dec. 6, with two rousing musical specials: Waylon Jennings - The Outlaw Performance captures a previously unreleased 1978 concert recorded in Nashville
at the pinnacle of the outlaw movement in country music
and *Prince: Rave Un2 the Year 2000* is a dazzling display of
Prince’s talent and showmanship filmed on the cusp of the
new millennium at the performer’s Paisley Park Studios.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan
travels deep into the Arctic to meet the ancient Sami people
and the animals they hold dear in *Reindeer Family & Me*.
Gavin MacLeod and Marion Ross host *Classic Christmas - My
Music*, featuring festive carols and popular standards
performed by Bing Crosby, Perry Como, Judy Garland and
others. Then delight in the shimmering voices and enchanting
music of *Celtic Woman: Ancient Land*, filmed at the beautiful
Johnstown Castle in Wexford, Ireland.

Sunday, Dec. 8, brings two new local productions: *Idaho Experience*
takes a look at the state’s first teaching school in Albion and *Outdoor
Idaho “State of Change”* examines how the state has changed over the
past three decades. *Great Performances* presents a star-studded
concert with the 16-time Grammy Award winner and guests in
“An Intimate Evening With David Foster.” International
superstars Il Volo close out the evening with a concert filmed in
the ancient city of Matera, Italy, Il Volo: Ten Years.

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**In the Community**

**Early Learning Educational Events Open to the Public**

IdahoPTV’s early learning educational events are free and open to
the public. Our education team presents story times, demonstrates
literacy or STEM activities, and distributes take-home activities.

**December 2**
Storytime and STEM activities at Homedale Public Library at 10:15 a.m.

**December 4**
Storytime and STEM activities at Buhl Public Library from 10 – 11 a.m.
Storytime and STEM activities at Glenns Ferry Public Library from 1 – 2 p.m.
Afterschool STEAM activities at Mountain Home Public Library “STEAM Tykes” from 3:15 – 4 p.m.

**December 10**
Storytime and hands-on activities at Madison District Library in Rexburg from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**December 11**
Storytime and hands-on activities at Madison District Library in Rexburg from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
2019 PBS KIDS Early Learning Champion

Grace Ruddy, a preschool teacher at Hawthorne Elementary School in the Boise School District, is one of ten educators from across the country to be named a 2019 PBS KIDS Early Learning Champion. Ruddy is the first Early Learning Champion to be selected from Idaho.

Established in 2018, this national awards program recognizes committed educators who work with young children, from infants to second graders. The program offers a variety of community building, leadership and professional learning opportunities provided by PBS KIDS and local member stations.

According to a statement from PBS, this year’s honorees were selected for their passion and commitment to early education and have each demonstrated outstanding impact in supporting the growth and learning of the whole child, strengthening the ecosystem in which children learn, and creating unique and innovative teaching experiences.

Our IdahoPTV Productions

“State of Change”
– Airs Sunday, December 8, at 7 p.m.

Outdoor Idaho continues its 37th season with “State of Change,” an hourlong examination of how Idaho has changed in the past three decades. “It’s maybe our most controversial show yet,” says host Bruce Reichert. “Heartfelt, evocative, critical, uplifting – this one has it all.”

It seems like only yesterday Idaho was the forgotten state, the one routinely confused with Iowa. But no longer. Today the state with more cattle than people is on everyone’s radar screen. The changes in Idaho have been astounding, affecting just about everything, from cities and towns to public lands and wildlife. Yet throughout Idaho’s seven degrees of latitude, there’s a real sense of unease. Ask people who have lived here for 30 years. To them it feels like a no-turning-back kind of change. The Outdoor Idaho crew examines some of those changes — as well as some reasons for optimism — in the nation’s 43rd state, a “State of Change.”
“Albion Normal: A Teachers College”
– Airs Sunday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m.

When Idaho first became a state in 1890, state leaders recognized the need for teachers. Lots of teachers. But it wasn’t easy to convince a qualified teacher to move to those small pioneering communities found in early Idaho. So lawmakers opened Albion Normal School, a teachers college. But not everyone felt Albion was the right place for a state funded school. Thus began a 56-year battle to save the School from closure. Along the way, the college provided more than 6,000 teachers and lives on in spirit at the old campus that still exists today. Idaho Experience looks at the role Albion Normal School had on the state and how training future teachers has evolved over the years.

Dialogue
– Airs Fridays at 8:00 p.m.

On Dec. 6, host Marcia Franklin talks with Holly Yasui, director of Never Give up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice, a film about her father’s activism for Japanese-American rights that airs Dec. 9.

The Dec. 13 program features Michael Ames, co-author of “American Cipher: Bowe Bergdahl and the U.S. Tragedy in Afghanistan.”

Poet Richard Blanco is the guest on Dec. 20. Blanco, the first Latino inaugural poet, was the keynote speaker at the 2019 Idaho Humanities Council’s Distinguished Humanities Lecture.

On Dec. 27, Montana author Pete Fromm talks about his latest novel, “A Job You Mostly Won’t Know How to Do,” and about his time living in the Idaho backcountry.

Science Trek

“The Moon”

In new video shorts, Science Trek explores what scientists have discovered about water and tremors on the moon — and why some scientists think Earth may have once had a second moon.

Each month, Science Trek explores a subject with digital shorts available on the Science Trek website (scienctrek.org), on YouTube, and on PBS Learning Media.

The Science Trek website has facts, games, links, and lesson plans correlated to Idaho and national science standards.