

JUNE 2020

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PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS
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LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH

WORLD Channel is PROUD to celebrate LGBTQ History Month in June with a stellar line-up of programs, including these featured titles. Visit our special page on PRIDE MONTH programming for more information.

PRIDE MONTH PROGRAMMING



AMERICA REFRAMED:
OUT IN THE SILENCE

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■ June 2

When filmmaker Joe Wilson announces that he is to be wed to another man, a firestorm of controversy ignites his small Pennsylvania hometown. Drawn back by a plea for help from the mother of a gay teen being tormented at school, Wilson’s journey dramatically illustrates the universal challenges of being an outsider in a conservative environment and the transformation that is possible when those who have long been constrained by a traditional code of silence summon the courage to break it.

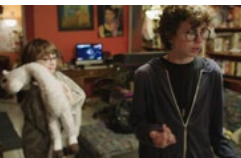


AMERICA REFRAMED:
BROKEN HEART LAND

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■ June 6

On an early autumn afternoon, in his parent’s ranch in Norman, Oklahoma, gay teen Zack Harrington killed himself with a gunshot to the head. One week earlier, Zack attended a local city council meeting in support of a proposal for LGBTQ History Month in his bible-belt town. When the floor was opened up for public comment, some community members made highly controversial statements equating being gay with the spread of diseases such as HIV and AIDS. Against the backdrop of a town bitterly divided on the issue of homosexuality, Zack’s grief-stricken parents, both conservative Republicans and military veterans, are forced to reconcile their own social and political beliefs with their son’s death.

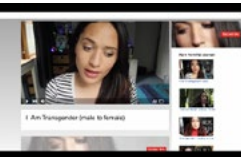


AMERICA REFRAMED:
LITTLE MISS WESTIE

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■ June 16

A loving and insightful portrait of two transgender siblings - Luca and Ren - and their parents, set in the changing social climate following the 2016 presidential election. LITTLE MISS WESTIE takes audiences behind the scenes as the family navigates puberty, school, dating and more as the children begin living in their authentic genders and Ren participates in the Lil’ Miss Westie Pageant. PSIP: A loving and insightful portrait of two transgender siblings and their parents.



PACIFIC HEARTBEAT:
BORN THIS WAY:
AWA’S STORY AND THE ROGERS

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■ June 20

In New Zealand, Te Awarangi ‘Awa’ Puna is an openly transgender Maori teen attending her final year at Kapiti College in Wellington, New Zealand. The Rogers - An intimate glimpse into the lives of those who formed the first visible group of transgender men in the Pacific Islands - The Rogers of Samoa.



DOC WORLD:
UNSETTLED—
SEEKING REFUGE IN AMERICA

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■ June 28

The untold stories of LGBT refugees and asylum seekers who have fled intense persecution from their home countries and who are resettling in the U.S. As new leadership in America continues to demonize immigrants and drastically restrict the flow of refugees and asylum seekers into the U.S., Unsettled humanizes a group few people know who are desperately trying to create new and safer homes.



NEW DIGITAL EVENT SERIES

Join special online screening events and see how the stories in our films and programs go far beyond the minutes on the screen. From our channel to your home, we bring you the stories behind the stories with online screenings and live video conversations with filmmakers, documentary subjects, journalists, and more. Come together and watch & chat with us!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AMERICA REFRAMED PREMIERE



AMERICA REFRAMED:
VISION PORTRAITS

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■ June 30

Acclaimed director Rodney Evans (Brother to Brother and The Happy Sad) takes viewers on a personal journey as he ponders how the deterioration of his vision will impact his life and work as a filmmaker. Interviewing blind and low vision artists - a photographer, a dancer and a writer - Evans embarks on a quest to learn how other artists have continued to create art and how their journeys might serve as inspiration for his own.

ALL NEW
STORIES FROM THE STAGE



STORIES FROM THE STAGE: CHALLENGE ACCEPTED (HOME EDITION)

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■ June 8

The first STORIES FROM THE STAGE episode taped since the outbreak of COVID-19. Tellers share stories shot at home about challenges that have shaped how they view themselves and the world around them.



STORIES FROM THE STAGE: FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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■ June 15

Sometimes our first impressions are dead on. We look at a smiling face, introduce ourselves, and a lifelong friendship begins. Or we heed the warning signs and dodge a truckload of trouble. But first impressions aren’t always the best ones. And they can be incredibly frustrating when we are on the receiving end. Tonight’s tellers share stories of how first looks, for better and for worse, changed their lives.

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