



ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrate generations of Asian Pacific
American Heritage and History with PBS.



Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month this May and every day with a special PBS collection of stories that explore Asian American and Pacific Islander history, culture and traditions.

Hate against Asian American Pacific Islander communities has risen during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the recent mass murder in Atlanta. Honoring the extraordinary contributions and impact this community has made on our country's past, present, and future matters today more than ever.

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Asian Americans

Sunday, May 9-23 @ 1 or 2pm, 4 episodes

Wednesday, May 5-June 2 @ 2pm, 5 episodes

Led by a team of Asian American filmmakers, this series delivers a bold, fresh perspective on a history that matters today, more than ever. It examines the significant role of Asian Americans in shaping American history and identity, from the first wave of Asian immigrants in the 1850s and identity politics during the social and cultural turmoil of the twentieth century to modern refugee crises in a globally connected world.



Pacific Heartbeat

Sunday, May 9-23 @ 2 or 3pm, 3 episodes (& overnight),

Monday, May 10-31 @ 1pm, 4 episodes

This critically acclaimed series is full of creative and beautifully told stories about arts, culture, and intimate human histories. It features a diverse array of programs that explore the heart and soul of Pacific Island culture.



American Masters, Amy Tan Unintended Memoir

Tuesday, May 4 @ 1pm

Explore the life of the groundbreaking author of *The Joy Luck Club* in this intimate portrait. Archival imagery, home movies, photographs, animation and original interviews create a vivid, colorful journey through Tan's inspiring life and career.



Antiques Roadshow*

Monday, May 10 @ 9pm (re-airs overnight)

Travel with Roadshow as they turn a spotlight on incredible items with Asian and Pacific Islands origins.



*per availability

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Independent Lens, The Donut King

Monday, May 24 @10pm (re-airs overnight)

Hard knocks, redemption, wealth, survival, risk, and donuts—Cambodian refugee Ted Ngoy’s life story has it all. It’s the American Dream, with a (glazed) twist.

Bloodline

Saturday, May 29 @1pm

This film is a metaphorical, multi-generational exploration by chef Tu David Phu, with his family, of his genesis as a chef, and how the culinary industry, like US culture, often disregards certain experiences as “scrap”—including that of his Vietnamese heritage—similar to how the physical bloodline of fish is often thrown away by chefs, even though it carries the animal’s “essence.” The film’s narrative is framed around Tu as he returns home to Oakland, California after competing in Season 15 on the cooking series Top Chef.

Simply Ming (3 episodes)

Saturday, May 15-29 @ 2pm

This James Beard and Emmy-nominated series hosted by Chef Ming Tsai features amazing dishes that bring an East-West flair to everyday cooking, making it possible to transform a handful of fresh ingredients into a delicious meal in a matter of minutes.



84% of PBS viewers say “Equality: Desiring equal opportunities for all” is very important to them



83% say “Social tolerance - respecting ethnic, religious and racial differences” is very important to them

