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**Austin PBS Passport Highlights  
March 2021**



**Buzzworthy New Show  
*Atlantic Crossing***

A friendship forged in war is beautifully portrayed by Kyle MacLachlan (*Twin Peaks*) as U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt and Swedish star Sofia Helin (*The Bridge*) as Norwegian Crown Princess Martha in *Atlantic Crossing*, based on a true story.

Months after a 1939 goodwill visit by the Crown Prince Olav and Princess to the United States, Norway finds itself fighting for survival as Nazi Germany invades their neutral country. During the assault, German troops try to capture the Norwegian royal family for use as bargaining chips, but the King and Olav manage to escape to England where they set up a government-in-exile. Martha and her three children then manage to make a hazardous journey to America where they are taken in at the White House by President Roosevelt.

An epic story of war and diplomacy, desire and jealousy follows. Isolationist American sentiment strongly supports neutrality, yet Martha urges FDR to find a way to help Norway in the fight against Germany. Meanwhile across the ocean, Olav grows increasingly suspicious of Martha's close ties to the president. [Watch the trailer!](#)

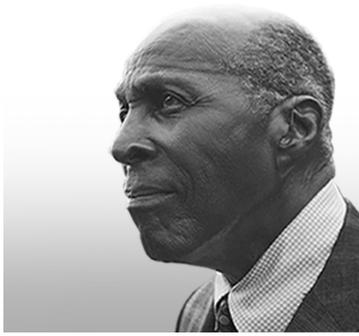
**Binge all eight episodes of this gripping drama the same night as its broadcast premiere on April 4.**



**From Masterpiece  
*Downton Abbey***

Yes, it's really true! Following enthusiastic requests from members to bring *Downton Abbey* back, PBS has successfully renegotiated a multi-year extension of our streaming rights. All six seasons following The Crawley Family and their bustling household are now available for anytime viewing on Austin PBS Passport. Relive every moment as Lord and Lady Grantham, along with everyone in their orbit, slowly come to terms with the changing times.

**Watch Now!**



VERNON JORDAN  
**MAKE IT PLAIN**

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**In The News**  
**Vernon Jordan:**  
**Make it Plain**

Lauded civil rights leader, former head of the National Urban League and business leader Vernon Jordan passed away on March 1, 2021. This timely documentary was released just months before his death at age 85.

Vernon Jordan was one of the most influential African American thought leaders. This film traces Jordan's rise from modest origins to national renown as a distinguished, pioneering attorney, corporate manager and civil rights activist; and as an influential powerbroker and counselor to American presidents spanning the era from Lyndon Johnson to Barack Obama.



All six episodes available  
beginning March 25

[Watch the trailer!](#)

**Foreign Language Hit**  
**No Second Chance**

When Dr. Alice Lambert wakes up in a hospital after eight days in a coma, she finds that her life has taken a drastic turn. She has been shot, her husband killed and her daughter, Tara, abducted. The abductors are asking for 1 million euros in exchange for her baby with one rule: no police involvement. This thriller is based on the novel by multi-award winning author Harlan Coben. Presented in the original French with English subtitles.



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**Women's History Month Spotlight**  
**Great Performances:**  
**Julius Caesar from Donmar**

Set in a women's prison, this powerful adaptation of *Julius Caesar* — just in time for the Ides of March — dramatizes the catastrophic consequences of a political leader's extension of power beyond constitutional confines. In this acclaimed Donmar Warehouse production, director Phyllida Lloyd (*The Iron Lady*, *Mamma Mia!*) conveys Shakespeare's famous discourse on power, loyalty and tragic idealism through an all-female lens. Emotion is heightened all the more against the backdrop of female incarceration.



★ **Staff Pick**

**'I'll Have What Phil's Having**  
**Episode 5 "Barcelona"**

Laura Villagran Johnson is the Director of External Relations at Austin PBS. You can find her around the station planning and running events and working with our volunteers, making sure every community gathering goes off without a hitch, including transitioning events to the virtual space during the current pandemic. She recently brushed up on must-eats in Spain with *'I'll Have What Phil's Having*.

**"This series features Phil Rosenthal, creator of *Everybody Loves Raymond*, as he travels to culinary spots around the globe. In the Barcelona episode, Phil ventures on a quest to find the city's best**



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All of [Season 1](#) is available on Austin PBS Passport.

tapas. I personally enjoyed the childlike excitement as he takes you into one of the world's best restaurants, Tickets, and shows the origins of molecular gastronomy. And beyond just food, you get a snapshot of the city's beaches, neighborhoods, open-air markets and Gaudi architecture. Phil's quirky personality and mix of dining with locals, walks through the city and even a video call with his parents makes it feel like you really are vacationing far away with a fun friend."



### Expiring Soon

Make a date with Austin PBS Passport this week and catch up on these shows about to cycle off.

- [City Hall](#)  
Expires March 22, 2021
- [Independent Lens](#) | [The Providers](#)  
Expires March 24, 2021
- [American Experience](#) | [The Island Murder](#)  
Expires April 16, 2021



### Coming Next Month **HUMAN**

Welcome to the fascinating inner-workings of our own bodies. In each episode, medical camera footage reveals how the body's systems work together to heal, adapt and grow. This six-part series also examines how the body functions when faced with life-altering situations — in real-time!



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