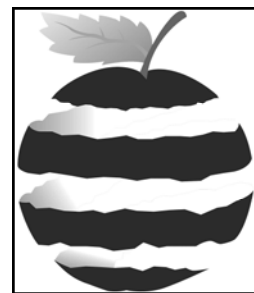




Education Newsletter

January 2010



KEDT LAUNCHES PBS KIDS GO!® WRITERS CONTEST

(Continues the tradition of the Reading Rainbow Contest)

The time has come to write those stories! We want all students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade to enter the PBS KIDS GO! ® WRITER'S CONTEST. This national competition is designed to promote the advancement of children's reading skills through hands-on, active learning. The effort encourages children in grades K-3 in the Coastal Bend Area and communities across the country to celebrate the power of creating stories and illustrations by submitting their own original stories and illustrations.

DEADLINE FOR KEDT ENTRIES:

MARCH 12, 2010 @ 5 PM

For entry forms and additional information:

WWW.KEDTKIDS.ORG

If you would like a presentation for your campus to introduce the contest to your faculty, students or parents, please contact the Education Department at KEDT. We would love to show your students some of the winning entries and help the young writers and artists! **361-855-2213**



INNOVATION CHALLENGE:

Are you an innovative educator?

America's teachers innovate every day. Whether you teach your students physics with rocket launchers or invite students to create a digital story for literature, you are innovating and making a difference-and we want to recognize and thank you! PBS Teachers is launching the PBS Teachers® Innovation Challenge on January 25th to honor and celebrate talented teachers, and showcase best practices in support of the growth and advancement of the teaching profession. This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and perhaps learn some new teaching strategies.

Sign up today for the PBS Teachers Innovation Challenge!

Entries will be accepted Jan. 25 to March 12.

WWW.PBS.ORG/TEACHERS/INNOVATORS

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JANUARY PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS!

GREAT PERFORMANCES

PASSING STRANGE—Wednesday, January 13 @ 8 p.m.

This is the exuberant, frequently hilarious and ultimately moving story of a young African-American man on a journey of escape, exploration and self-discovery. Recorded for television by Spike Lee, "Passing Strange" is the semi-autobiographical story of a young man who leaves behind his middle-class, church-ruled upbringing in mid-70s Los Angeles to travel to Europe in search of his artistic and personal identity. Co-starring with Stew Rodewald is a talented ensemble cast featuring Daniel Breaker, de'Adre Aziza, Eisa Davis, Colman Domingo, Chad Goodridge and Rebecca Naomi Jones.

THE AUDITION—Wednesday, January 20 @ 8 p.m.

The Audition looks at the intense pressures young opera singers face as they struggle to succeed in one of the most difficult professions in the performing arts. The feature-length documentary goes behind the scenes at the Metropolitan Opera's National Council Auditions, where each year thousands of hopefuls compete for a cash prize, the chance to sing on the Met stage - and the opportunity to launch a major operatic career. The film covers the dramatic week leading up to the finals of the 2007 auditions, focusing on three very different tenor contestants: Michael Fabiano, a fiery 22-year-old grappling with his inner demons; Alek Shrader, a 25-year-old with movie-star looks who attempts to sing nine high Cs in the fiendishly difficult aria that made Pavarotti a star; and Ryan Smith, who at the age of 30, and with little formal training, is pursuing his dream of operatic career.

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MASTERPIECE: Emma— Sunday, January 24 @ 8 p.m.

Unmarried and glad of it, Emma Woodhouse thinks herself the perfect matchmaker for others. Her friend, Mr. Knightley, has his doubts. Undeterred, she takes on the matrimonial cause of Harriet Smith with unanticipated results. A fiercely funny new version of the Jane Austen novel, *Emma* was adapted by Sandy Welch

WWW.PBS.ORG/MASTERPIECE/EMMA

January 19 @ 8 p.m.

FRONTLINE: The Dancing Boys of Afghanistan

In Afghanistan today, in the midst of war and endemic poverty, an ancient tradition — banned when the Taliban were in power — has re-emerged across the country: Many hundreds of boys, often as young as ten, are being lured off the streets on the promise of a new life, many unaware that their real fate is to be used for entertainment and sex. They're the "Bacha Bereesh," literally "beardless boys," chosen for their height, size and beauty, trained to sing and dance for male audiences, and then traded for sexual favors among former warlords and businessmen.

For videos and lesson plans:

WWW.PBS.ORG/FRONTLINE

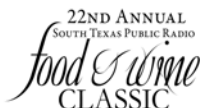
January 26 @ 7 p.m.

NOVA: The Incredible Journey of the Butterflies

Every year, 100 million Monarch butterflies set off on an incredible journey across North America. These beautiful creatures fly 2,000 miles to reach their remote destination: a tiny area high in the mountains of Mexico. Yet scientists are still puzzling over how the butterflies achieve this tremendous feat of endurance — and how, year after year, the Monarchs navigate with such hair's-breadth precision. NOVA flies along with the Monarchs, visiting the spectacular locations they call home and meeting the dangers they encounter along the way.

Visit the website for additional material:

WWW.PBS.ORG/NOVA



JANUARY 28, 2010

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