



Watch Meets Listen



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## Exploring Islam's deep roots in America

Buckle up for a cross-country journey along historic Route 66 with *The Great Muslim American Road Trip*. The new three-part documentary series follows a young Muslim American couple — rapper Mona Haydar and her husband Sebastian Robins — as they

explore America's "Mother Road" and its surrounding Muslim communities on a 2,500-mile drive from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Although they are practicing Muslims — Mona is Syrian American and Sebastian converted after meeting Mona — the couple, like most Americans, are unfamiliar with Islam's deep roots in America. This road trip is an opportunity for them not only to experience the breathtaking panoramas and iconic roadside attractions that have made Route 66 famous, but also to learn more about the history of their faith and what it means to be Muslim in America today.

Making more than a dozen stops, Mona and Sebastian meet authors, entrepreneurs, students and others. Their conversations uncover the deep roots and impact of Islam and Muslims in American history and culture. By the time they reach the West Coast, the couple have a better understanding of themselves, their relationship, and the centuries-long Muslim experience in America.

**The Great Muslim American Road Trip**  
**Watch Tuesdays, July 5 – 19 at 10 p.m. on NEPM TV**



Photo: Joyce Skowrya

## A standing ovation for Walter Carroll

Week after week, year after year, we've spent our afternoons with a dear friend. With an elegant voice, a kind heart, and a superb knowledge of all genres, Walter Carroll has shared his passion for classical music with everyone in our region. Sadly for us, happily for Walter, the joys of retirement are right around the corner.

Walter is a Hoosier, born in Indianapolis and a graduate of Indiana University. He studied piano

and sang in choirs from grade school days through college and long after, including in an international choir in Tokyo.

He came to New England to study at the School for International Training in Brattleboro and has been here ever since. "I enjoy the academic milieu which attracts students, scholars and artists from all around the world," Walter said. "We have access to fabulous musical and theatrical performances right here, and we're close to Boston, New York, Glimmerglass and other great performing venues. And it's a beautiful natural area."

He joined WFCR in 1989 as host of late evening classical music and switched to the afternoon program soon thereafter. He has performed in plays all his life, including years of performing with the Hampshire Shakespeare Company.

What's in store for Walter? He describes a perfect day as beach, with a

seafood dinner. Or in New York City, a day at a museum, a dinner and a performance at the Metropolitan Opera. Or a similar visit to another country. Interestingly, that fits in with his NEPM finale. Walter retires at the end of June, but there will be one more NEPM adventure. In December, Walter will host a magnificent NEPM trip to Germany, France, Switzerland and Austria. You can learn more about the Festive Winter Waltz trip at [nepm.org](http://nepm.org).



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# From Broadcast to Podcast



## Hiding in Plain Sight

Watch Monday, June 27 and Tuesday, June 28 at 9 p.m.

Ken Burns is executive producer of this two-part documentary that explores America's mental health crisis through the eyes of more than twenty young people and the providers, advocates, family, and friends who support them.

Photo: Christopher Loren Ewers

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## Valley Voices

Listen Saturdays at 12 p.m. starting July 16 on NEPM 88.5

Perhaps you've been to a Valley Voices Story Slam. Maybe you subscribe to the podcast. This summer, Valley Voices is coming to your smart speaker too! Stay tuned following *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!* on Saturdays to hear true stories from local people

Photo: PBS

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## America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston

Watch Tuesdays, July 5 – Aug. 9 at 9 p.m.

Join New York Times bestselling author, podcast creator and outdoor enthusiast Baratunde Thurston for a journey across the U.S. to explore our passionate yet complicated relationship with the outdoors. Baratunde introduces viewers to a vivid cast of characters whose outdoor lives are shaped by where they live.

Photo: PBS

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## Carnegie Hall Live

Listen Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. Starting July 16 on NEPM 88.5

Here's an invigorating new treat for classical music lovers. Enjoy concert recordings captured live during the 2021-2022 season from New York City's world-famous Carnegie Hall. It starts with the dramatic opening night gala following the hall's closure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Photo: WQXR

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## The Green Planet

Watch Wednesdays, July 6 – Aug. 3 at 8 p.m.

Sir David Attenborough travels the globe to discover how plants breathe life into our world. Using pioneering camera techniques, the series takes viewers on a magical journey inside the hidden world of plants.

Photo: BBC Studios

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## Tanglewood Radio Broadcasts

Listen Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. starting July 10 on NEPM 88.5

The popular summer radio tradition returns. Highlights include Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 3, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. On Saturday, Aug. 27, it's a grand 90th birthday party for John Williams with Yo-Yo Ma, Branford Marsalis, James Taylor and others.

Photo: Hilary Scott

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## Masterpiece: Grantchester Season 7

Premieres Sunday, July 10 at 9 p.m.

Tom Brittney stars as Will Davenport, with Robson Green as his law-enforcement ally, Inspector Geordie Keating. Although Will is a clergyman, he can't help but fall into more worldly habits as he solves murders in the bucolic village of Grantchester. The series picks up in the long, hot summer of 1959 with wedding season in full swing.

Photo: Masterpiece

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## Jazz Safari

Listen Saturdays at 8 p.m. on NEPM 88.5

Dedicated to the proposition that variety is the spice of life, *Jazz Safari* strives to foster a new appreciation of jazz, while also exploring its musical cousins of the African diaspora. Host Kari Njiiri serves up a tasty 3-hour mix, starting every Saturday with a rendition of Duke Ellington's "Caravan."

Photo: Joyce Skowrya

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# It's all about communication!



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## The Great Muslim American Road Trip Premieres Tuesday, July 5 Inside: Take our quick survey!



Now: Jamaica Inn



July 7: Capital



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Aug. 11: Van der Valk, Seasons 3-4

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