

“Independent Lens” Series Moves to Mondays on NET Television

The acclaimed Emmy Award-winning PBS anthology series, “Independent Lens,” moves to Monday evenings at 9 p.m. CT in January on NET1 and NET-HD. The series features documentaries and a limited number of fiction films united by the creative freedom, artistic achievement and unflinching visions of their independent producers. It features unforgettable stories about a unique individual, community or moment in history and is hosted by acclaimed actor/filmmaker Stanley Tucci.

“Independent Lens” opens its new broadcast day with “Soul Food Junkies” on Jan. 14, which blends history, humor and heartwarming stories to reveal the consequences and the benefits of soul food, along with the issue of access to quality food in black communities. Filmmaker Byron Hurt explores soul food’s origins, its culinary tradition and its relevance to black cultural identity.

“Beauty is Embarrassing,” airing on Jan. 21, is a funny and irreverent story of artist Wayne White. White started his career as a cartoonist and was one of the creators of “Pee-wee’s Playhouse.” Today, his word paintings -- which feature pithy and often sarcastic statements crafted onto vintage landscape paintings -- have made him a darling of the fine art world.

“The Revisionaires,” airing on Jan. 28, follows some of the most controversial figures in American education through their tumultuous intellectual battles. Once every decade, the Texas Board of Education revises the state’s textbook standards for its nearly five million schoolchildren. Recently the panel implemented controversial new standards related to science, evolution, social studies and American history that ultimately effected textbooks adopted by schools across the nation.

Future films airing on “Independent Lens” include “Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry,” “The House I Live In,” “Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines,” “The Island President,” “The Undocumented,” “Seeking Asian Female,” “Detropria,” “The Invisible War” and “The Revolutionary Optimists.”

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