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MPT presents three *Artworks* specials in December

Programs place spotlight on talents of Maryland composer, musicians, dancers, and choral arts performers

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television (MPT) will present three *Artworks* special presentations during the second half of December. Each of the specials will be broadcast on MPT-HD and MPT2, and shown online at mpt.org/livestream. The programs will also be available to watch on demand using MPT's [online video player](#) and the [PBS Video App](#).



Dreamer

Premiering on Friday, December 16 at 9 p.m. on MPT-HD, this *Artworks* special tells the story of the relationship between the [Baltimore Choral Arts Society](#) (BCAS) and young composer and vocalist Jasmine Barnes. A Morgan State University alumna, Barnes was commissioned by BCAS director and conductor Anthony Blake Clark to compose a Baltimore-centric piece to be premiered at Mozart Requiem Reframed, a concert presented by BCAS at Goucher College. The work pulls inspiration from the Mozart Requiem to reflect on Baltimore today with texts by iconic Marylanders Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass. Encore broadcasts will air on Monday, December 19 at 9 p.m. on MPT2, and Monday, December 26 at 9 p.m. on MPT-HD. A preview is available for viewing at youtube.com/watch?v=dQO2vdZbmL0.

The Making of the Baltimore School of the Arts' "Nutcracker"

Premiering on Sunday, December 18 at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD, this *Artworks* special looks at the collaboration necessary to bring about a work of art at the prestigious [Baltimore School for The Arts](#). The program takes an expansive dive into the makings of a production through the lens of students, faculty, and community professionals. In addition to an overview of the mechanisms that make the school turn students into stars, the episode utilizes the school's behind-the-scenes film of its *Nutcracker* production to illustrate the many moving parts that go into the creative team's productions. Encore broadcasts will air on Thursday, December 22 at 9 p.m. on MPT2, and Saturday, December 24 at 3:30 p.m. on MPT-HD. A preview is available for viewing at youtube.com/watch?v=2S8S3IDh2zl.

Christmas with Choral Arts

For 29 years, the Baltimore Choral Arts Society (BCAS) has presented its Christmas concert at the historic Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore City. The program features holiday music, dramatic readings, and cherished sing-alongs in the spirit of the season. *Artworks'* presentation of this one-hour production will feature the BCAS's full performance with an introduction from director and conductor Anthony Blake Clark. This concert special premieres on Saturday, December 24 at 8 p.m. on MPT-HD. Encore broadcasts will air on December 24 at 10 p.m. on MPT2 and on Christmas, December 25 at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD. A preview is available for viewing at youtube.com/watch?v=byyp2xhJEsg.

MPT's *Artworks* focuses on local and regional artists working in a wide range of genres: dance, performance, literary arts, visual arts, vocals, music, film and video, and inter-disciplinary works not easy to define. The series explores the creative process with a variety of evolving and hybrid show formats, including "a day in the life of an artist" segments, themed profiles, and numerous specials. *Artworks* is hosted by renowned Baltimore artistic visionary [Wendel Patrick](#).

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