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**As Students Return to School,
Treasures of New York: Columbia University
Premieres on WLIW21 and THIRTEEN**

*With actress **Amanda Peet** among the interviewees, the film takes viewers through the campus gates to explore the history of one of America's most prestigious universities*

As the oldest institution of higher learning in New York State and the fifth oldest in the nation, Columbia University is a place dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and the birth of new ideas. As students make their way back to universities across the country, the history of the school is revealed in ***Treasures of New York: Columbia University*** premiering on Sunday, September 21 at 7 p.m. on WLIW21 and Monday, September 22nd at 9 p.m. on THIRTEEN.

Featuring select music by Columbia alumni and Grammy Award-winning rock band **Vampire Weekend**, and told through archival images and interviews, this one-hour documentary reveals a rare and intimate portrait of the Ivy League school whose history and growth, from its founding in Trinity Church's schoolhouse 260 years ago to its position today as one of the world's leading research universities, is inextricably linked with that of New York City itself.

Treasures of New York: Columbia University features interviews with Columbia President Lee Bollinger, actress Amanda Peet, architect Renzo Piano, Nobel Prize winner Eric Kandel, bestselling author Caleb Carr, Oscar-nominee and Columbia University professor Jamal Joseph, and the 5th Great Grandson of Alexander Hamilton, Doug Hamilton, among many others.

After the initial broadcast, the full episode will be available for online streaming at thirteen.org/treasures. The ***Treasures of New York*** website also offers past episodes about some of New York's greatest institutions.

Treasures of New York: Columbia University is a production of WLIW LLC in association with [WNET](#). WNET is the parent company of [THIRTEEN](#) and [WLIW21](#), New York's public television stations and operator of [NJTV](#).

Amanda Kinsey, a Barnard College and Columbia Business School alumna, is producer. Hillary Sieber is associate producer. Diane Masciale is general manager of WLIW21 and executive producer of local production, including the ***Treasures of New York*** series. Executive-in-Charge is John Servidio.

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