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THIRTEEN's NYC-ARTS to Feature Conversations with the Artistic Leadership of New York City Ballet and New York Philharmonic

Co-host Paula Zahn talks with Jonathan Stafford and Wendy Whelan of the New York City Ballet as well as Jaap van Zweden of the New York Philharmonic

This month, NYC-ARTS will feature the program's co-host and New York Emmy winner **Paula Zahn** in conversation with the newly appointed artistic leadership of the New York City Ballet (NYCB), as well as the music director of the New York Philharmonic.

On September 12, Zahn will speak with NYCB's Jonathan Stafford, the Artistic Director of the company and Director of its affiliated School of American Ballet, along with Wendy Whelan, Associate Artistic Director of the company. Stafford is a long-time former dancer with NYCB and teacher at the school, and was part of its recent interim directorship. Whelan's career as a leading ballerina with NYCB spanned 30 years, and she has since been developing her own projects and collaborating with independent choreographers.

On September 19, Zahn will talk with Jaap van Zweden, Music Director of the New York Philharmonic. An acclaimed conductor as well as a violinist, the 2019-2020 season will mark his second season as the 26th director of the oldest symphony orchestra in the United States. They spoke about his deep roots of his love for music and the upcoming season with the Philharmonic.

NYC-ARTS, THIRTEEN's weekly arts and culture multi-platform showcase, brings arts lovers an all-access pass to the interesting, unusual and unique cultural offerings of the greater New York City region.

Co-hosted by New York Emmy Award winners **Philippe de Montebello** and **Paula Zahn**, **NYC-ARTS** showcases both world-renowned and local, community-based arts organizations.

See below for a full detailing of September's **NYC-ARTS** lineup.

The program airs on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. on THIRTEEN. Each episode is also available to stream on NYC-ARTS.org the Friday following the broadcast. Encore presentations generally follow on Sundays at 11 a.m. on THIRTEEN; Tuesdays at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on WLIW21; Saturdays at 7 p.m. on NJTV. **NYC-ARTS** anchors a five hour wheel on the new ALL ARTS channel, seen daily at 5 a.m., 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Thursday, September 5
8-8:30 p.m.
NYC-ARTS #459

Weekly magazine providing the tri-state audience with a unique overview of the city's unparalleled cultural offerings with co-hosts Philippe de Montebello and Paula Zahn. This week's program features the "Cycling in the City: A 200-Year History" exhibition on view at the Museum of the City of New York through October 6. This week's program also features "Flower Flash" – a behind the scenes look at the surprise pop-up events created by Lewis Miller Design and a timely profile of the National September 11 Memorial Museum.

Thursday, September 12
8-8:30 p.m.
NYC-ARTS #460

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Thursday, September 19
8-8:30 p.m.
NYC-ARTS #461

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Thursday, September 26
8-8:30 p.m.
NYC-ARTS #462

Weekly magazine providing the tri-state audience with a unique overview of the city's unparalleled cultural offerings with co-hosts Philippe de Montebello and Paula Zahn. This week's episode features a profile of contemporary artist Zaria Forman. The program also features "Art of Native America: The Charles and Valerie Diker Collection" on view at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a profile of "Stiletta," the all-female acapella sextet who perform in the subway as part of the MTA's Music Under New York program.

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About *NYC-ARTS*

NYC-ARTS aims to increase awareness of New York City's nonprofit cultural organizations, whose offerings greatly benefit residents and visitors—from children to adults, and teenagers to senior citizens. *NYC-ARTS* promotes cultural groups' activities and events to tri-state, national and international audiences through nonprint media, using new technologies as they develop. Through television, Web sites, mobile applications and social media, *NYC-ARTS* nurtures New York City's position as a thriving cultural capital of the world, one that has both world-renowned institutions and those that are focused on local communities.