

History in Motion

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Greetings from the AAPB!

Pride Month serves as a time to honor the history, resilience, and ongoing contributions of LGBTQ+ communities. At the American Archive of Public Broadcasting, we're proud to preserve and share stories that reflect the rich diversity of lived experiences across the country. From early radio conversations challenging stigma to documentaries spotlighting activists and artists, this month we're highlighting voices that have shaped the movement for equity, expression, and belonging. Read on to learn more.

New & Notable



[Stonewall Uprising Interviews Collection](#)

This collection features interviews from the 2011 American Experience documentary of the same name. The program explores the Stonewall riots, a six-day period beginning on June 28, 1969, during which the LGBTQ+ community protested against a police raid on a gay bar called the Stonewall Inn, in Greenwich Village, NYC.

[The HIV/AIDS Epidemic and Public Broadcasting Exhibit](#)

The HIV/AIDS epidemic reshaped public health policy, transformed social attitudes toward gay men, and marked a pivotal chapter in LGBTQ+ history in the United States.

This exhibit brings together archival materials from public media that reflect how the epidemic was covered at the time, from early uncertainty and stigma to advocacy, awareness, and community resilience.

Featured figures include [Martha Shelley](#), founder of the Gay Liberation Front; [Dick Leitsch](#), former president of the Mattachine Society; and [Edward Koch](#), Mayor of New York City.

Through news reports, documentaries, and firsthand accounts, these materials explore how public broadcasting helped shape public understanding of HIV/AIDS and amplified the voices of those most affected.

Dig Deeper

June 5 – HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day

This day honors the resilience of HIV long-term survivors on the anniversary of the CDC's first report on what would become the AIDS epidemic.

Watch an early KCTS documentary, *Diagnosis: AIDS*, featuring firsthand accounts and an interview with activist Bobbi Campbell.

Watch

June 26, 2015 – Marriage Equality Legalized

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* granted same-sex couples the right to marry nationwide, a landmark moment in LGBTQ+ rights.

Listen to reporting from *This Way Out*, the only international LGBTQ+ radio program.

Listen

June 15, 2020 – LGBTQ Workplace Protections Upheld

In *Bostock v. Clayton County*, the Supreme Court ruled that Title VII protects employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Listen to the PBS NewsHour report in the archive.

Watch

June 28, 1969 – The Stonewall Uprising

A police raid at the Stonewall Inn sparked protests that ignited the modern LGBTQ rights movement.

Listen to Danny Garvin reflect in an interview for American Experience's *Stonewall Uprising*.

Watch

In the Industry

Public Media Needs Your Voice

This month, [GBH CEO Susan Goldberg addressed](#) a historic and deeply concerning development as the White House formally requested that Congress rescind federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

“For the first time in our history, the White House has formally asked Congress to claw back federal funding already budgeted for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. If passed, this action would have the most immediate and devastating impact to date on public media stations, and on the communities, educators, and kids across the country who rely on them for vital programming and resources. It could affect everything from our local news coverage to the national programming we produce at GBH – including educational programs and materials for kids - reaching millions of people nationwide.”

This unprecedented move threatens the future of public media nationwide, but it's not too late to act. [Contact your congressional representatives today and urge them to reject this effort to defund public media](#). Your voice matters, and now is the time to speak up.

At the American Archive of Public Broadcasting, we believe that public media belongs to all of us. Let's stand together to protect it.

In Case You Missed It

- [PBS America @ 250 Marks Nation's Semiquincentennial with Expansive Programming](#) (PBS)
 - [Kansas public broadcasting stations would suffer crushing setback under Trump order](#) (Kansas Reflector)
 - [Library of Congress: A Treasure for Researchers – and Reporters](#) (National Press Foundation)
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In Memoriam



This month, we remember the legendary **Sly Stone**, a visionary artist whose groundbreaking sound transformed American music. As the creative force behind Sly and the Family Stone, he broke barriers of genre, race, and gender, blending rock, funk, soul, and psychedelia into a style that shaped generations.

In this archival interview from the 1995 documentary series *Rock & Roll*, [Sly's siblings and bandmates reflect](#) on his early passion for performing. From living room concerts to commanding the world's biggest stages, they offer a personal glimpse into the beginnings of a cultural icon.

[Watch the interviews in the archive, courtesy of GBH and the BBC.](#)

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