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Al Capone: Icon
Tuesday, July 22, at 8 PM

Was Al Capone the quintessential self-made American man, a ruthless killer or both? Just his name sparks images of pin-striped suits and bloody violence. To this day we are fascinated with this celebrity gangster, but why? The answer is not as simple.

Americans love a bad boy, a tragic anti-hero. Al Capone is one of the originals, a notorious gangster of the 20th century who is believed to have personally murdered dozens of people and ordered the killing of hundreds of others. He was also a hugely popular public figure whose life is the personification of his times: the Roaring ‘20s, Prohibition, Chicago.

This program unveils Capone’s unexpected connections to modern-day organized crime, law enforcement, life in Chicago and pop culture. His is a lasting legacy that feeds America’s obsession with the mob and the men we love to hate.

We also learn how Capone became the icon we know today. A son of Italian immigrants in New York, he grew up in a law-abiding family. But then he worked his way through the ranks of local gangs until he moved to Chicago, where eventually he had politicians and cops on the take, catapulting Chicago’s crime syndicate to unbelievable power and wealth through bribery, intimidation and murder. During Prohibition, Capone’s Chicago outfit earned millions through every illegal enterprise they could: gambling, prostitution, racketeering and, of course, bootlegging.

Celebrated by high society and feared by those in City Hall, Capone controlled his public image in a way never seen before. But that all changed when the bloody images of the St. Valentine’s massacre went public, turning many of the people he socialized with against him. It marked the beginning of the end for a man who rose to the highest level of power and influence that is still felt today.
TIME SCANNERS

With cutting-edge technology that can “read” buildings, ruins and landscapes from ancient worlds, this three-part series reveals physical and forensic history, allowing viewers to reach out and touch the past.

Steve Burrows, one of the world’s foremost structural engineers — and the brains behind the famous Bird’s Nest Stadium in Beijing — leads a team of investigators, including pioneering laser-scanning researchers, to unlock the secrets of the world’s greatest engineering achievements. Hosted by Dallas Campbell, each episode provides unprecedented answers to the scientific secrets behind the historical landmarks.

“Egyptian Pyramids”

Tuesday, July 1, at 8 PM
Also airs on Fusion on Saturday, July 19, at 5 PM

The investigators use laser technology to scan Djoser’s Step Pyramid at Saqqara, Meidum’s collapsed pyramid, the mysterious Bent Pyramid at Dashur and the famous Great Pyramid at Giza.

“St. Paul’s Cathedral”

Tuesday, July 8, at 8 PM
Also airs on Fusion on Saturday, July 26, at 5 PM

The team ventures inside the majestic dome to explore its groundbreaking three-part structure; determine how the cathedral’s architect, Sir Christopher Wren, overcame unstable foundations and immense structural forces to support his dome; and investigate how the cathedral survived a direct hit by a German bomb during the London Blitz.

“Petra”

Tuesday, July 15, at 8 PM
Also airs on Fusion on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 5 PM

Structural engineer Steve Burrows leads his team to Jordan to scan the ancient desert city of Petra. Using 3D laser-scanning technology, he wants to uncover its construction secrets and shed new light on this architectural wonderland lost to the West for more than 1,000 years.

History Detectives
Special Investigations

Tuesdays, July 1-22, at 9 PM
Repeats Tuesdays, July 15-29, at 4 AM

In a new take on a PBS favorite, this four-part series delves into the past to explore some of America’s most intriguing mysteries.

In each episode, veteran detectives Tukufu Zuberi and Wes Cowan join forces with new host Kaiama Glover to probe a single iconic mystery from America’s past. What was behind the tragic sinking of the SS Sultana, one of the worst maritime disasters in U.S. history, at the end of the American Civil War? Can the detectives solve the mystery of one of the country’s first recorded serial killings, the Austin Servant Girl Murders of the 1880s? What led to the mysterious vanishing of big band leader Glenn Miller during World War II? Who killed Jimmy Hoffa — and why?
“Bones of the Buddha”
Wednesday, July 2, at 10 PM

This show is a modern-day Indiana Jones story: a tale of deception, treasure, intrepid adventurers and international realpolitik.

Did a 19th-century British landowner really discover gold, jewels and the charred bones of the Lord Buddha in an underground chamber on his estate? When Colonial estate manager Willie Peppe set his workers digging at a mysterious hill in Northern India in 1898, he had no idea what they’d find. Just over 20 feet down, they made an amazing discovery: a huge stone coffer, containing five reliquary jars, over 1000 separate jewels and some ash and bone. One of the jars had an inscription that appeared to say that these were the remains of the Buddha himself.

This seemed to be the most extraordinary find in Indian archaeology. But doubt and scandal have hung over this amazing find for over 100 years. For some, the whole thing is an elaborate hoax. For others, it is no less than the final resting place of the leader of one of the world’s great religions, who died nearly 2,500 years ago.

“The Mona Lisa Mystery”
Wednesday, July 9, at 10 PM

Also airs on Fusion on Saturday, July 12, at 5 PM

Discover a portrait of a younger and more beautiful Mona Lisa that predated the famous Louvre masterpiece.

In September 2012, headline news shook the art world. A secret Leonardo da Vinci painting had been uncovered — a portrait of a younger and more beautiful Mona Lisa that predated the famous Louvre masterpiece. Now an elite group of art historians, research physicists, restoration experts and forensic imaging specialists have gained exclusive access to analyze the painting firsthand.

Applying high-precision, scientific techniques they will aim to verify the painting’s date, decipher hidden mathematical codes within it and unravel the clues that point to da Vinci’s genuine hand.
Time Scanners
Tuesdays, July 1-15, at 8 PM

History Detectives Special Investigations
Tuesdays, July 1-22, at 9 PM
Tuesdays, July 15-29, at 4 AM

Nova
Wednesdays at 9 PM
Saturdays at 5 AM
Sundays at 5 PM

Secrets of the Dead
Wednesdays, July 2-9, at 10 PM

The Diamond Queen
Saturdays, July 5-19, at 6 PM

POV, American Revolutionary:
The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs
Saturday, July 5, at 11 PM

King George and Queen Mary
Sunday, July 6, at 7 PM

Little League: A History
Monday, July 7, at 1 AM

Séances and Slot Machines: The Story of Brady Lake Park
Wednesday, July 9, at 2 AM

Secrets of Selfridges
Sunday, July 13, at 7 PM

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
Monday, July 14, at 10 PM
Wednesday, July 16, at 2 AM

PBS Previews: The Roosevelts
Friday, July 18, at 10:30 PM

Secrets of Scotland Yard
Sunday, July 20, at 7 PM

Secrets of Chatsworth
Monday, July 21, at 1 AM
Saturday, July 26, at 6 PM

The Last Days of Anne Boleyn
Monday, July 21, at 10 PM

Al Capone: Icon
Tuesday, July 22, at 8 PM

Nazi Mega Weapons
Wednesdays, July 23 & 30, at 2 AM

The Story of Emery Blagdon and His Healing Machine
Friday, July 25, at 10:30 PM

Born to Royalty
Sunday, July 27, at 6:30 PM

Secrets of the Manor House
Monday, July 28, at 1 AM

Secrets of Highclere Castle
Monday, July 28, at 10 PM

American Masters, Johnny Carson
Tuesday, July 29, at 8 PM

The Day It Snowed in Miami
Thursday, July 3, at 10 PM
Saturday, July 5, at 2:30 PM

POV, American Revolutionary:
The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs
Saturday, July 5, at 1 PM

Secrets of the Dead
Saturdays at 5 PM (ends 7/12)

American Experience, JFK
Saturday, July 5, at 9 PM

Give It All Away: Newman’s Own Recipe for Success
Monday, July 7, at 11 PM

Courage, New Hampshire
Thursday, July 10-31, at 10 PM

American Masters, Jimi Hendrix
Saturday, July 12, at 9 PM

Anne Braden: Southern Patriot
Monday, July 14, at 9 PM

Civil War: The Untold Story
Thursdays at 7 PM (begins 7/17)

Prayers of the Ancient Ones
Saturday, July 19, at 3 PM

Time Scanners
Saturdays, July 19-Aug. 2, at 5 PM

Nazi Mega Weapons
Saturdays at 8 PM (begins 7/19)

Séances and Slot Machines: The Story of Brady Lake Park
Saturday, July 26, at 3 PM

American Masters, Billy Jean King
Saturday, July 26, at 9 PM

Séances
and Slot Machines:
The Story of Brady Lake Park
will air on Fusion on Saturday, July 26, at 3 PM.