Students put minds to the test

Brass band to play

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Tar Heel public TV woos you with festival

To help persuade viewers to send in checks and, possibly, to get new fans to tune in — N.C. public TV is airing some of its best programming of the year.

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The Center Stage is a public television network that broadcasts a variety of programs, including musical performances, documentaries, and educational series. The Center Stage is known for its high-quality productions and its commitment to providing viewers with a wide range of programming options. The Center Stage is available on public television stations across the country, and it is a vital resource for anyone interested in exploring the arts and culture.
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And that's not all.
Festival 89, the on-air pledge drive at the UNC Center for Public Television, runs through March 19. The major sponsor is WUNC-TV19.
Upcoming special programs on WUNC-TV19 and WUNC-TV19 include:

MUSIC

- Bizet’s Carmen (9:30 p.m. March 10): An adaptation of the Bizet opera performed by Francisco Domingo and Julia Miguens-Johnson.
- Songs From My Fair Lady (9 p.m. March 12): This British "concert" version of the Lerner and Loewe musical features operatic soprano Karen Keegan and Jeremy Irons in the lead roles, with the London Symphony Orchestra and the London Voices choir.
- James Taylor in Concert (9:10 p.m. March 14): The former Chapel Hill resident sings such favorites as "Fire and Rain," "Carolina in My Mind," "Sweet Baby James," and "Shower the People."

- Linda Ronstadt: A Romantic Evening in Old Mexico (8 p.m. March 18): The rock 'n roll singer returns to traditional Mexican ballads from her album "Canciones de Mi Padre" ("Songs of My Father"). A revue of her earlier revivals of 1920s and '40s music. "The Pan American Songbook," with Nelson Riddle and his Orchestra, airs at 11:05 p.m. Thursday.

NOSTALGIA

- Jambalaya: It's a Wonderful Life (9:10 p.m. Wednesday): A salute to the film, with rare photos and interviews, to one of Hollywood's most beloved stars.
- John Wayne Standing Tall (8 p.m. March 11): Now listen up, Pilgrim. The Duke was making movies from 1928 ("Hogman's House") to 1976 ("The Shootist"). James (Gunsnake) Arness narrates this documentary on Wayne's career, on and off screen.
- Great Performances: Bacall on Bogart (9 p.m. March 17): Lauren Bacall recalls her romance and marriage to Humphrey Bogart, a collaboration that produced such films as "The Big Sleep," "Dark Passage," and "Key Largo."
- Remembering Bing (5 p.m. March 19): Dorothy Lamour plays host to a look back at crooner Bing Crosby.

DRAMA

- An All Creatures Great and Small Special (9:10 p.m. Thursday): The original series of the BBC's most beloved series returns for this look at a Yorkshire veterinarian with his eccentric colleagues and patients, based on the stories of James Herriot.

- American Playhouse: Stand and Deliver (9 p.m. March 15): Edward James Olmos (and Viola) won an Oscar nomination for his role as Jaime Escalante, a real-life Los Angeles teacher who turned unmotivated students at a mostly Hispanic high school into math achievers. This 1988 theatrical film gets its TV debut.
- Mysterious Island 4:59 From Paddington (9 p.m. March 16): Joan Hackett stars as Agatha Christie's sleuth Miss Marple in this two-hour special.

DOCUMENTARY

- Hirohito — Behind the Myth (10 p.m. Monday): A controversial biography of the late Japanese emperor, questioning his involvement in the coming of World War II.
- B-17: Flying Fortress (11:30 p.m. Monday): A tribute to the workhorse World War II bomber and the crews that flew it.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: Those Wonderful Dogs (8 p.m. Wednesday): A study of one of man's oldest symbiotic relationships, with a worldwide look at dogs that hunt, fight, herd, police and sport for a living.

CHILDREN'S

- A Sesame Street Special 8 p.m. Thursdays: John Candy, Jane Curtin, Danny DeVito, Rhea Perlman, Pee-wee Herman and James Taylor co-star with the Muppet characters.
- Anne of Green Gables, the Sequel (8:30 p.m. March 12 and March 19): This sequel of the popular Wondertwoks installation follows Anne (played by Megan F. Lowe) as she becomes a young teacher. Colleen Dewhurst and Frank Converse co-star.