

Looking forward to seeing Across the Pacific?

A little background might be helpful to explain how this works in the world of public television, and how to get in touch with your local PBS station.

Across the Pacific is being distributed to all our public TV stations via *American Public Television (APT)*, a program distribution service that allows each station the opportunity to schedule programs at their discretion. Here's a [LINK](#) to the APT webpage regarding *Across the Pacific*, which includes trailers for the three different hours of the series). Note that your PBS station is free to show the series (or not show it at all) in any manner they choose.

Getting *Across the Pacific* seen as widely as possible means asking people to let their public TV station know that there is a significant constituency among their viewers who want to see the series, and preferably in a prime-time slot. This probably includes anyone who worked for, traveled on, or admired Pan Am – a group that likely includes a great many public television viewers and supporters!

You can let the decision-makers at your own public television station know that you are looking forward to seeing *Across the Pacific* soon, and at a time convenient to you, such as a weeknight. This is how the program is being launched by Virginia Public Media (VPM PBS), in Richmond. They're the "presenting station" for *Across the Pacific* to the APT system. They'll premiere the three hours of the program spread over three consecutive Thursday nights at 9pm, starting on May 21st, followed by May 28th, and June 4th. Having the showings spread out this way helps build the biggest audience, as people spread the word over the course of the showings.

Every PBS station has their own way of receiving viewer requests, but all have a website and should have **contact telephone numbers** and **email addresses** listed, and/or sometimes **online forms** as well, that can provide another way to get a message through to the right people.

This [LINK](#) goes to an index of public television stations and provides an easy way to find your station's website. Stations are listed by state (grouped alphabetically). Find your station, click through to its website and look for a link that says "**Contact**," or possibly "**About**," often at the bottom of the webpage. It might take a little hunting on your part, but it should be worth the effort. And when you find the right contact, tell your friends!

Good luck!

Questions about this? Send an email to : panamweb@gmail.com