Dear Friends of WGBH,

This week, we have created a range of new programs that we hope you will find helpful:

- A comprehensive <u>Coronavirus Resource Center</u>.
- *In It Together*, a nightly WGBH News program, hosted by Arun Rath. Airing weekdays at 7 pm, this talk show is an outlet for your questions, concerns, and stories. We want to hear from you.
- Broadcast learning for students. Knowing that not all students have access to computers or the internet, we have partnered with the Massachusetts
   Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to reach middle and high school students at home on our WORLD Channel weekdays from noon to 5 pm starting Monday, March 23. See the schedule here. Younger children can continue to tune into WGBH 2 and WGBX 44 during the day and WGBH Kids 24/7.
- WGBH's Education team has also launched a <u>Distance Learning</u>
   <u>Center</u> containing high-quality, trusted and engaging digital resources. This
   website provides a range of science, math, social studies and English
   Language Assistance activities for Pre-K and grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8. We are
   committed to doing whatever we can to help families and citizens across the
   Commonwealth get through this period of distance learning.
- Our investigative journalism series FRONTLINE is also reporting on COVID-19 with reporters on the ground in Seattle, Ohio and northern Italy. We'll hear some of their stories in real-time on *Covering Coronavirus* available via the <u>FRONTLINE Dispatch</u> podcast. Also, a special two-part hour called *Coronavirus Pandemic*, airs on WGBH on April 21. Through FRONTLINE's <u>Local Journalism Initiative</u>, we are working with our partner newsrooms across the country to add resources and editorial assistance to their coronavirus coverage.
- We also realize that you need a break from the latest news. Music unites us even more when we cannot listen together in person. In a show of solidarity with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, which has had to cancel live performances due to the pandemic, 99.5 WCRB Classical Radio Boston will broadcast encore BSO performances beginning on March 23 and running through at least April 18, each evening Monday through Saturday at 8 pm. It is believed to be the first time an American radio station and its hometown orchestra have created such an extensive broadcast partnership. BSO Encores, Nightly @ 8 will present a past Boston Symphony Orchestra performance each evening. Also, you can always ask Alexa to play WCRB throughout your day.
- And finally, MASTERPIECE has prepared a list of historical dramas to watch <u>here</u>, making us feel, however briefly, that we've traveled far away. A new MASTERPIECE series, *World on Fire*, premieres on April 5.
  Be well.

Jon Abbott, President & CEO, WGBH