# WETA's Welcome Series Journey

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### About WETA



Public broadcasting station for the DC area



5 broadcast TV channels



Only classical radio station in the area (+ streaming online)



National productions

## About Me



**Digital** Fundraising Manager



At WETA for 2.5 years



Oversee everything online fundraising

## What is a Welcome Series?

Sequence of emails automatically sent after someone signs up for your email list

Introduce your organization

Potential to convert prospects to donors

## Overview



Revamping WETA's Welcome Series



Goals for the new series



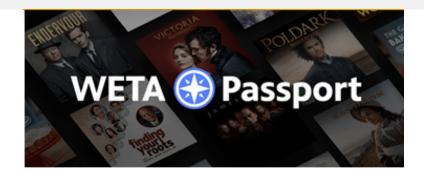
How to measure success?

# Former welcome series 1 – PBS sign-ups

STREAMING!

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Dear April.

Welcome to WETA Passport!

We're so excited for you to start streaming all of the great content available to you with your on-demand video member benefit. To help you navigate your options, you'll soon receive the new issue of our weekly e-newsletters WETA Highlights and WETA Passport Picks with information about upcoming television programs for our five TV channels (WETA PBS, WETA Metro, WETA WORD, WETA UK and WETA KIDS).

WETA Passport is our most popular member benefit that allows you to stream full seasons of your PBS and local favorites whenever and wherever you want online or via the free PBS Video App. You're able to binge-watch favorites including The Ken Burns Collection, Sanditon, Unforgotten, Frontline, NOVA, Victoria and so many more of your favorite PBS dramas, mysteries, cooking shows and history programs.

You can also stream your favorite local public television shows for our Greater D.C. area community such as If You Lived Here, WETA Arts and WETA documentaries.

Getting started with WETA Passport is easy! Simply download the free PBS Video App on your Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Chromecast, Android TV devices, Samsung Smart TVs, Vizio Smart TVs, and online on your computer, tablet and smartphone. Any questions? We're here to help!

As your local PBS station, we share your passion for streaming quality programs at WETA, which is why we're so thrilled to share this member benefit with you. We hope you enjoy the best of PBS anytime, anywhere with WETA Passport!

Thank you and happy streaming!

Sincerely



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# Former welcome series 2 – general sign-ups

#### Overview of WETA offerings:

- Weekly e-newsletter
- Program schedules
- Event tickets
- Streaming (TV + radio)



Dear April,

Thank you for Joining our online community at WETA! We're happy to have your support and hope you find value in our high quality television programs available anywhere. You might also know us for our commitment to the Washington area's only classical music radio station. Or for our many partnerships with local educational, cultural, and social institutions.

But do you know the value of our online community? You'll soon receive the most recent issue of our weekly enewsletter WETA Highlights, with the latest updates about television programs, Classical WETA FM, special events, and much more!



Additionally, be sure to visit our website where you can check the <u>program schedules</u> for our five TV channels. You can also <u>sign up for free tickets</u> offered to local music, dance, and theater performances. And be sure to <u>watch full episodes online</u> of some of your favorite PBS programs and <u>listen to Classical WETA FM online</u>.

You can also learn about <u>WETA Passport</u>, our most popular member benefit which provides WETA donors extended on-demand access to a rich library of quality public television programming online and on your mobile device.

For more than 50 years, WETA has grown and evolved along with the greater Washington area. Our online community is the latest chapter in this ongoing story—one

# After Welcome Series, regular communications include...

#### **Newsletters**



June 5 - 11, 2023

#### Relive the Scene at Legendary D.C. Music Venue The Bayou



An Emmy-nominated documentary chronicles the history of iconic Washington, D.C. nightclub The Bayou, which electrified the local music scene with a dazzling array of heavyweight performers, undiscovered stars, hometown heroes, and onstage follies. The Bayou: DC's Killer Joint explores how the venue on the Georgetown waterfront showcased



#### **Invitations**



#### **Fundraising**



Dear friend,

It's the final day of our WETA UK Spring Pledge Drive and we still have \$31,000 to go to meet our critical goal of \$75,000 by midnight tonight.

And great newsl <u>if you act quickly and donate before midnight tonight</u>, your gift will go TWICE as far for WETA UK, thanks to a special match from generous donors, up to \$10,000

Plus, to properly get you into the British spirit, we have a great selection of thank you gifts to choose from, including a NEW WETA UK tote bag and pub glass sett Make your pledge by midnight tonight to have your gift DOUBLED and choose from our special selection of WETA UK gifts!



Your donation is essential to making sure we secure your favorite British programs, from classics like Agatha Christie's Marple, Midsomer Murders, Inspector Morse and Pride and Projudice to new hits like Sanditon and Tom Jones. So, please <a href="margle-snure-we-keep these-shows available for you and your neighbors in the DC area by helping us meet our goal by midnight to night!</a>

## New welcome series overview – 3 journeys



General sign-ups on weta.org

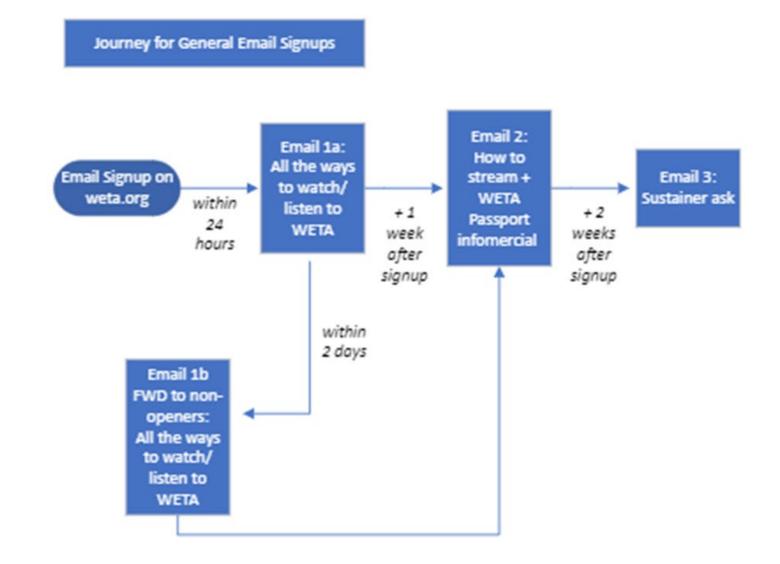


PBS sign-ups



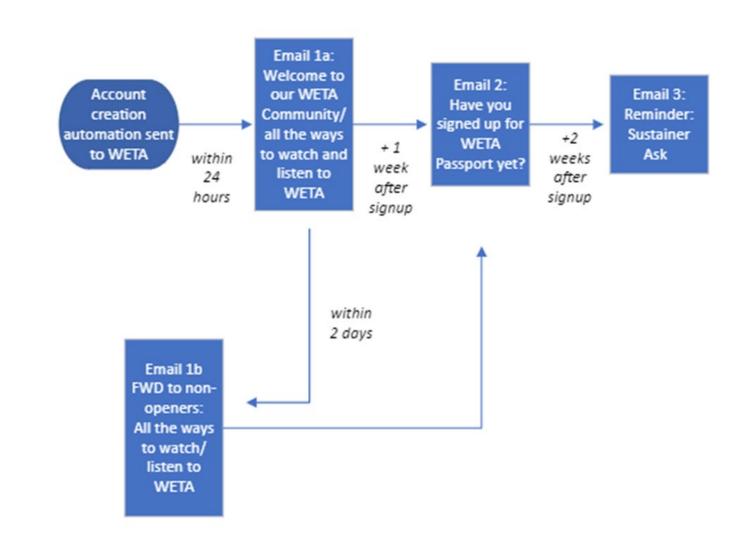
**NPR**+ sign-ups

#### 1. General sign-ups

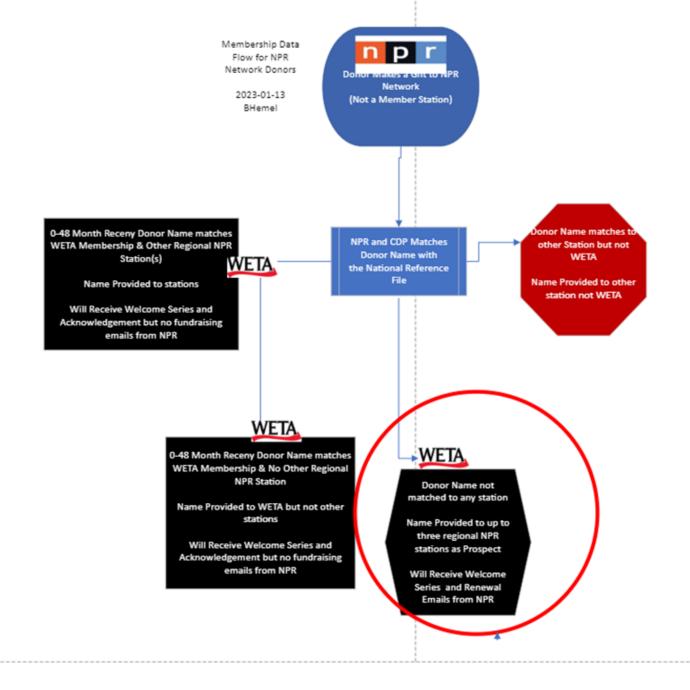


#### 2. PBS sign-ups

Journey for PBS Account creation signups (formerly Prosper)



#### 3. NPR+ sign-ups



# Takeaways for your organization

- How are people entering your journey? Where are they coming from?
- What are their interests?
- What are your goals for the series?
  - Convert to donor/customer
  - Interact with content
  - Share on social media
  - Etc.



# How to measure success?

- CTR
- Unsub rate
- Number of gifts
- Feedback to Audience Services team

## Next steps...





**Expand to new donors** 

**Consider elements to test:** 

# Thank you!

Questions?