TO INFINITY AND BEYOND
by Jessica Leff, Digital Marketing Specialist

When Cristian Torres joined NewTV in the summer of 2016, he was passionate about filmmaking and wanted to create a thematic series that could last for a longer period of time. What began as an idea based on the style of *Baraka* (a 1992 documentary created solely with visuals and music) evolved into *The Edge of Infinity*, a documentary-style series profiling a variety of creative individuals.

Cristian grew up in Waltham but also spent a portion of his life, including his college years, in Puerto Rico. While studying education, he worked on writing, producing and directing a film called *Coplas*. After graduating, he lived in Santa Barbara and worked on a film called *The Bet*, directed by Finola Hughes (of ABC's *General Hospital*). Cristian recalls, “It was a different world [and] I missed Boston.” So he moved back east and about a year and a half ago he found himself in Newton.

Once he was settled, he knew he wanted to continue working on his skills as a videographer and editor. “I had always heard of NewTV any time I was on the East Coast. I knew a few people who mentioned that it was a really excellent place, so when I moved to Newton I was curious to see what they had to offer.” After he determined the focus of his show, he was able to produce it using NewTV's equipment.

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ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING UPDATE

by Andrew Eldridge,
Co-Director of Original Programming

For the past several months, NewTV’s Original Programming Department has been busier than ever as we continue to produce episodes of *The Folklorist* while developing four new programs.

One of the programs that had been in development for over a year finally came to fruition. As a way for Angela Harrer and me to say thank you to those involved in the production, a special screening of “The Baltimore Plot” was held on Friday, February 3 at NewTV.

“The Baltimore Plot,” which was originally slated to be part of *The Folklorist*, was spun off as a pilot for a new series that would incorporate more field shoots for the re-creations and hosting portions of the program, as well as interviews with experts about the subject matter.

This production could not have been done without John Horrigan, who once again gave a stellar performance hosting the program. The 46 New England actors who came together were simply amazing in their roles and brought a positive energy to the set. Boston Costume, Associated Quirks and Westerman’s were instrumental in providing the costumes and props needed to create an atmosphere that

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MISSION STATEMENT

NewTV is an Emmy® Award-winning, state-of-the-art media center dedicated to providing quality local programming and training to the diverse Newton community. As a non-profit organization, NewTV’s three channels (Community, Education and Government) provide an accessible platform for expression and innovation — an alternative voice to mainstream media.

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Each episode takes about a month to produce. The first step is a meeting with the artist. Next, he follows them around to gather B-roll. Once he has enough footage, he begins to prep the artist for the interview, sending them questions to look over. By the time the interview is shot, they are usually essentially finished with everything else. Then Cristian edits everything together.

Luckily, Cristian has connections to many local artists who he is able to feature on the show. He said, “I found a lot of funky people. This seemed very interesting, so I thought I’d delve into this world a little bit.” The show itself is a form of art, as it is very stylized.

Going forward, Cristian has a few more episodes in mind, featuring more nontraditional artists. So far, he has had an extremely positive experience and is grateful for the opportunity to create The Edge of Infinity. “Before I joined, I felt like I knew a lot about editing and filmmaking and I was very surprised that I learned a lot more being here. I feel very fortunate for NewTV and for everyone I’ve worked with.”

Cristian Torres, producer of The Edge of Infinity

ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING UPDATE (Continued from page 1)

replicated the 1860s. We give special thanks to the people at the locations we filmed at, including The Endicott Estate, The Chatham Railroad Museum, Depot Park in Bedford, The Governor Ames Estate and Tudor Place in Washington, DC. And our team behind the scenes and the NewTV staff were essential in making this production possible.

At the screening, the program received an overwhelmingly positive response from those who attended — a testament to their hard work and dedication to the craft. The plan is to now pitch the program to see if distribution or underwriting can be gained to help sustain the program.

Giovanni Alabiso (left) and Doug Reed in a scene from “The Baltimore Plot”
Winter Volunteer Spotlight
NewTV would like to recognize Will Carlyle for his contributions to our facility. Will is a high school student with a passion for television and broadcasting. You can often see him operating a camera or running the audio board in our control room. He comes to NewTV about once a week and has helped out on nearly all of our members’ studio productions. For all his time and effort at the station, Will shall receive a gift card to be determined later. Be on the lookout in the summer newsletter for our spring Volunteer Spotlight.

New Member Orientations
Orientations are held on the first Monday of each month.

Calling all Volunteers!
Are you looking for an opportunity to learn television production? Have you ever wondered what it’s like to work on a studio crew? Once you’ve taken our studio production classes, you can begin shadowing other crew members or jump right in and volunteer on some of our shows, including Museum Open House, Innovation Showcase, Living in the 21st Century, Boston Media Theory, Trailblazers and more! Most programs are produced once a month, while others are produced weekly during the day and at night. There are always opportunities to get involved, so you’ll be able to find something that fits into your schedule. To learn more, email Director of Member Services Katie Geiger at katieg@newtv.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Newton Nomadic Theater Story Slam @ the Newton Festival of the Arts
Wednesday, May 17, 7pm
Newton Free Library
If you’ve never been to a “story slam,” you will love it! Anyone who attends can (but is not required to) throw their name in a hat to tell a story. Featured guests will include Reverend Alicia Johnson (Myrtle Baptist Church), Tom Lyons (Owner, New England Mobile Book Fair), Tova Mirvis (Novelist) and Linda Plaut (Director of the Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs). Here’s how it works: Your story should be 5 minutes at most, be your own real-life experience and relate to the theme Out of the Blue. It can be funny, sad or poignant. Get up and tell it, no reading, no notes, no props. NOTE: Please refrain from presenting material that is obscene, offensive or otherwise inappropriate for the library environment. Join us for this lively event!

SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS

Introduction to Adobe Photoshop (Three Classes)
Instructor: Mike Beal
Learn how to manipulate photos, use Photoshop layers with transparency in Final Cut and work with custom fonts and colors for logo creation. Prerequisite: Orientation; Minimum enrollment: 3; Fee: $60; Dates: Saturday, March 11, 18 & 25, noon

Intermediate Final Cut Pro X (Three Classes)
Instructor: Mike Beal
Take your Final Cut Pro X skills to the next level by learning about multi-cam editing, color grading, audio filters and more. Prerequisite: Basic Final Cut Pro X; Minimum enrollment: 3; Fee: $60; Dates: Saturday, April 8, 15 & 22, noon

The Fundamentals of 2-D Animation (Three Classes)
Instructor: Matthew Harnois
In this applicable, user-friendly course, find your personal style and create motion through the illusion that is animation. Prerequisite: Orientation; Minimum enrollment: 3; Fee: $60; Wednesday, May 3, 10 & 17, 7pm

RICHARD BERMAN
HONORED AT CELTICS GAME!
NewTV’s own Richard Berman was honored as a Hero Among Us at the Boston Celtics game on January 11. Richard accepted the award on the court prior to the game for his work as a board member and longtime volunteer of Best Buddies. He has participated in the annual Best Buddies Challenge each year since 2009 and has helped raise over $25,000 for the organization. Heroes Among Us is an outreach program of the Celtics and honors individuals who have made exceptional and lasting contributions to their communities. They believe that “as an ambassador of Best Buddies Massachusetts, Newton native Richard Berman powerfully demonstrates what people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are capable of.” NewTV is so proud of Richard and the great work he does for Best Buddies, and we are grateful to have him on our team.
COMMUNITY CHANNEL UPDATE
by Katie Geiger, Director of Member Services

The new year brought many new members and returning members through NewTV’s doors. This means many classes are filling up and everyone is excited to learn! We’ve branched out of our video comfort zone and introduced two new classes: the Fundamentals of 2-D Animation and the Fundamentals of Digital Photography. Both will be returning this spring and summer, so please check the class schedule insert for more information. The Members Network is officially one year old this year as well. In January, we had our biggest crowd ever with almost 20 people in attendance. If you haven’t been to a meeting yet, I urge you to do so, as it’s always a fun learning experience. Along with that, we are also introducing three new locally produced shows to the community channel lineup this spring. All are in the pre-production stage, so that’s all we can share for now! We look forward to welcoming these new programs and producers to our station.

EDUCATION CHANNEL UPDATE
by Stephen M. Kessinger, Director of Government & Educational Media

NewTV is currently accepting applications for our annual $1,000 scholarship award. Seniors at Newton North and Newton South pursuing a college degree in communications, television or film are encouraged to participate. The deadline is Monday, April 3. More information can be found on our website, newtv.org/highschoolscholarship. Programming on NewTV’s Education channel has been expanding. We have been collaborating with high school and college students to cover more events ranging from sports to the arts. It’s a great opportunity to showcase talent with the broader community while also giving opportunities for students to use technology in real-world applications. Our goal is to continue to grow the programming lineup and look for more partnership opportunities to create content; this includes re-broadcasting national educational programs that impact diverse areas of interest. More updates to come!

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL UPDATE
by Stephen M. Kessinger, Director of Government & Educational Media

2017 is shaping up to be a very important election year for the City of Newton. Several seats on the school committee and city council are being challenged, and Mayor Warren has announced he will not seek re-election. The charter commission is finalizing its recommendations after a two-year review process. Voters will make the decision in November if the city’s charter will be changed to adopt the commission’s recommendations. NewTV’s Government and news departments are collaborating on projects to bring comprehensive coverage of the charter review process, as well as produce debates, candidate messages and an election night results special. Our 2015 election coverage of the Ward 2 Alderman at Large race won a national award recently, taking first place in the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA). We look forward to continuing our commitment in providing the best election coverage throughout this year.

NEWTON NEWS UPDATE
by Jenn Adams, News Director

This year we look forward to meeting candidates for the municipal election in November and it should be interesting. Mayor Warren has decided not to run for re-election, and so far two city councilors have thrown their hat into the mayoral ring. There may be more on the horizon. Seats for both the school committee and the city council are up for grabs and we will bring you profiles on the candidates throughout the year. We have two new interns: Courtney Lee from Curry College will cover general assignment news and events, and Bobby Krivitsky will cover Newton sports. Of course, I’m always looking for interns/volunteers throughout the year. Anyone interested should contact me via email or phone. Story ideas are always welcome too.
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Most NewTV programs are produced by member volunteers. Members’ programs are on the Community Channel (C). Shows produced by local schools & colleges are shown on the Education Channel (E). Newton City programs are on the Government Channel (G). Additional programs are produced by NewTV Staff.

Please visit our website at newtv.org for a complete schedule with airtimes.

COMMUNITY CHANNEL

Comcast 8 ● RCN 613 ● Verizon 34

Behind the Pages
Monthly behind-the-scenes conversation with chosen authors.
(Tracie Longman) Fri, 3:30pm

Boston Media Theory
Monthly discussion on topics involving various fields of media.
(Marcus Breen) Mon, 9:00pm

Carter Memorial United Methodist Church
Weekly church service.
(John Olson) Wed, 3:00pm

Chef’s Table Series
Bi-weekly series featuring local cuisine.
(Carol O’Connor) Fri, 11:00am

Common Ground
Political roundtable discussion.
(Ken Parker) Thurs, 7:30pm

Democracy Now!
Daily commentary with Amy Goodman.
(Nancy Wrenn) M-F, 8:00am

Eckankar
Weekly spirituality program.
(Frank Lipsius) Fri, 3:00pm

Edge of Infinity
Monologues blurring the lines between fiction and nonfiction.
(Cristian Torres) Mon, 9:30pm

From Where I Sit
Opens the doors to the world of disability.
(George Donahue) Thur, 7:00pm

Greening Our Community
Monthly series on environmental issues.
(Thomas Boyd) Mon, 8:00pm

How to Be Healthy & Still Have a Life
Monthly show on health and fitness.
(Barry O’Toole) Tues, 10:30am (C); M-F, 12:30pm (E)

Innovation Showcase
Weekly series featuring inventors and entrepreneurs.
(Jay Sugarman) Wed, 7:00pm

In Season & Out of Season
Catholic, Evangelical and Bible-based show.
(Eleanor McCullen) Fri, 7:30pm

Language of Business
Monthly show about entrepreneurship.
(Linda Gulman) Fri, 6:30pm

The Literati Scene
A show focusing on authors.
(Frank Avruch) Fri, 9:30pm

Living in the 21st Century
Series focusing on the concerns people face in the 21st century.
(Jay Sugaman) Thurs, 9:30pm

Museum Open House
Weekly series featuring upcoming events at local museums.
(Leah Orf) Thurs, 7:30pm

Neighborhood Cooking with Candy Gold
Monthly on-location cooking show.
(Candy Gold) Mon, 7:00pm

Newton News
Weekly local news produced by NewTV.
Daily, 6:00pm (C); Daily, 8:30am, 1:00pm, 6:00pm & 10:00pm (E)

Newton Newsmakers with Charlie Shapiro
Ongoing series on Newton issues and politics.
(Charlie Shapiro) Thurs, 6:30pm

Newton Nomadic Theater Story Slam
Open mic community storytelling.
(Jerry Reilly) Sat, 10:00pm

On the Sunny Side of the Street
Monthly show on life issues.
(Tod Gross) Tues, 6:30pm

Perils for Pedestrians
Public affairs series.
(Maryan Amaral) Fri, 10:00am

Physician’s Focus
Healthcare information.
(Robyn Alie) Fri, 5:00pm

Supreme Master Ching Hai
Series that fosters peace and promotes healthy, green living.
(Ru-Ing Hwang) Fri, 9:00pm

That’s the Law! With Attorney B. J. Krintzman
Monthly, live discussion on legal issues.
(B. J. Krintzman) Wed, 7:30pm

Trailblazers
Series discussing the challenges Newton residents face.
(Lois Levin) Thurs, 8:30pm

VCW LiveWire
Weekly wrestling program.
(Robert Santonastaso) T-F, midnight

EVALUATION CHANNEL

Comcast 99 ● RCN 629 ● Verizon 32

Animal Adventures
Produced by Shrewsbury Education Television. M-F, 10:30am

Arts in the Parks
Summertime entertainment for pre-K. T/Th/Sat/Sun, 6:00am

Children’s Corner
Children’s show produced by Slouch & Friends. M-F, 3:30pm

Classroom Close-Up
An inside look at New Jersey schools.
Produced by NJEA. M-F, 3:00pm

Create a TV Show!
Series of original programs produced by Newton Community Education’s TV classes.
M-F, 4:30pm & Sat, 9:30am

Educational Docummentaries
Various educational topics from different producers. Sun, 1:30pm

The Folklorist
NewTV’s Emmy Award-winning show. Hidden history revealed! T/Th, 7pm & Sun, 9:30pm

High Five Fitness
Weekly series of jazz aerobic exercise.
Daily, 9:00am

I Can Be Me . . . Better Than Anyone
Musical kids’ show produced in Maine.
M-F, 10:00am

Mindfulness Series
Series of lectures produced by Newton Community Education. M-F, 11:00am

Newton School Productions
Performances and projects from all public schools. T/Th, 10:30pm; Sat, 6:30pm; Sun, 9:30am

Virginia’s Views and Vibes
Bi-weekly series on local and state issues.
(Ginny Gardner/Rebecca Johnson) Mon, 7:30pm

Weather and Its Surroundings
Ongoing series on weather-related issues.
(Brian Ives) Tues, 5:00pm
Newton School Sports
Various games from public and private schools, colleges and private leagues.
M/W/F, 6:00am; T/Th, 7:30pm;
Sat, 6:30pm; Sun, 9:30am

NewTV After School Programming
Projects by the students of NewTV’s
After School Program. M-F, 5:00pm

NewTV’s Short Film Challenge
Student films made for NewTV’s One-Week
Short Film Challenge. M-F, 6:30pm

School Committee Meetings
Replays every Wednesday at 10:30pm (E);
W/Sat, 7:30pm & T/Th/Sun, 8:00am (G)

Scientifically Speaking
Daily variety of science programming.
M-F, 2:00pm

The Sports Guys
Sports talk show hosted by Ian Gallaugher,
Jake Levine and Ethan Krop. M-F, 5:30pm

Student Productions
A variety of productions and short films
made by Newton students and interns.
M/W/F, 7:30pm and T/Th, 10:30pm

TeenTV
Teen news program produced by
Home, Inc. in Cambridge. M-F, 4:00pm

Tiger Vision
Monthly magazine show produced by
NNTV students. M-F, 6:30pm

ZooTube TV
Program about the animals at the
Staten Island Zoo. M-F, 10:30am

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL
Comcast 9 • RCN 614 • Verizon 33

Beyond the Badge
With Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian.
Daily, 3:00pm

City Council Meetings
Sun/T/Th, 7:30pm; M/W/Sat, 8:00am

Councilors at Work
Learn about the work and committees of
Newton’s City Council. Daily, 6:30pm

Events at the Newton Free Library
Monthly series of lectures by experts on
diverse topics. Daily, 1:00pm

Historic Newton Presents
Lectures and tours devoted to the history of
Newton. Daily, 4:00pm

The Newton Free Library Presents
Books and Beyond
Monthly interviews with local authors,
artists and performers.
Daily, 7:30am & 5:00pm

School Committee Meetings
W/Sat, 7:30pm & T/Th/Sun, 8:00am

Senior Scene
With Secretary Alice Bonner. Daily, 5:30pm

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It’s easy to become a NewTV member. Any Newton resident, non-profit organization
or business can join NewTV for a small annual membership fee. Once you’ve signed
up, you are eligible to take any classes or workshops offered by NewTV, use any of
NewTV’s equipment and book the conference room or studio, all free of charge with
your membership. For more information, visit newtv.org/membership.

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INTERNSHIPS
NewTV offers interns unique opportunities that aren’t available elsewhere. Instead of
answering phones and working at an assignment desk, you could cover a community
event for Newton News, edit a documentary for the Government Channel, work
on your own project with the Education Channel or even design marketing and
promotional materials for the station. At NewTV, you get the hands-on experience
that you won't get anywhere else. For more information, visit newtv.org/internships.

CLASSES
NewTV features over 20 classes each quarter, and also hosts several additional
workshops throughout the year focusing on a range of topics. To use NewTV’s
equipment, you must be a Newton resident, a member in good standing and
have attended our monthly Orientation session. You can then choose to take any
class in all three of our production tracks: Studio Production, Field Production or
Post Production (editing). You may also take any of our other computer-based or
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NewTV welcomes the following new members:

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Charles Daly
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Teddy Everett
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Annie Healy
Barnett Helzberg
Jen Helzberg
Deborah Hemley
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