

WSBE Production *New England Portrait* Launches New Season with Nostalgic Look at Local Diners

New England Portrait, the Emmy®-nominated WSBE series about unique and interesting people, sites, and events that give our locale such character, kicks off its second season with a nostalgic look at "The History of New England Diners" on Monday, June 2 at 7 PM. The episode will be rebroadcast on Sunday, June 8 at 11:30 AM.

In the show, Richard Gutman, director and curator of the Culinary Arts Museum at the Johnson & Wales University Harborside Campus, provides historical context, while owners and patrons of area diners add local color and humor. The diners profiled in the episode include Miss Worcester in Worcester, MA; Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, MA; Hope Diner in Bristol, RI; Champ's Diner in Woonsocket, RI; and Bishop's Diner in Newport, RI. The episode also includes an original theme song, "Let's Go Down to the Diner," composed for the program by Jon Marable.

New England Portrait is a production of WSBE Rhode Island PBS, and hosted and produced by Mary Lou Palumbo. The weekly series airs Mondays at 7 PM on WSBE channel 36, digital 36.1, RI cable 8, DirecTV 36, and Dish 7776; Massachusetts cable subscribers should check local cable listings for channel number.