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Western Reserve PBS Celebrates the Arts in April

Northeast Ohio — March 21, 2014 — Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1) is celebrating the arts in April with new programs featuring a variety of musical and theatrical genres. The programs are presented in part thanks to support for arts and culture programming from the Roush Memorial Fund of the Akron Community Foundation. Highlights of the schedule include the following new programs:

Live From Lincoln Center, James Naughton: The Songs of Randy Newman

Friday, April 4, at 9 PM — Tony Award-winning entertainer James Naughton performs the pop songs and film scores of Randy Newman.

In Performance at the White House: Women of Soul

Monday, April 7, at 9 PM — President and Mrs. Obama host this music special from the East Room. Performances by Aretha Franklin, Tessanne Chin, Melissa Etheridge and more will pay homage to the great "foremothers" of American music.

Live From Lincoln Center, Jason Isbell: Moving Forward

Friday, April 11, at 9 PM — Alabama native Jason Isbell, formerly of Drive-By Truckers, showcases music from his new, critically acclaimed country music album "Southeastern."

The Dave Clark Five — Glad All Over, A Great Performances Special

Friday, April 11, at 10 PM — Take a look at the British Invasion 50 years after both The Dave Clark Five and The Beatles hit our shores.



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Independent Lens, Brothers Hypnotic

Saturday, April 12, at 11 PM — The Chicago-based hypnotic brass ensemble consists of eight sons of jazz trumpeter Phil Cochran.

Great Performances, Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty

Friday, April 25, at 9 PM — Matthew Bourne's "Sleeping Beauty" marks the choreographer's return to the music of Tchaikovsky. It completes his acclaimed reinterpretations of the composer's trio of masterworks that began in 1992 with "Nutcracker!" and followed in 1995 with "Swan Lake."

Independent Lens, Muscle Shoals

Saturday, April 26, at 11 PM — Celebrate the Alabama studio that united black and white to create music for the generations.

About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. It serves the largest population of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of Northeast Ohio. It is available to 5.13 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEAO 49.4).

Through funding from the Ohio Department of Education, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in 10 Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www. WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

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