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Western Reserve Public Media Gets Festive With Holiday Specials

Kent, Ohio – Nov. 11, 2015 – Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2015 holiday programming schedule on [Western Reserve PBS \(WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1\)](#) and [Fusion \(WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2\)](#).

Shows that are airing this season for the first time are marked with an asterisk. Visit <http://westernreservepublicmedia.org/schedule.htm> for additional air dates and times.

Thursday, Nov. 26

7 AM & 3 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Wild Kratts Creature Christmas*

The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Alice's Restaurant 50th Anniversary Concert*

Arlo Guthrie performs "Alice's Restaurant" and more songs from early in his career.

Friday, Nov. 27

7 AM & 3 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Wild Kratts Creature Christmas*

The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!

Wednesday, Dec. 2

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Christmas in Harvard Square*

The Boys of St. Paul's Choir School perform classic songs for the holiday season.

Thursday, Dec. 3

9:30 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas

The popular vocalists perform timeless holiday favorites.

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Monday, Dec. 7

7 AM & 5 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Wild Kratts Creature Christmas*

The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!

8:30 AM & 2 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas

Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.

10 AM & 1 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Peg + Cat + Holidays

“The Christmas Problem,” “The Hanukkah Problem” and “The Penguin Problem” feature math for kids.

11 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Christmas in Harvard Square*

The Boys of St. Paul’s Choir School perform classic songs for the holiday season.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

1 PM

Western Reserve PBS

The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!

The Cat in the Hat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find his way home in time for Christmas.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

8 PM

Fusion

A Grand Mercer Christmas

Students and faculty from Mercer’s Townsend School of Music perform classical Christmas selections.

Saturday, Dec. 12

8 PM

Fusion

Craft in America, Holiday*

Clay artist Susan Garson creates Hanukkah menorahs and daring chefs make lavish gingerbread houses.

Sunday, Dec. 13

8 PM

Fusion

A Chef’s Life Holiday Special

Vivian Howard hosts her own vision of the season’s celebrations with peanut brittle and much more.

Monday, Dec. 14

8:30 PM

Fusion

A Christmas Carol: The Concert

Charles Dickens’ classic tale is adapted for a live orchestral concert with a choir and soloists.

10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Lidia Celebrates America: Home for the Holidays*

Chef and restaurateur Lidia Bastianich celebrates the holiday traditions of her native Italy.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

- 1:30 PM Western Reserve PBS **The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!**
The Cat in the Hat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find his way home in time for Christmas.
- 10 PM Fusion **Craft in America, Holiday***
Clay artist Susan Garson creates Hanukkah menorahs and daring chefs make lavish gingerbread houses.

Friday, Dec. 18

- 7 AM & 5 PM Western Reserve PBS **Wild Kratts Creature Christmas***
The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!
- 7 PM Fusion **Craft in America, Holiday***
Clay artist Susan Garson creates Hanukkah menorahs and daring chefs make lavish gingerbread houses.
- 9 PM Fusion **A Chef's Life Holiday Special**
Vivian Howard hosts her own vision of the season's celebrations with peanut brittle and much more.
- 10 PM Fusion **Lidia Celebrates America: Home for the Holidays***
Chef and restaurateur Lidia Bastianich celebrates the holiday traditions of her native Italy.
- 10:30 PM Western Reserve PBS **European Christmas Markets**
Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

Saturday, Dec. 19

- 7 PM Fusion **Lidia Celebrates America: Home for the Holidays***
Chef and restaurateur Lidia Bastianich celebrates the holiday traditions of her native Italy.
- 10:30 PM Fusion **European Christmas Markets**
Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

Sunday, Dec. 20

- 6 PM Fusion **Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn**
The renowned choir presents some of the season's best-loved songs with Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn.
- 7 PM Fusion **Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Alfie Boe and Tom Brokaw**
Tenor Alfie Boe and Tom Brokaw join the world-renowned choir in a holiday concert performance.
- 8 PM Fusion **National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony***
For the lighting ceremony, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Fall Out Boy, Trombone Shorty and more perform.

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Monday, Dec. 21

9 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Santino Fontana and the Sesame Street Muppets*

Fontana, the Muppets and the choir and orchestra present a holiday extravaganza.

10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Christmas at Belmont*

Kathy Mattea hosts a night of traditional carols, classical masterworks and seasonal favorites.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

9 PM

Western Reserve PBS

National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony*

For the lighting ceremony, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Fall Out Boy, Trombone Shorty and more perform.

10 PM

Fusion

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Alfie Boe and Tom Brokaw

Tenor Alfie Boe and Tom Brokaw join the world-renowned choir in a holiday concert performance.

Thursday, Dec. 24

7 AM & 5 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Wild Kratts Creature Christmas*

The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!

8 AM & 2:30 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas

Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.

10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Western Reserve PBS

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1:30 PM

Western Reserve PBS

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8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

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9 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn

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10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

European Christmas Markets

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10:30 PM

Western Reserve PBS

A Christmas Carol: The Concert

Charles Dickens' classic tale is adapted for a live orchestral concert with a choir and soloists.

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Friday, Dec. 25

Midnight	Western Reserve PBS	A Grand Mercer Christmas Students and faculty from Mercer's Townsend School of Music perform classical Christmas selections.
1 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn The renowned choir presents some of the season's best-loved songs with Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn.
2 AM	Western Reserve PBS	European Christmas Markets Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.
2:30 AM	Western Reserve PBS	A Christmas Carol: The Concert Charles Dickens' classic tale is adapted for a live orchestral concert with a choir and soloists.
7 AM & 5 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Wild Kratts Creature Christmas* The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!
8 AM & 2 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.
7 PM	Fusion	A Grand Mercer Christmas Students and faculty from Mercer's Townsend School of Music perform classical Christmas selections.
9 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Call the Midwife Holiday Special* As Poplar readies itself for Christmas 1960, a grieving mother receives an unexpected surprise.*
9 PM	Fusion	Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Santino Fontana and the Sesame Street Muppets* Fontana, the Muppets and the choir and orchestra present a holiday extravaganza.
10 PM	Fusion	Christmas at Belmont* Kathy Mattea hosts a night of traditional carols, classical masterworks and seasonal favorites.
10:30 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Vicious, Holiday Special Freddie and Stuart host a holiday soirée. A wicked game of Truth or Dare brings up hidden truths.

Saturday, Dec. 26

7 PM	Fusion	Call the Midwife Holiday Special* As Poplar readies itself for Christmas 1960, a grieving mother receives an unexpected surprise.*
8:30 PM	Fusion	Vicious, Holiday Special Freddie and Stuart host a holiday soirée. A wicked game of Truth or Dare brings up hidden truths.

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Wednesday, Dec. 30

8 PM

Fusion

Call the Midwife Holiday Special*

As Poplar readies itself for Christmas 1960, a grieving mother receives an unexpected surprise.*

Thursday, Dec. 31

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Live From Lincoln Center, New York Philharmonic New Year's Eve: La Vie Parisienne*

Ring in a new year with the Philharmonic, Alan Gilbert, Susan Graham and the sounds of Paris.

10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Michael Feinstein New Year's Eve at the Rainbow Room

Entertainer Michael Feinstein performs with Darren Criss, Aaron Tveit, Christine Ebersole and more.

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).

Our Educational Services Department provides technology training and educational content to over 24,000 educators and over 300,000 K-12 students, plus Ready To Learn Services to over 100,000 preschool children's parents and child-care providers.

For more information about the organization, visit <http://www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org> or call 1-800-554-4549.

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