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Western Reserve Public Media Gets Festive With Holiday Specials

Kent, Ohio – Nov. 9, 2016 – Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2016 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.

Wednesday, Nov. 23
10 PM Western Reserve PBS Christmastime in New Orleans*
Catch the spirit of the holiday season with music, food and a uniquely New Orleans style of hospitality.

Thursday, Nov. 24
4 PM Western Reserve PBS Wild Kratts Creature Christmas
The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!

Monday, Nov. 28
8 PM Western Reserve PBS Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas
Vocalists Lisa Lambe, Susan McFadden and Meav Ni Mhaolchatha perform timeless holiday favorites.

Monday, Dec. 5
7 AM Western Reserve PBS Wild Kratts Creature Christmas
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10 PM Western Reserve PBS Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (Part 1)
Explores the life of Jesus and depicts on the origins of Christianity using
historical evidence.

10 PM Fusion Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops*
Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and
Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

Friday, Dec. 16
8:30 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.

7 PM Fusion The American St. Nick*
American Army troops returned hope and joy to the people of Wiltz,
Luxembourg during World War II.

Saturday, Dec. 17
Noon Fusion Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (Part 1)
Explores the life of Jesus and depicts on the origins of Christianity using
historical evidence.

7 PM Western Reserve PBS The Lawrence Welk Show, Christmas
Guests Norma, Randy and Mark Zimmer help perform songs including
“Silent Night” and “Oh Holy Night.”

10 PM Fusion Lidia Celebrates America, Holiday for Heroes*
Join host Lidia Bastianich for an unforgettable holiday special celebrating
our veterans.

Sunday, Dec. 18
4 PM Fusion Christmas Invitation from Pacific Lutheran University*
Pacific Lutheran University presents the world premiere of critically
acclaimed composer J.A.C. Redford's, “A Christmas Invitation.”

5 PM Fusion Christmas at Belmont
Kathy Mattea hosts a night of traditional carols, classical masterworks
and seasonal favorites.

6 PM Fusion Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops*
Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and
Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

7 PM Fusion Jordan Smith—‘Tis the Season*
Jordan Smith, season nine winner of NBC’s “The Voice,” highlights his
Christmas album in concert.

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| 9 PM  | Western Reserve PBS | Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis*  
Broadway star Laura Osnes and actor Martin Jarvis join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra.  |

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Kathy Mattea hosts a night of traditional carols, classical masterworks and seasonal favorites.  |
| 9 PM  | Western Reserve PBS | Jordan Smith—‘Tis the Season*  
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| 9 PM  | Fusion    | Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops*  
Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.  |
| 10 PM | Western Reserve PBS | Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (Part 2)  
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| 7 PM  | Fusion    | Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis*  
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| 10 PM | Western Reserve PBS | Lidia Celebrates America, Holiday for Heroes*  
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Saturday, Dec. 24

Noon

Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (Part 2)
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6 PM

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis*
Broadway star Laura Osnes and actor Martin Jarvis join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra.

7 PM

The Lawrence Welk Show, New Year’s
Bob Ralston is the guest. “May You Always” and “Happy Days Are Here Again” are performed.

8 PM

Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops*
Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

9 PM

Christmas Invitation from Pacific Lutheran University*
Pacific Lutheran University presents the world premiere of critically acclaimed composer J.A.C. Redford’s, “A Christmas Invitation.”

10 PM

Holiday Handbells: The Raleigh Ringers
The acclaimed community handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina perform holiday favorites.

11 PM

Joshua Bell Presents Musical Gifts
World-renowned violinist Joshua Bell performs an intimate concert in his Manhattan residence.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Midnight

Jordan Smith ‘tis The Season*
Jordan Smith, season nine winner of NBC’s “The Voice,” highlights his Christmas album in concert.

1 AM

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis*
Broadway star Laura Osnes and actor Martin Jarvis join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra.

2 AM

Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops*
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3 AM

Christmas Invitation from Pacific Lutheran University*
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4 AM

The American St. Nick*
American Army troops returned hope and joy to the people of Wiltz, Luxembourg during World War II.

6 AM

Once Upon a Christmas Cheery in the Lab of Shakhashiri*
Science communicator Bassam Z. Shakhashiri blends the sights and sounds of Christmas with science in this special holiday lecture.

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7 AM  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.

8 AM  Western Reserve PBS  Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas  
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10 AM  Western Reserve PBS  Peg + Cat + Holidays  

7 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.

7:30 PM  Western Reserve PBS  Call the Midwife Holiday Special*  
Nonnatus House receives a request to help a tiny mission hospital in South Africa. Far from home and everything familiar, the team members are both shaken and exhilarated by the challenges they face.

Wednesday, Dec. 28
7 PM  Fusion  The Lawrence Welk Show, New Years  
Bob Ralston is the guest. “May You Always” and “Happy Days Are Here Again” are performed.

Saturday, Dec. 31
8 PM  Fusion  Live From Lincoln Center, New York Philharmonic New Year’s Eve*  
Ring in the new year with a night of American classics, including beloved works by Rodgers & Hammerstein, featuring Joyce DiDonato with the New York Philharmonic.

Sunday, Jan. 1
Noon  Fusion  Live From Lincoln Center, New York Philharmonic New Year’s Eve*  
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3 PM  Fusion  Call the Midwife Holiday Special*  
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About Western Reserve Public Media
Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is the business name of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation.

A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich -more-
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.

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