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Locally produced Christmas variety show airs on PBS 45 & 49

KENT, Ohio — Nov. 16, 2005 — Enjoy a local holiday tradition when **Christmas Music Spectacular Presented by Larry Wilgus** airs on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. on PBS 45 & 49. Rebroadcasts of the show air Sunday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 10 p.m. Taped at the Akron Civic Theatre, the holiday variety show features 200 local performers, including a dance troupe, a live orchestra, a 140-voice festival chorus, bagpipers, marching toy soldiers and much more. With dazzling sets, lighting designs, costumes and choreography, **Christmas Music Spectacular** is one of the area's most anticipated holiday events.

The television special airs just ahead of the production's 20th-anniversary appearance at the Akron Civic Theatre, to be held on Dec. 9 -11 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday begin at 3 p.m. For ticket information, call the Akron Civic Theatre box office at 330-253-2488. Tickets are also available at all TicketMaster locations.

Music director Larry Wilgus, a graduate of Kent State University and a former teacher in the Canton City Schools, is also the producer of the **Christmas Music Spectacular** television special. He and his wife, Helen, have produced many shows through their organization, Spectacular Music Productions. "Our shows give local performers an opportunity to showcase their talent in a big stage production," Wilgus said.

About PBS 45 & 49

PBS 45 & 49 is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation. A trusted community resource, PBS 45 & 49 uses the power of non-commercial television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire.

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