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Holiday Programming on Western Reserve PBS

KENT, Ohio — Nov. 19, 2008 — Western Reserve PBS (formerly PBS 45 & 49) celebrates the holiday season this December with a variety of specials featuring music, dance and children's programming. Shows that are new to the schedule are marked with an asterisk (*).

Wednesday, Dec. 3

***Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey — A Holiday Special** — 8 p.m.

Popular Christmas classics are embodied by beautiful, ethereal and angelic harmonies and voices.

Saturday, Dec. 6

***Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey — A Holiday Special** — 12:30 p.m.

Popular Christmas classics are embodied by beautiful, ethereal and angelic harmonies and voices.

***Lights: Celebrate Hanukkah Live in Concert** — 10 p.m.

The Klezmatics, Alberto Mizrahi and other music performers celebrate the Jewish Festival of Lights.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve — 9:30 p.m.

This musical story is about a young runaway who finds herself hiding in an abandoned theater on Christmas eve. Features Jewel and the late Ossie Davis.

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Monday, Dec. 8

Celtic Woman: A Christmas Celebration — 9 p.m.

This program includes popular Christmas classics that embody the beautiful voices of Celtic Woman.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve — 10:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, Dec. 9

***Super Why, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas** — 4:30 p.m.

The team catches up with Santa and his reindeer and unravels the mystery of Santa's childhood.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

***Super Why, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas** — 8 a.m.

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Thursday, Dec. 11

***Sharing Christmas With John McDermott and Friends** — 10 p.m.

Singer John McDermott shares fond Christmas memories through song with Giorgia Fumanti, Allison Girvan and Pavlo.

Saturday, Dec. 13

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve — 3 p.m.

This musical story is about a young runaway who finds herself hiding in an abandoned theater on Christmas eve.

Features Jewel and the late Ossie Davis.

Sunday, Dec. 14

***Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey — A Holiday Special** — 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, Dec. 15

***Super Why, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas** — 4:30 p.m.

The team catches up with Santa and his reindeer and unravels the mystery of Santa's childhood.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

***Super Why, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas** — 8 a.m.

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Thursday, Dec. 18

***Lights: Celebrate Hanukkah Live in Concert** — 9:30 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 19

***Super Why, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas** — 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday, Dec. 21

***Great Performances, Dance in America: San Francisco Ballet's "Nutcracker"** — Noon

A dazzling interpretation of the holiday story, set during the city's 1915 Pan-Pacific Exposition.

A Holly Jolly Pops Holiday With Barenaked Ladies — 7 p.m.

The Boston Pops Orchestra and the upbeat hitmakers Barenaked Ladies put a twist on "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Three Ships" and "Green Christmas."

Nature, Christmas in Yellowstone — 8 p.m.

As Christmas lights glow in Jackson Hole, Wyo., a holiday season of a different sort settles in nearby in the great winter world of Yellowstone.

Monday, Dec. 22

***Downe in Yon Forrest: Christmas From the Middle Ages** — 3 a.m.

As this yuletide Christmas concert is performed, the background history of each song is given.

***L.A. Holiday Celebration 2008** — 4 a.m.

Over 1,000 performers represent the many cultures and holiday traditions found in Los Angeles.

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Arthur's Perfect Christmas — 9:30 a.m.

Things start to fall apart when Arthur and his family make preparations for gifts and traditions.

A Pops Holiday Party — 9 p.m.

Enjoy festive music culled from more than 35 years of Boston Pops Orchestra holiday programming.

Tuesday, Dec. 23

Nature, Christmas in Yellowstone — 2 a.m.

As Christmas lights glow in Jackson Hole, Wyo., a holiday season of a different sort settles in nearby in the great winter world of Yellowstone.

***Christmas at Luther: Night of Glory, Dawn of Peace** — 4 a.m.

Breathtaking music, glowing candlelight and the robed choristers of Luther College capture the wonder and joy of the holiday season.

A Pops Holiday Party — 2 p.m.

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***Lorie Line: The Glory of Christmas** — 10 p.m.

Learn about the history of the 12 days of Christmas and enjoy many favorite songs and carols.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

***Faith Hill, Joy to the World: A Soundstage Special** — 8 p.m.

The popular country singer performs holiday favorites backed by an orchestra led by esteemed conductor David Campbell.

A Holly Jolly Pops Holiday With Barenaked Ladies — 9 p.m.

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***Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring The King's Singers** — 10 p.m.

This concert features the world-renowned choir and the English vocal ensemble The King's Singers.

Thursday, Dec. 25

A Pops Holiday Party — Midnight

Enjoy festive music culled from more than 35 years of Boston Pops Orchestra holiday programming.

***Anúna: Christmas Memories — 1 a.m.**

The Celtic Irish choral group performs its emotional music and reminisces about holiday memories.

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Friday, Dec. 26

***Super Why, ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas — 8 a.m.**

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Saturday, Dec. 27

Nature, Christmas in Yellowstone — 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, Dec. 31

Holiday Train Show With David Hartman — 9:30 p.m.

David Hartman, formerly of ABC's "Good Morning America," hosts this wonderful special.

***Live From Lincoln Center, New York Philharmonic New Year's Eve Gala Concert** — 10 p.m.

The New York Philharmonic ushers in 2009 with a glamorous evening featuring tenor Rolando Villazon.

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