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Holiday Programming on Western Reserve Public Media's Western Reserve PBS and Fusion Channels

KENT, Ohio — Nov. 15, 2010 — Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2010 holiday programming schedule. Channels [Western Reserve PBS WNEO.1/WEAO.1](#) and [Fusion WNEO.2/WEAO.2](#) ring in the holiday season with a variety of specials featuring music, dance and children's programming. Shows that are airing for the first time on our stations are marked with an asterisk.

Saturday, Dec. 4

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| 7 PM | Fusion | Shalom Sesame — Chanukah: The Missing Menorah*
Anneliese loses her special menorah right before sunset. |
| 7:30 PM | Fusion | Chanukah Stories
Celebrity storytellers Jami Gertz and Bob Saget share two popular Chanukah tales. |
| 8 PM | Western Reserve PBS | Great Performances, Andrea Bocelli and David Foster: My Christmas
Foster and the soaring singer perform holiday hits with special guests. |
| | Fusion | Lights: Celebrate Hanukkah Live in Concert
Celebrity storytellers Jami Gertz and Bob Saget share two popular Chanukah tales. |

Sunday, Dec. 5

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| 8:30 PM | Western Reserve PBS | Celtic Woman: A Christmas Celebration
Popular Christmas classics are embodied by beautiful, ethereal and angelic harmonies and voices. |
| 10 PM | Western Reserve PBS | Órla Fallon's Celtic Christmas*
The angel-voiced former Celtic Woman performs beloved carols and well-known holiday classics. |

Monday, Dec. 6

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| 9 PM | Fusion | Shalom Sesame — Chanukah: The Missing Menorah*
Anneliese loses her special menorah right before sunset. |
| 9:30 PM | Fusion | Nonna Tell Me a Story: Lidia's Christmas Kitchen*
Lidia Bastianich shares delicious recipes, decorating ideas and family holiday traditions. |

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Wednesday, Dec. 8

8 PM & 10 PM [Fusion](#)

A Holly Jolly Pops Holiday With Barenaked Ladies

The upbeat hitmakers put a twist to “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” “Three Ships” and more.

11 PM [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Lights: Celebrate Hanukkah Live in Concert

Celebrity storytellers Jami Gertz and Bob Saget share two popular Chanukah tales.

Thursday, Dec. 9

10 PM [Fusion](#)

Purdue Christmas Show

The University Choir, Purdue Varsity Glee Club and others perform holiday favorites.

Friday, Dec. 10

9:30 PM [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Great Performances, Andrea Bocelli and David Foster: My Christmas

Foster and the soaring singer perform holiday hits with special guests.

Sunday, Dec. 12

8 PM [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Rick Steves' European Christmas

Performances include the Nonsuch Singers of London and the Norwegian Girls Choir of Norway.

Monday, Dec. 13

9 PM [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring the Rockettes

Enjoy the Rockettes, the parade of the wooden soldiers and the awe-inspiring living nativity.

9 PM [Fusion](#)

B.E. Taylor Christmas Concert

The performing artist presents modern arrangements of “Joy to the World” and more holiday favorites.

10:30 PM [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Chanukah Stories

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Tuesday, Dec. 14

9 PM [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Órla Fallon's Celtic Christmas*

The angel-voiced former Celtic Woman performs beloved carols and well-known holiday classics.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

8 PM [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Natalie Cole and David McCullough*

This magnificent Christmas celebration features some of the season's most beloved songs.

10 PM [Fusion](#)

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Thursday, Dec. 16

- 8 PM Fusion **Christmas at Concordia: Journey to Bethlehem***
This concert from the campus of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., features holiday favorites.
- 10 PM Western Reserve PBS **National Christmas Tree Lighting 2010***
The special include appearances and performances by some of the most recognizable names in entertainment.

Friday, Dec. 17

- 8:30 PM Fusion **European Christmas Markets**
Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

Monday, Dec. 20

- 9 PM Fusion **A Renaissance Christmas**
Chicago's Music of the Baroque Chorus and Brass ensemble celebrates the holidays with a live concert.

Wednesday, Dec. 22

- 8 PM Fusion **A Bucknell Candlelight Christmas**
The Rooke Chapel Choir and Rooke Chapel Ringers perform.
- 10 PM Western Reserve PBS **L.A. Holiday Celebration 2010***
Performers from many ethnic backgrounds join to express the joy of the season.
- Fusion **St. Thomas Christmas 2010***
Ensembles from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., perform.

Thursday, Dec. 23

- 8 PM Fusion **Christmas at Belmont**
Trisha Yearwood hosts as Belmont University faculty and students perform carols and seasonal songs.
- 9 PM Fusion **Jessica Simpson: Happy Christmas***
Jessica Simpson transforms the historic Roseland Ballroom in New York City into a glamorous winter wonderland.
- 10 PM Western Reserve PBS **Great Performances, Dance in America: San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker**
A dazzling interpretation of the holiday story, set during the city's 1915 Pan-Pacific Exposition.
- Fusion **L.A. Holiday Celebration 2010***
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Saturday, Dec. 25

- 6 AM Western Reserve PBS **Christmas With the Annie Moses Band**
The all-sibling group adds an eclectic mix of classical, jazz and pop to holiday classics.
- 7 AM Western Reserve PBS **Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Past**
A runaway hides in an abandoned theater that comes to life with music. Jewel and Ossie Davis star.
- 8 AM Western Reserve PBS **Jessica Simpson: Happy Christmas***
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11 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Christmas Concert From Norway Canadian soprano Measha Brueggergosman and world-renowned musicians perform festive music.
Noon	Western Reserve PBS	Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Natalie Cole and David McCullough* Special guests and the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir present a magnificent Christmas celebration.
1 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Rick Steves' European Christmas Steves and his gang share how seven diverse cultures celebrate Christmas.
3 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.
5:30 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Super Why!, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas The team catches up with Santa and his reindeer.
6 PM	Fusion	Christmas With the Annie Moses Band The all-sibling group adds an eclectic mix of classical, jazz and pop to holiday classics.
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8 PM	Fusion	Jessica Simpson: Happy Christmas* Jessica Simpson transforms the historic Roseland Ballroom in New York City into a glamorous winter wonderland.

Friday, Dec. 31

8:30 PM	Fusion	Live From Lincoln Center, New York Philharmonic New Year's Eve With Lang Lang* Pianist Lang Lang joins Maestro Lorin Maazel and the New York Philharmonic in an evening of firsts: Mahler's First Symphony and Chopin's First Piano Concerto.
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About Western Reserve Public Media

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Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO.2/WEAO.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO.3/WEAO.3) and V-me (WNEO.4/WEAO.4).

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