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

KENT, Ohio — Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011 — Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2011 holiday programming schedule. Channels [Western Reserve PBS WNEO 45.1/WEO 49.1](#) and [Fusion WNEO 45.2/WEO 49.2](#) ring in the holiday season with a variety of specials featuring music, dance and holiday entertaining. Shows that are airing for the first time on our stations are marked with an asterisk.

Thursday, Dec. 1

8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey — Holiday Special**
Highlights of the musical ensemble's performances are intertwined with stunning images of Ireland.

Saturday, Dec. 3

9 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas With the Annie Moses Band**
The all-sibling group adds an eclectic mix of classical, jazz and pop to holiday classics.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Noon [Fusion](#) **National Christmas Tree Lighting 2011***
The special include appearances and performances by some of the most recognizable names in entertainment.

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The all-sibling group adds an eclectic mix of classical, jazz and pop to holiday classics.

3 p.m. [Fusion](#) **European Christmas Markets**
Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

3:30 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Great Performances, Andrea Bocelli and David Foster: My Christmas**
Foster and the soaring singer perform holiday hits with Natalie Cole, Mary J. Blige and the Muppets.

8:30 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Travelscope: Christmas in Switzerland***
Joseph Rosendo journeys to Lausanne, Montreux and Basel to bask in the glow of a Swiss Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 5

9 p.m. [Fusion](#) **National Christmas Tree Lighting 2011***
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Tuesday, Dec. 6

7 p.m. [Fusion](#)

Órla Fallon's Celtic Christmas

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

Wednesday, Dec. 7

8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Nature, Christmas in Yellowstone

Wolves, coyotes, elk, bison, bears and otters make their way through their most challenging season.

9 p.m. [Fusion](#)

European Christmas Markets

Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

Friday, Dec. 9

8:30 p.m. [Fusion](#)

Travelscope: Christmas in Switzerland*

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9 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Great Performances, Andrea Bocelli and David Foster: My Christmas

Foster and the soaring singer perform holiday hits with Natalie Cole, Mary J. Blige and the Muppets.

Saturday, Dec. 10

2 p.m. [Fusion](#)

European Christmas Markets

Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Great Performances, Andrea Bocelli and David Foster: My Christmas

Foster and the soaring singer perform holiday hits with Natalie Cole, Mary J. Blige and the Muppets.

9 p.m. [Fusion](#)

Michael McDonald — This Christmas: A Soundstage Special Event

Singer Michael McDonald combines yuletide favorites and some of his signature hits for a perfect blend of holiday cheer.

Sunday, Dec. 11

Noon [Fusion](#)

Purdue Christmas Show

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

1 p.m. [Fusion](#)

Michael McDonald — This Christmas: A Soundstage Special Event

Singer Michael McDonald combines yuletide favorites and some of his signature hits for a perfect blend of holiday cheer.

3 p.m. [Fusion](#)

Purdue Christmas Show

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

4 p.m. [Fusion](#)

National Christmas Tree Lighting 2011*

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Tuesday, Dec. 13

7 p.m. [Fusion](#)

Tonic Sol-Fa: Greatest Time of the Year*

Highlights the foursome's musical artistry and showmanship as they perform holiday favorites.

10 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Christmas With the Celts*

Irish, Scottish and popular Christmas carols are performed at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

8 p.m. [Fusion](#)

Live From Lincoln Center, George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker"*

Highlights of the musical ensemble's performances are intertwined with stunning images of Ireland.

Friday, Dec. 16

9 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey — Holiday Special

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Saturday, Dec. 17

8 p.m. Fusion

Classic Gospel, Christmas in the Country*

The Homecoming Friends recall Christmases long ago.

9 p.m. Fusion

Tonic Sol-Fa: Greatest Time of the Year*

Highlights the foursome's musical artistry and showmanship as they perform holiday favorites.

Sunday, Dec. 18

Noon Fusion

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring David Archuleta and Michael York*

David Archuleta sings Christmas songs and Michael York reads the story of Christmas.

1 p.m. Fusion

Tonic Sol-Fa: Greatest Time of the Year*

Highlights the foursome's musical artistry and showmanship as they perform holiday favorites.

3 p.m. Fusion

Live From Lincoln Center, George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker"*

Highlights of the musical ensemble's performances are intertwined with stunning images of Ireland.

8 p.m. Western Reserve PBS

Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey — Holiday Special

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Tuesday, Dec. 20

8 p.m. Western Reserve PBS

Live From Lincoln Center, George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker"*

Highlights of the musical ensemble's performances are intertwined with stunning images of Ireland.

10 p.m. Western Reserve PBS

Lidia Celebrates America: Holiday Tables and Traditions*

Features an Italian Christmas Eve with actors Mo Rocca and Stanley Tucci, a Mexican-American Christmas, a Chinese New Year celebration and a Jewish-American Passover in New York.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

8 p.m. Western Reserve PBS

Travelscope: Christmas in Switzerland*

Joseph Rosendo journeys to Lausanne, Montreux and Basel to bask in the glow of a Swiss Christmas.

8 p.m. Fusion

Classic Gospel, Christmas in the Country*

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8:30 p.m. Western Reserve PBS

European Christmas Markets

Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

9 p.m. Fusion

Christmas With Daniel O'Donnell*

Enjoy Daniel O'Donnell's classic collection of holiday favorites.

Thursday, Dec. 22

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Christmas With Daniel O'Donnell*

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9 p.m. Western Reserve PBS

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring David Archuleta and Michael York*

David Archuleta sings Christmas songs and Michael York reads the story of Christmas.

10 p.m. Western Reserve PBS

Christmas With the King Family*

Classic music moments from the fabulous King Sisters, Alvin Rey, Tina Cole and the King cousins.

Friday, Dec. 23

- 9 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Christmas Concert From Norway 2011***
Renowned musicians perform at the historic Vang Church in Hamar, Norway.
- 10 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Christmas at St. Olaf: Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing***
The choirs and orchestra of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., perform rich compositions.
- 11 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Christmas at Belmont**
Features seasonal favorites from Belmont University's School of Music.

Saturday, Dec. 24

- 9 a.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Burt Wolf: Taste of Freedom, Christmas**
Learn how the Christmas tree got indoors, find out the First Lady's holiday plans and hear from Santa.
- 9:30 a.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Lidia Celebrates America: Holiday Tables and Traditions***
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- 11 a.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **European Christmas Markets**
Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.
- 12:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Katie Brown Workshop, Christmas***
A no-stress holiday meal of red pepper risotto, pork tenderloin and Kentucky eggnog are prepared.
- 1 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Travelscope: Christmas in Switzerland***
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- 1:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **European Christmas Markets**
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- 3 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Classic Gospel, Christmas in the Country***
The Homecoming Friends recall Christmases long ago.
- 5 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Smart Travels — Pacific Rim With Rudy Maxa, Alpine Christmas**
Encounter bright markets, toasty ski lodges, glittering trees and festive music in Switzerland.
- [Fusion](#) **Christmas at Belmont***
Features seasonal favorites from Belmont University's School of Music.
- 6 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas With Daniel O'Donnell***
Enjoy Daniel O'Donnell's classic collection of holiday favorites.
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- 10 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas at St. Olaf: Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing***
The choirs and orchestra of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., perform rich compositions.

Sunday, Dec. 25

- Noon [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Travelscope: Christmas in Switzerland***
Joseph Rosendo journeys to Lausanne, Montreux and Basel to bask in the glow of a Swiss Christmas.

Saturday, Dec. 31

2 p.m. [Fusion](#)

Travelscope: Christmas in Switzerland*

Joseph Rosendo journeys to Lausanne, Montreux and Basel to bask in the glow of a Swiss Christmas.

11 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

Coldplay New Year's Eve: An Austin City Limits Special*

The Grammy-winning modern rock giants perform their hits and songs from their new LP "Mylo Xyloto."

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.

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).

Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

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