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Holiday Programming Abounds on Western Reserve PBS and Fusion

NORTHEAST OHIO — Nov. 6, 2012 — Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2012 holiday programming schedule. [Western Reserve PBS WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1](#) and [Fusion WNEO 45.2/WEAO 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.

Sunday, Dec. 2

- 6:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Christmas With Nathan Pacheco*** — Enjoy a gift of holiday music from the renowned recording artist.
- 8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Great Performances, Rod Stewart: Merry Christmas, Baby*** — Legendary rocker Rod Stewart presents his first solo holiday special, featuring 13 classic songs.

Thursday, Dec. 6

- 9 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Purdue Christmas Show 2011** — Innovative renditions of songs include “Little Drummer Boy” and “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town.”

Saturday, Dec. 8

- 2:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Fiddler’s Holiday With Jay Unger and Molly Mason’s Family Band*** — The folk musicians celebrate the holidays with traditional and original tunes with winter themes.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

- 8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Celtic Woman: A Christmas Celebration** — Popular Christmas classics are embodied by beautiful, ethereal and angelic harmonies and voices.

Saturday, Dec. 15

- 10 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Fiddler’s Holiday With Jay Unger and Molly Mason’s Family Band*** — The folk musicians celebrate the holidays with traditional and original tunes with winter themes.

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Sunday, Dec. 16

- 2 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas With the Annie Moses Band** — Classic Christmas songs “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” “Hark!” and more are performed in Nashville.
- 2:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Great Performances, Rod Stewart: Merry Christmas, Baby*** — Legendary rocker Rod Stewart presents his first solo holiday special, featuring 13 classic songs.
- 5:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Celtic Woman: A Christmas Celebration** — Popular Christmas classics are embodied by beautiful, ethereal and angelic harmonies and voices.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

- 7 p.m. [Fusion](#) **The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!*** — The Cat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find its way home in time for Christmas.
- 8 p.m. [Fusion](#) **28th Annual Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant*** — This elaborate musical production captures the sights and sounds of the holiday season.
- 9 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas on the Trail*** — Join some of the finest musicians and cowboy poets around this yuletide campfire.
- 10 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Purdue Christmas Show 2011** — Innovative renditions of songs include “Little Drummer Boy” and “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town.”

Thursday, Dec. 20

- 8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Celtic Woman: A Christmas Celebration** — Popular Christmas classics are embodied by beautiful, ethereal and angelic harmonies and voices.
- [Fusion](#) **Yuletide Joy: The Crane Candlelight Concert 2011*** — The Crane Chorus and the Crane Symphony Orchestra present a special holiday concert.
- 9 p.m. [Fusion](#) **National Christmas Tree Lighting 2012*** — The festivities include performances and readings by top musicians and actors at President’s Park.
- 9:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Christmas With Nathan Pacheco*** — Enjoy a gift of holiday music from the renowned recording artist.
- 10 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas With the Annie Moses Band** — Classic Christmas songs “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” “Hark!” and more are performed in Nashville.

Saturday, Dec. 22

- 8 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Candles & Carols*** — Anderson University’s annual event ushers in the Christmas season in Indiana.
- 9 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn*** — The renowned choir presents some of the season’s best-loved songs with Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn.
- 10 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Musical Journey of Christmas*** — Combines historic sites, European Christmas markets and cathedrals, guest artists and famous organs.

Sunday, Dec. 23

- Noon [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Nature, Christmas in Yellowstone** — Wolves, coyotes, elk, bison, bears and otters make their way through their most challenging season.
- [Fusion](#) **Mormon Tabernacle Choir Presents the Joy of Song With Katherine Jenkins*** — Welsh classical and crossover artist Katherine Jenkins performs with the 360-member choir.
- 1 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn*** — The renowned choir presents some of the season’s best-loved songs with Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn.

8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!*** — The Cat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find its way home in time for Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 24

2 p.m. [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.

3 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!*** — The Cat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find its way home in time for Christmas.

8 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn*** — The renowned choir presents some of the season's best-loved songs with Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn.

9 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn*** — The renowned choir presents some of the season's best-loved songs with Jane Seymour and Nathan Gunn.

[Fusion](#) **Tonic Sol-Fa: Greatest Time of Year** — Highlights the foursome's musical artistry and showmanship as they perform holiday favorites.

10 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Candles & Carols*** — Anderson University's annual event ushers in the Christmas season in Indiana.

[Fusion](#) **Christmas at St. Olaf: Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing** — The renowned choirs and the St. Olaf Orchestra perform rich compositions in Northfield, Minn.

11 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Christmas on the Trail*** — Join some of the finest musicians and cowboy poets around this yuletide campfire.

Tuesday, Dec. 25

8 a.m. [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.

9 a.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!*** — The Cat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find its way home in time for Christmas.

11 a.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Arthur's Perfect Christmas** — Things start to fall apart when Arthur and his family make preparations for gifts and traditions.

1 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!*** — The Cat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find its way home in time for Christmas.

3:30 p.m. [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.

4:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!*** — The Cat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find its way home in time for Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 31

8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Live From Lincoln Center, One Singular Sensation: Celebrating Marvin Hamlisch*** — Ring in the new year with an all-star celebration of the life and work of Marvin Hamlisch.

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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).

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