



## news release

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# Western Reserve Public Media Gets Festive With Holiday Specials

NORTHEAST OHIO — Nov. 7, 2013 — Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2013 holiday programming schedule on [Western Reserve PBS \(WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1\)](#) and [Fusion \(WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2\)](#). Shows that are airing for the first time are marked with an asterisk.

### Saturday, Nov. 30

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

#### **Home for Christmas: The Chris Mann Christmas Special\***

Classically trained singer Chris Mann performs "O Come All Ye Faithful" and more holiday favorites.

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

#### **The Lawrence Welk Holiday Special: Great Moments and Memories\***

Norma Zimmer and other stars showcase great moments from 30 years of Christmas holiday shows.

### Sunday, Dec. 1

10:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

#### **Christmas on the Danube\***

Visit cities along the Danube river and explore stunning European landscape, history and culture.

### Monday, Dec. 2

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

#### **Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas\***

Celtic Woman presents its newest chapter of musical enchantment to be enjoyed by the entire family.

### Wednesday, Dec. 4

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

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## Saturday, Dec. 7

9:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

### **Il Volo Buon Natale\***

The young Italian trio performs “Let It Snow,” “Silent Night” and more great holiday favorites.

## Monday, Dec. 9

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

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The young Italian trio performs “Let It Snow,” “Silent Night” and more great holiday favorites.

## Tuesday, Dec. 10

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

### **Libera: Angels Sing Christmas in Ireland\***

One of the world’s most accomplished and acclaimed boy choirs, Libera, performs Christmas songs.

9:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

### **Great Performances, Rod Stewart: Merry Christmas, Baby**

The legendary rocker performs great holiday songs with Cee-Lo Green, Mary J. Blige and more guests.

## Wednesday, Dec. 11

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

### **Home for Christmas: The Chris Mann Christmas Special\***

Classically trained singer Chris Mann performs “O Come All Ye Faithful” and more holiday favorites.

## Friday, Dec. 13

7 p.m. [Fusion](#)

### **Call the Midwife Holiday Special**

Newly married Chummy and nurse Jenny Lee are hard at work during their first Christmas in Nonnatus House.

## Saturday, Dec. 14

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

### **Libera: Angels Sing Christmas in Ireland\***

One of the world’s most accomplished and acclaimed boy choirs, Libera, performs Christmas songs.

8 p.m. [Fusion](#)

### **Rick Steves’ European Christmas**

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

8:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

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## Monday, Dec. 16

9:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#)

### **Rick Steves’ European Christmas**

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

## Tuesday, Dec. 17

7 p.m. [Fusion](#)

### **Darla Z’s Christmas Around the World\***

Travel the globe and hear the different sounds of Christmas by captivating songstress Darla Z.

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

### **Straight No Chaser — Songs of the Decades: Holiday Edition\***

The phenomenal group reinvents the idea of a cappella on the modern pop landscape in this concert.

## Tuesday, Dec. 17 (cont'd.)

- 8 p.m. **Fusion** **National Christmas Tree Lighting 2013\***  
The evening's festivities include performances by the most recognizable names in entertainment.
- 9 p.m. **Fusion** **Shimmering Light: Crane Candlelight Concert 2013\***  
The Crane Chorus and the Crane Symphony Orchestra present a very special Holiday concert.
- 9:30 p.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **Celtic Thunder Christmas**  
Outstanding live performances pay homage to "Winter Wonderland" and more holiday favorites.
- 10 p.m. **Fusion** **B.E. Taylor Christmas Concert\***  
The performing artist presents modern arrangements of "Joy to the World" and more holiday favorites.

## Friday, Dec. 20

- 10:30 p.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Alfie Boe and Tom Brokaw\***  
Tenor Alfie Boe and journalist Tom Brokaw join the world-renowned choir in a holiday concert performance.

## Saturday, Dec. 21

- 1 p.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **Il Volo Buon Natale\***  
The young Italian trio performs "Let It Snow," "Silent Night" and more great holiday favorites.
- 2:30 p.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **Christmas With Nathan Pacheco**  
The Disney Pearl recording artist performs inspirational, moving performances of holiday favorites.
- 7 p.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **The Lawrence Welk Holiday Special: Great Moments and Memories\***  
Norma Zimmer and other stars showcase great moments from 30 years of Christmas holiday shows.
- 8 p.m. **Fusion** **Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience — The Spirit of the Season\***  
The Emmy-winning tenor and member of the a cappella quartet Tonic Sol-Fa performs holiday classics.
- 9 p.m. **Fusion** **Christmas at Belmont\***  
Student musicians join the Belmont School of Music faculty and the Nashville Children's Choir.
- 10 p.m. **Fusion** **A St. Thomas Christmas: All Is Well 2013\***  
Vocal and instrumental ensembles from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., perform familiar carols and traditional music.

## Sunday, Dec. 22

- Noon **Fusion** **Silent Night\***  
This acclaimed opera recounts the true story of the World War I Christmas Eve truce in 1914.
- 1:30 p.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **Straight No Chaser — Songs of the Decades: Holiday Edition\***  
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## Sunday, Dec. 22 (cont'd.)

- 3 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Libera: Angels Sing Christmas in Ireland\***  
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- 4:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **Il Volo Buon Natale\***  
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## Monday, Dec. 23

- 9 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **A Christmas Carol: The Concert\***  
Charles Dickens' classic tale is adapted for a live orchestral concert with a choir and soloists.
- 10:30 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **A St. Thomas Christmas: All Is Well 2013\***  
Vocal and instrumental ensembles from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., perform familiar carols and traditional music.

## Tuesday, Dec. 24

- 8:30 a.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!**  
The Cat in the Hat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find his way home in time for Christmas.
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- 7 p.m. [Fusion](#) **Purdue Christmas Show 2012\***  
More than 250 campus and community performers showcase traditional and modern holiday favorites.
- 8 p.m. [Western Reserve PBS](#) **National Christmas Tree Lighting 2013\***  
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- 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.

## Tuesday, Dec. 24 (cont'd.)

- 10 p.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **Grand Mercer Christmas\***  
Students and faculty from Mercer's Townsend School of Music perform classical Christmas selections.
- 10 p.m. **Fusion** **Silent Night\***  
This acclaimed opera recounts the true story of the World War I Christmas Eve truce in 1914.

## Wednesday, Dec. 25

- 6 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.
- 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.
- 11 a.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **Elmo's Christmas Countdown**  
Elmo, Abby, and Stiller the Elf must find the missing counting boxes so they can save Christmas.
- 3:30 p.m. **Western Reserve PBS** **Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas**  
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## 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. It serves the largest population of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

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).

Through funding from the Ohio Department of Education, 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](http://www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org) or call 1-800-554-4549.

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