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Free Sneak Preview of “Downton Abbey, Season 5” to be held Sunday, Dec. 14, at Stambaugh Auditorium

Akron, Ohio — Nov. 10, 2014 — “Downton Abbey” fans in Northeast Ohio who are eagerly awaiting the show’s Season 5 premiere can enjoy a free one-hour sneak preview on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. at Stambaugh Auditorium. Western Reserve Public Media and Stambaugh Auditorium are co-sponsoring the event, which is free and open to the public.

Season 5 of the acclaimed “Masterpiece” program kicks off in 1924 and Downton’s traditional ways are besieged on all fronts. Viewers can expect to follow plot threads left dangling from last season, including Lady Mary’s courtship contest, Lady Edith’s trials with the pending birth of her child, Tom’s quest to be true to his ideals, Violet’s one-line zingers and much more. The new season premieres on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, at 9 p.m. on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1).

Toni Kayumi, Chief Development and Communications Officer at Western Reserve Public Media, said, “This is an opportunity for our ‘Downton Abbey’ fans to experience the first hour of the premiere episode together. We hope you’ll join Western Reserve PBS and Stambaugh Auditorium as we offer this free event to the community, as a pleasant respite to what can sometimes be a hectic holiday season.”

Tickets are available now by calling the Stambaugh Auditorium Box Office at 330-259-0555 or by visiting <http://www.stambaughauditorium.com>. Complimentary parking is available in the adjacent parking lot.

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About Stambaugh Auditorium

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom, a recital hall (The Anne Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional entertainment events. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

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 10 Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit <http://www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org> or call 1-800-554-4549.

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