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Valentine's Dinner-Dance Inspired by "Downton Abbey" Will Benefit Western Reserve PBS

Northeast Ohio — Jan. 7, 2014 — Northeast Ohio is in for an evening fit for the British aristocracy when Western Reserve PBS hosts a Valentine's Day dinner-dance inspired by the wildly popular **Masterpiece Classic** program "Downton Abbey," which is currently airing on the station. The charitable event will be held Friday, Feb. 14, beginning at 6 p.m. at Sheraton Suites Akron-Cuyahoga Falls and will include a five-course Edwardian feast, a live dance performance and instruction, dancing to live music and a silent auction. Attendees are encouraged to dress in the attire of the 1920s era.

"We are so excited to host this outstanding event that celebrates 'Downton Abbey' and Valentine's Day," said Toni Kayumi, chief development and communications officer at Western Reserve Public Media. "Attendees will enjoy a fabulous multi-course meal that would make Mrs. Patmore beam, followed by a dance performance by Akron's Martell School of Dance. The dancers will then invite those who are interested to receive basic waltz instruction, just in time for the live music to begin." Kayumi said the evening's musical selections, provided by The Kool Nights Band, will progress through the decades during the evening. A silent auction will also be held during the event.

Dinner-for-two packages begin at \$250, which includes a one-year membership to Western Reserve PBS. Additional packages are available that include wine pairings, overnight accommodations at the Sheraton and breakfast. Single dinner packages beginning at \$125 also are available. For more information about reservation levels and the full dinner menu, visit <http://westernreservepublicmedia.org> or call 1-800-554-4549. Sheraton Suites Akron-Cuyahoga Falls is located at 1989 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls.

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

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